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SENATE BILL NO. 318

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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 Goodnews Bay Critical Habi-
7 tat Area; 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. 16.20.620. GOODNEWS BAY CRITICAL HABITAT AREA ESTABLISHED.

11 (a) The following described areas are established as the Goodnews Bay
12 Critical Habitat Area:

13 (1) the state tideland below the mean high tide line,
14 submerged land, and water of the state along Kuskokwim Bay from the
15 South Spit of Goodnews Bay in Section 17, Township 13 South, Range 75
16 West, Seward Meridian along Kuskokwim Bay to the north shore of the
17 Salmon River where it empties into Kuskokwim Bay; and

18 (2) the state tideland below the mean high tide line,
19 submerged land, and water of the state within Goodnews Bay within

20 (A) Township 12 South, Range 73 West, Seward Meridian
21 Sections 17 - 36

22 (B) Township 12 South, Range 74 West, Seward Meridian
23 Sections 19 - 20

24 Sections 23 - 36

25 (C) Township 12 South, Range 75 West, Seward Meridian
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27 Sections 33 - 36

28 (D) Township 13 South, Range 74 West, Seward Meridian
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Sections 16 - 19

(E) Township 13 South, Range 75 West, Seward Meridian

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Sections 26 - 32

(F) Township 13 South, Range 76 West, Seward Meridian

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Sections 10 - 14

Sections 23 - 25

Section 36

(b) The Goodnews Bay Critical Habitat Area is established to protect and maintain fish and wildlife habitat and populations and aquatic plant resources, especially eelgrass beds, and to ensure the continued productivity of the area's fisheries and fish and wildlife harvest.

(c) The area is closed to mineral entry and mineral leasing under AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275.

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