

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 33

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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 Willow Mountain Critical

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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 Willow Mountain Critical Habitat Area is  
10 established to

11 (1) protect the area's exceptional fish and wildlife habitats  
12 and populations;

13 (2) ensure that the area will be managed primarily to maintain  
14 the productivity of the habitat for moose and will provide opportunities  
15 for hunting, trapping, and other dispersed recreational activities.

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

17 Sec. 16.20.620. WILLOW MOUNTAIN CRITICAL HABITAT AREA ESTAB-  
18 LISHED. (a) The following described area is established as the  
19 Willow Mountain Critical Habitat Area:

20 (1) Township 20 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian  
21 Section 7

22 Sections 18 - 19

23 (2) Township 20 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian  
24 Sections 1 - 2

25 Sections 11 - 14

26 Sections 23 - 24

27 (3) Township 21 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian  
28 Sections 4 - 7

29 Section 18: W1/2

- 1                   (4) Township 21 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian  
2                   Section 1  
3                   Sections 11 - 14  
4                   Sections 23 - 26  
5                   Sections 35 - 36  
6                   (5) Township 22 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian  
7                   Sections 19 - 21  
8                   Sections 28 - 33.

9                   (b) Notwithstanding AS 16.20.510 - 16.20.530, the commissioner  
10                  of fish and game, in consultation with the commissioner of natural  
11                  resources, shall prepare a management plan for the Willow Mountain  
12                  Critical Habitat Area. The commissioner of fish and game and the  
13                  commissioner of natural resources shall exercise their respective  
14                  authorities over the area in a manner consistent with the management  
15                  plan.

16                \* Sec. 3. Until a management plan is developed under AS 16.20.620(b),  
17                enacted by sec. 2 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. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).