

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 346

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Yakataga State Game Refuge;
7 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. 16.20.033. YAKATAGA STATE GAME REFUGE. (a) The following
11 state-owned land, including tide and submerged land, and all land,
12 including tide and submerged land, acquired in the future by the state
13 lying within the parcels described in this subsection are established
14 as the Yakataga State Game Refuge:

15 (1) Township 19 South, Range 9 East, Copper River Meridian
16 Sections 3 - 10
17 Sections 15 - 21
18 Sections 28 - 34

19 (2) Township 19 South, Range 13 East, Copper River Meridian
20 Section 13: S1/2
21 Sections 24 - 26
22 Sections 35 - 36

23 (3) Township 19 South, Range 14 East, Copper River Meridian
24 Section 3: SW1/4
25 Section 4: S1/2
26 Section 5
27 Section 10: N1/2
28 Section 11
29 Section 13: NW1/4

1 Section 14: N1/2
 2 Sections 15 - 22
 3 Section 24: SE1/4
 4 Sections 25 - 36
 5 (4) Township 19 South, Range 15 East, Copper River Meridian
 6 Sections 9 - 15
 7 Section 16: S1/2
 8 Sections 21 - 29
 9 Sections 31 - 33
 10 Section 34: W1/2
 11 (5) Township 19 South, Range 16 East, Copper River Meridian
 12 Sections 7 - 8
 13 Sections 9 - 10: S1/2
 14 Sections 15 - 16: N1/2
 15 Section 17: NW1/4
 16 Section 18
 17 Sections 28 - 29: S1/2
 18 Section 30
 19 Section 31: NE1/4
 20 Section 32: N1/2
 21 Section 33: NW1/4
 22 (6) Township 19 South, Range 17 East, Copper River Meridian
 23 Section 2
 24 Section 10: E1/2
 25 Section 11: W1/2
 26 Section 13
 27 Section 14: S1/2
 28 Section 15
 29 Section 16: SE1/4

1 Section 21
 2 Section 22: E1/2
 3 Section 23
 4 Section 24
 5 Sections 25 - 29
 6 Section 30: SE1/4
 7 Sections 31 - 34
 8 Sections 35 - 36: N1/2
 9 (7) Township 20 South, Range 9 East, Copper River Meridian
 10 Sections 3 - 10
 11 Sections 12 - 36
 12 (8) Township 20 South, Range 10 East, Copper River Meridian
 13 Sections 6 - 7
 14 Sections 16 - 23
 15 Section 24: W1/2
 16 Sections 25 - 36
 17 (9) Township 20 South, Range 11 East, Copper River Meridian
 18 Sections 19 - 20
 19 Section 21: S1/2
 20 Sections 25 - 36
 21 (10) Township 20 South, Range 11 1/2 East, Copper River
 22 Meridian
 23 Section 19: S1/2
 24 Sections 30 - 31
 25 (11) Township 20 South, Range 13 East, Copper River Meridian
 26 Section 1
 27 Section 11: E1/2
 28 Sections 12 - 15
 29 Section 20: E1/2

1 Sections 21 - 29
 2 Sections 32 - 36
 3 (12) Township 20 South, Range 14 East, Copper River Meridian
 4 (13) Township 20 South, Range 15 East, Copper River Meridian
 5 Sections 3 - 11
 6 Sections 15 - 36
 7 (14) Township 20 South, Range 16 East, Copper River Meridian
 8 Section 1: E1/2
 9 Section 2: S1/2
 10 Sections 5 - 6: S1/2
 11 Sections 7 - 8
 12 Section 9: S1/2
 13 Sections 10 - 11
 14 Sections 15 - 20
 15 Section 28: S1/2
 16 Sections 29 - 36
 17 (15) Township 20 South, Range 17 East, Copper River Meridian
 18 Section 4: W1/2
 19 Sections 5 - 8
 20 Section 9: W1/2
 21 Section 16: W1/2
 22 Sections 17 - 20
 23 Section 21: W1/2
 24 Section 24: S1/2
 25 Section 25
 26 Section 26: S1/2
 27 Sections 27 - 36
 28 (16) Township 21 South, Range 9 East, Copper River Meridian
 29 Sections 1 - 24

