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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55 (Resources)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Minto Flats State Game  
7 Refuge; and providing for an effective date."  
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
9 \* Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:  
10 Sec. 16.20.037. MINTO FLATS STATE GAME REFUGE. (a) The follow-  
11 ing state-owned land and water is established as the Minto Flats State  
12 Game Refuge:  
13 (1) Township 1 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
14 Sections 2 - 11  
15 Sections 14 - 23  
16 Sections 26 - 34  
17 (2) Township 1 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
18 Sections 1 - 36  
19 (3) Township 1 North, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
20 Sections 1 - 16  
21 Sections 21 - 28  
22 Section 35: E1/2  
23 Section 36  
24 (4) Township 1 North, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
25 Sections 1 - 12  
26 (5) Township 1 North, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
27 Sections 1 - 12  
28 (6) Township 1 North, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
29 Sections 1 - 4

- 1 Sections 8 - 17
- 2 Sections 20 - 29
- 3 (7) Township 2 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian
- 4 Sections 1 - 36
- 5 (8) Township 2 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian
- 6 Sections 1 - 36
- 7 (9) Township 2 North, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian
- 8 Sections 1 - 36
- 9 (10) Township 2 North, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian
- 10 Sections 1 - 36
- 11 (11) Township 2 North, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian
- 12 Section 3
- 13 Sections 8 - 10
- 14 Section 11: S1/2N1/2, S1/2
- 15 Section 12: S1/2N1/2, S1/2
- 16 Sections 13 - 36
- 17 (12) Township 2 North, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian
- 18 Sections 13 - 15
- 19 Sections 22 - 27
- 20 Sections 34 - 36
- 21 (13) Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian
- 22 Sections 13 - 36
- 23 (14) Township 3 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian
- 24 Sections 6 - 8
- 25 Section 9: S1/2S1/2
- 26 Sections 13 - 36
- 27 (15) Township 3 North, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian
- 28 Section 1
- 29 Sections 5 - 10

1                   Sections 14 - 23  
 2                   Sections 25 - 36  
 3           (16) Township 3 North, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 4                   Section 24: S1/2  
 5                   Section 25  
 6                   Sections 33 - 36  
 7           (17) Township 3 North, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 8                   Sections 34 - 35  
 9           (18) Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 10                  Sections 2 - 9  
 11                  Sections 16 - 21  
 12           (19) Township 4 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 13                  Sections 1 - 4  
 14                  Section 5: S1/2  
 15                  Section 6: S1/2  
 16                  Sections 7 - 24  
 17                  Sections 30 - 31  
 18           (20) Township 4 North, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 19                  Sections 10 - 15  
 20                  Sections 22 - 27  
 21                  Sections 30 - 31  
 22                  Sections 35 - 36  
 23           (21) Township 5 North, Range 5 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 24                  Section 6: W1/2  
 25                  Section 7: W1/2  
 26                  Section 18: W1/2  
 27           (22) Township 5 North, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 28                  Sections 1 - 3  
 29                  Section 4: SE1/4

1                   Section 9: E1/2  
 2                   Sections 10 - 15  
 3                   Section 16: E1/2, SW1/4  
 4                   Section 20: S1/2  
 5                   Sections 21 - 29  
 6                   Sections 31 - 36  
 7                   (23) Township 5 North, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 8                   Section 35: SE1/4  
 9                   Section 36: S1/2  
 10                  (24) Township 1 South, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 11                  Sections 5 - 8  
 12                  Sections 17 - 20  
 13                  Sections 29 - 31  
 14                  (25) Township 1 South, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 15                  Sections 1 - 36  
 16                  (26) Township 1 South, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 17                  Sections 1 - 2  
 18                  Sections 11 - 14  
 19                  Sections 23 - 26  
 20                  Sections 35 - 36  
 21                  (27) Township 1 South, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 22                  Sections 1 - 36  
 23                  (28) Township 1 South, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 24                  Sections 7 - 36  
 25                  (29) Township 1 South, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 26                  Sections 25 - 26  
 27                  Sections 35 - 36  
 28                  (30) Township 2 South, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 29                  Section 6: S1/2NW1/4, S1/2

