

Original sponsor(s): Resources Committee

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 346 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Yakataga State Game Refuge;
7 relating to the management of state land within the
8 Yakataga area; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 16.20.033. YAKATAGA STATE GAME REFUGE. (a) The following
12 state-owned land, including tide and submerged land, and all land,
13 including tide and submerged land, acquired in the future by the state
14 lying within the parcels described in this subsection are established
15 as the Yakataga State Game Refuge:

16 (1) Township 19 South, Range 9 East, Copper River Meridian

17 Sections 3 - 10

18 Sections 15 - 21

19 Sections 28 - 34

20 (2) Township 19 South, Range 13 East, Copper River Meridian

21 Section 13: S1/2

22 Sections 24 - 26

23 Sections 35 - 36

24 (3) Township 19 South, Range 14 East, Copper River Meridian

25 Section 3: SW1/4

26 Section 4: S1/2

27 Section 5

28 Section 10: N1/2

29 Section 11

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

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

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

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

1 Sections 19 - 20: N1/2
2 (23) Township 21 South, Range 15 East, Copper River Meridian
3 Sections 1 - 8
4 Sections 9 - 12: N1/2
5 (24) Township 21 South, Range 16 East, Copper River Meridian
6 Sections 1 - 6
7 Sections 7 - 12: N1/2
8 (25) Township 21 South, Range 17 East, Copper River Meridian
9 Sections 1 - 13
10 Sections 14 - 15: N1/2
11 Section 24
12 (26) Township 22 South, Range 9 East, Copper River Meridian
13 Section 4
14 Section 5: N1/2
15 (b) The Yakataga State Game Refuge is established to protect the
16 (1) fish and wildlife habitat and populations, including
17 salmon spawning and rearing habitat and critical goat and moose winter
18 habitat; and
19 (2) public uses of fish and wildlife and their habitat,
20 particularly commercial, sport, and subsistence fishing, hunting,
21 viewing, photography, and general public recreation in a high quality
22 environment.
23 (c) The state may not acquire by eminent domain private land
24 that is located within the state-owned land specified in (a) of this
25 section for inclusion in the Yakataga State Game Refuge. The state
26 may acquire private land that is located within the state-owned land
27 specified in (a) of this section by purchase, exchange, or otherwise
28 from willing owners for inclusion in the Yakataga State Game Refuge.
29 (d) Egress and ingress to and from private land within the

1 parcels described in (a) of this section shall be allowed through
2 access corridors established through agreement between the department
3 and the private landowners involved.

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

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

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

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

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