1 Sections 26 - 27: N1/2
 2 Sections 28 - 32
 3 Section 33: NW1/4
 4 (17) Township 21 South, Range 10 East, Copper River Meridian
 5 Sections 1 - 12
 6 Sections 13 - 15: N1/2
 7 Sections 16 - 18
 8 Sections 19 - 20: N1/2
 9 Section 18: N1/2
 10 (18) Township 21 South, Range 11 East, Copper River Meridian
 11 Sections 1 - 8
 12 Sections 9 - 12: N1/2
 13 Section 18: N1/2
 14 (19) Township 21 South, Range 11 1/2 East, Copper River
 15 Meridian
 16 Section 6
 17 Section 7: N1/2
 18 (20) Township 21 South, Range 12 East, Copper River Meridian
 19 Sections 1 - 2
 20 Sections 11 - 14
 21 Sections 23 - 24
 22 (21) Township 21 South, Range 13 East, Copper River Meridian
 23 Sections 1 - 20
 24 Sections 21 - 24: N1/2
 25 (22) Township 21 South, Range 14 East, Copper River Meridian
 26 Sections 1 - 12
 27 Sections 13 - 14: N1/2
 28 Sections 15 - 18
 29 Sections 19 - 20: N1/2

1 (23) Township 21 South, Range 15 East, Copper River Meridian
2 Sections 1 - 8
3 Sections 9 - 12: N1/2

4 (24) Township 21 South, Range 16 East, Copper River Meridian
5 Sections 1 - 6
6 Sections 7 - 12: N1/2

7 (25) Township 21 South, Range 17 East, Copper River Meridian
8 Sections 1 - 13
9 Sections 14 - 15: N1/2
10 Section 24

11 (26) Township 22 South, Range 9 East, Copper River Meridian
12 Section 4
13 Section 5: N1/2

14 (b) The Yakataga State Game Refuge is established to protect the
15 (1) fish and wildlife habitat and populations, including
16 salmon spawning and rearing habitat and critical goat and moose winter
17 habitat; and

18 (2) public uses of fish and wildlife and their habitat,
19 particularly commercial, sport, and subsistence fishing, hunting,
20 viewing, photography, and general public recreation in a high quality
21 environment.

22 (c) The state may not acquire by eminent domain private land
23 that is located within the state-owned land specified in (a) of this
24 section for inclusion in the Yakataga State Game Refuge. The state
25 may acquire private land that is located within the state-owned land
26 specified in (a) of this section by purchase, exchange, or otherwise
27 from willing owners for inclusion in the Yakataga State Game Refuge.

28 (d) Egress and ingress to and from private land within the
29 parcels described in (a) of this section shall be allowed through

1 access corridors established through agreement between the department
2 and the private landowners involved.

3 (e) The establishment of the Yakataga State Game Refuge under
4 this section does not impair or alter existing rights of access to set
5 net sites.

6 (f) The department shall allow commercial, sport, and subsis-
7 tence fishing and hunting within the Yakataga State Game Refuge under
8 regulations of the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game. The
9 department shall also permit associated support activities when neces-
10 sary to support fishing and hunting permitted under this section,
11 including fish buying operations, aircraft support including landing
12 strips, and off-road vehicle use.

13 (g) The department shall issue a permit to the owners on the
14 effective date of this Act of existing cabins or tent frames within
15 the Yakataga State Game Refuge. Each permit must permit the use of
16 the cabin or tent frame for a period of five years and is renewable.
17 The department shall also issue new permits for cabins or tent shel-
18 ters that are consistent with the purposes of the Yakataga State Game
19 Refuge.

20 (h) In this section, "private land" includes pending Native
21 allotments.

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