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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 393 (Resources)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to corrective management of threat-
7 ened stocks of game."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.265. MANAGEMENT OF THREATENED STOCKS OF GAME. (a)

11 The Board of Game shall adopt a corrective stock management plan at
12 its next regularly scheduled meeting after the board receives scien-
13 tific data compiled by the department that a stock is threatened. The
14 board shall provide to the advisory committees in the game management
15 unit where the stock is located a copy of the adopted corrective stock
16 management plan and the biological rationale for the plan.

17 (b) The Board of Game

18 (1) shall include in the corrective stock management plan
19 regulations for intensive management of the threatened stock and for
20 effective and expeditious corrective management of prey and natural
21 predator species of the threatened stock; and

22 (2) may include in the corrective stock management plan
23 guidelines or regulations for human utilization of the threatened
24 stock, for research on the population status and the ecology of the
25 threatened stock, for restoration of habitat, for public education
26 programs, for law enforcement programs, for designation of reserves,
27 ranges, and preserves, and for artificial rearing of the threatened
28 stock.

29 (c) The Board of Game shall review annually each corrective

1 stock management plan and shall

2 (1) receive scientific data compiled by the department on
3 the status of the threatened stock;

4 (2) evaluate the success of the corrective stock management
5 plan;

6 (3) continue, amend, or rescind the corrective stock man-
7 agement plan; and

8 (4) adopt regulations in accordance with the Administrative
9 Procedure Act (AS 44.62) necessary to achieve the corrective goals of
10 the corrective stock management plan.

11 (d) The commissioner shall implement corrective stock management
12 plans subject to priorities among plans and to the availability of
13 resources to the department.

14 (e) In this section

15 (1) "corrective stock management plan" means a document
16 that compiles information for the purpose of restoring a stock to
17 sustained-yield population levels, as determined by the department,
18 and the regulations adopted to implement the plan;

19 (2) "stock" means a population of a game species identi-
20 fied with a specific geographic area;

21 (3) "threatened" means the prospect for the continued human
22 utilization of the stock is jeopardized due to either

23 (A) reduction of the stock below sustained-yield
24 levels by disease, pollution, predation, or overutilization;

25 (B) overabundance of a game species leading to the
26 imminent

27 (i) depletion of the stock; or

28 (ii) destruction of habitat of the stock;

29 (C) destruction, modification, or reduction of

1 habitat; or

2 (D) other natural or man-made factors seriously af-

3 fecting the prospect of continued human utilization of the stock.