1                   Section 7: all North and West of the Alaska Railroad  
2                   right-of-way  
3                   Section 18: all North and West of the Alaska Railroad  
4                   right-of-way  
5                   Section 19: all North and West of the Alaska Railroad  
6                   right-of-way  
7                   (31) Township 2 South, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
8                   Sections 1 - 12  
9                   Section 13: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SW1/4,  
10                   SE1/4  
11                   Section 14: W1/2  
12                   Sections 15 - 22  
13                   Section 23: W1/2  
14                   Section 24: all North and West of the Alaska Railroad  
15                   right-of-way  
16                   Section 27: NW1/4  
17                   Sections 28 - 32  
18                   Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2, W1/2SE1/4  
19                   (32) Township 2 South, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
20                   Section 1  
21                   Sections 12 - 13  
22                   Sections 24 - 25  
23                   Section 36  
24                   (33) Township 2 South, Range 9 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
25                   Sections 1 - 12  
26                   Section 17: W1/2NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4  
27                   Section 18  
28                   Section 19: N1/2, N1/2S1/2  
29                   (34) Township 2 South, Range 10 West, Fairbanks Meridian

1 Sections 1 - 20  
 2 Section 21: NE1/4, W1/2  
 3 Section 22: NW1/4  
 4 Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2  
 5 Sections 29 - 31  
 6 (35) Township 2 South, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 7 Sections 1 - 5  
 8 Sections 7 - 36  
 9 (36) Township 2 South, Range 12 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 10 Sections 25 - 26  
 11 Sections 35 - 36  
 12 (37) Township 3 South, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 13 Section 5: N1/2NE1/4, W1/2  
 14 Sections 6 - 7  
 15 Section 18: NE1/4, W1/2, N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4  
 16 (38) Township 3 South, Range 8 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 17 Section 1  
 18 Section 12  
 19 Section 13  
 20 Section 22: NE1/4 (that portion above the ordinary  
 21 high water mark right bank Tanana River)  
 22 Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4  
 23 Section 24: N1/2, SW1/4  
 24 Section 25: NW1/4  
 25 (39) Township 3 South, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
 26 Sections 2 - 10  
 27 Section 11: N1/2  
 28 Section 14: SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4  
 29 Sections 15 - 21

1 Section 22: NE1/4, W1/2, W1/2SE1/4  
2 Section 23: NW1/4  
3 Section 27: W1/2NE1/4, NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4  
4 Sections 28 - 31  
5 Section 32: NE1/4, NW1/4, SE1/4  
6 Section 33: W1/2  
7 (40) Township 3 South, Range 12 West, Fairbanks Meridian  
8 Sections 1 - 2  
9 Sections 11 - 14  
10 Sections 23 - 26  
11 Sections 35 - 36

12 (b) The Minto Flats State Game Refuge is established to

- 13 (1) ensure the protection and enhancement of habitat;  
14 (2) ensure the conservation of fish and wildlife; and  
15 (3) guarantee the continuation of hunting, fishing, trap-  
16 ping and other uses by the public compatible with the protection and  
17 enhancement of habitat and the conservation of fish and wildlife.

18 (c) The state may not acquire by eminent domain privately owned  
19 land within the Minto Flats State Game Refuge, but may acquire pri-  
20 vately owned land by purchase, exchange, or otherwise for inclusion in  
21 the Minto Flats State Game Refuge.

22 (d) Management decisions under this section made by the commis-  
23 sioner of natural resources and the commissioner of fish and game are  
24 applicable only to land and water described in (a) of this section.

25 (e) Public access to the Minto Flats State Game Refuge by means  
26 of horse, boat, aircraft, dog team, snowmachine, or other means con-  
27 sistent with (b) of this section may not be prohibited.

28 (f) Access to and from private property within the Minto Flats  
29 State Game Refuge shall be guaranteed through access corridors

1 established through agreement between the Department of Natural  
2 Resources, the Department of Fish and Game, and the private property  
3 owners involved.

4 (g) The Department of Fish and Game and the Department of  
5 Natural Resources shall exercise their respective authorities over the  
6 Minto Flats State Game Refuge consistent with a management plan pre-  
7 pared by the Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the  
8 Department of Natural Resources.

9 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).