

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 545

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to establishing the Marmot Island

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Critical Habitat Area; and providing for an effective

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date."

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

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

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Sec. 16.20.630. MARMOT ISLAND CRITICAL HABITAT AREA. (a) The

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following land and water is designated as the Marmot Island Critical

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Habitat Area:

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(1) Township 22 South, Range 15 West, Seward Meridian

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Section 19

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Sections 30 - 31

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(2) Township 22 South, Range 16 West, Seward Meridian

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Section 36: E1/2E1/2SE1/4, E1/2W1/2E1/2SE1/4

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(3) Township 23 South, Range 15 West, Seward Meridian

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Section 6

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Section 18

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(4) Township 23 South, Range 16 West, Seward Meridian

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Section 1: E1/2 E1/2, E1/2W1/2E1/2

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Section 12: E1/2E1/2, E1/2W1/2E1/2

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Section 13

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Section 14: E1/2E1/2E1/2NE1/4, E1/2E1/2E1/2N1/2-

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SE1/4, S1/2SE1/4

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Section 23

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(5) the tideland and submerged land for a distance of one

1 and one-half miles seaward from the mean high tide line of the shore-
2 line found on state land that is described in (1), (3), and (4) of
3 this subsection; the boundary lines of the water described in this
4 paragraph include the water of the state on the eastern shores of
5 Marmot Island between lines extending

6 (A) one and one-half miles from the shoreline on a
7 line extended northward from the boundary between Section 24,
8 Township 22 South, Range 16 West, Seward Meridian and Section 19,
9 Township 22 South, Range 15 West, Seward Meridian; and

10 (B) one and one-half miles from the shoreline on a
11 line extended southward from the boundary between Sections 22 and
12 23, Township 23 South, Range 16 West, Seward Meridian.

13 (b) The Marmot Island Critical Habitat Area is established to
14 ensure the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and
15 populations, especially marine mammals and seabirds.

16 (c) The commissioner shall report biennially to the legislature
17 on the status of the Stellar sea lions and the Marmot Island rook-
18 eries. The land and water described in (a) of this section is closed
19 to mineral entry under AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275 until the Stellar sea
20 lion population is removed from threatened, endangered, and depleted
21 species status under 16 U.S.C. 1531 - 1543.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 16.20.630, as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, is repealed
23 July 1, 2005.

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