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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE COMMUNITY AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 163 (C&RA)
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 Willow Mountain Critical
7 Habitat Area; and providing for an effective date."
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 * Section 1. AS 16.20.220 is amended by adding a new subsection to
10 read:
11 (b) The Willow Mountain Critical Habitat Area is established to
12 (1) protect the area's exceptional fish and wildlife habi-
13 tats and populations;
14 (2) ensure that the area will be managed primarily to
15 maintain the productivity of the habitat for moose and will provide
16 opportunities for hunting, trapping, and other dispersed recreational
17 activities.
18 * Sec. 2. AS 16.20.230 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:
19 (13) Willow Mountain:
20 (A) Township 20 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian
21 Section 7
22 Sections 18 - 19
23 (B) Township 20 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian
24 Sections 1 - 2
25 Sections 11 - 14
26 Sections 23 - 24
27 (C) Township 21 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian
28 Sections 4 - 7
29 Section 18: W1/2

1 (D) Township 21 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

2 Section 1

3 Sections 11 - 14

4 Sections 23 - 26

5 Sections 35 - 36

6 (E) Township 22 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

7 Sections 19 - 21

8 Sections 28 - 33

9 * Sec. 3. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 16.20.235. MANAGEMENT OF WILLOW MOUNTAIN CRITICAL HABITAT
11 AREA. The commissioner of fish and game and the commissioner of
12 natural resources shall exercise their respective authorities over the
13 Willow Mountain Critical Habitat Area consistent with a management
14 plan prepared by the commissioner of fish and game in consultation
15 with the commissioner of natural resources.

16 * Sec. 4. Until a management plan is developed under AS 16.20.235,
17 enacted by sec. 3 of this Act, management decisions for the Willow Mountain
18 Critical Habitat Area must reflect the intent of the Willow Mountain Sub-
19 unit of the Hatcher Pass Management Plan adopted in October 1986.

20 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).