

Original sponsor(s): Resources Committee

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 545 (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 relating to establishing the Marmot Island  
7 Critical Habitat Area; and providing for an effective  
8 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. 16.20.630. MARMOT ISLAND CRITICAL HABITAT AREA. (a) The  
12 following land and water is designated as the Marmot Island Critical  
13 Habitat Area:  
14 (1) Township 22 South, Range 15 West, Seward Meridian  
15 Section 19  
16 Sections 30 - 31  
17 (2) Township 22 South, Range 16 West, Seward Meridian  
18 Section 36: E1/2SE1/4, E1/2W1/2SE1/4  
19 (3) Township 23 South, Range 15 West, Seward Meridian  
20 Sections 6 - 7  
21 Section 18  
22 (4) Township 23 South, Range 16 West, Seward Meridian  
23 Section 1: E1/2 E1/2, E1/2W1/2E1/2  
24 Section 12: E1/2E1/2, E1/2W1/2E1/2  
25 Section 13  
26 Section 14: E1/2E1/2E1/2NE1/4, E1/2E1/2E1/2N1/2-  
27 SE1/4, S1/2SE1/4  
28 Section 22: E1/2  
29 Sections 23 - 24

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

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

11 (B) one and one-half miles from the shoreline on a  
12 line extended southward along the western boundary of Section 22:  
13 E1/2, Township 23 South, Range 16 West, Seward Meridian.

14 (b) The Marmot Island Critical Habitat Area is established to  
15 ensure the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and  
16 populations, especially Steller sea lions.

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

23 (d) The commissioner shall allow historical, traditional, and  
24 public uses, including fishing, hunting, trapping, mechanized and  
25 nonmechanized public access, grazing, trading, firewood harvesting,  
26 wildlife viewing, hiking, and berry picking to the extent the activ-  
27 ities are compatible with the purposes for which the critical habitat  
28 area was established.

29 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.20.630, as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, is repealed

1 July 1, 2005.

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