

1 IN THE SENATE BY ZHAROFF

2 SENATE BILL NO. 475

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Tugidak Island 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. PURPOSE. The Tugidak Island Critical Habitat Area is  
10 established to ensure the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife  
11 habitat and populations, especially marine mammals, birds, fish and shell-  
12 fish; the continuation of fish and wildlife harvest; and public use and  
13 enjoyment of the area in a high quality environment.

14 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 16.20.610. TUGIDAK ISLAND CRITICAL HABITAT AREA. (a) The  
16 following described area is established as the Tugidak Island Critical  
17 Habitat Area:

- 18 (1) Township 41 South, Ranges 33 - 34 West, Seward Meridian  
19 (2) Township 42 South, Ranges 33 - 35 West, Seward Meridian  
20 (3) Township 43 South, Ranges 34 - 35 West, Seward Meridian

21 (b) The Tugidak Island Critical Habitat Area described in (a) of  
22 this section shall be managed under a management plan prepared by the  
23 department.

24 (c) The department shall permit existing cabins to remain,  
25 present subsistence and recreational uses to continue, and present  
26 commercial uses such as seal hunting and placer mining to continue, if  
27 appropriate under the management plan adopted under (b) of this sec-  
28 tion to the extent that the activities are compatible with the estab-  
29 lishment of the Tugidak Island Critical Habitat Area.

1 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).