

**HOUSE BILL NO. 205**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIDSON**

**Introduced: 3/8/91**  
**Referred: Resources, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska Coastal Biological Recovery Area."**

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

3 **\* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.** (a) The legislature finds that the fish, wildlife, aquatic  
4 plants, and natural habitat of Prince William Sound, the Outer Kenai Peninsula Coast, and the Kodiak  
5 area have long been healthy, productive, and pristine. These areas were devastatingly affected by the  
6 Exxon Valdez oil spill on March 24, 1989. The legislature finds that strong steps must now be taken  
7 to protect Prince William Sound, the Outer Kenai Peninsula Coast, and the Kodiak area from additional  
8 adverse environmental effects, to assess the damage, and to aid in their recovery.

9 (b) The legislature finds that the commissioner of fish and game, who is responsible for fish and  
10 wildlife populations in the state, is the officer most suited to fulfill the responsibility for coordination  
11 of protection, enhancement, and recovery of the biota of Prince William Sound and other affected areas.

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

13 **Sec. 16.20.630. ALASKA COASTAL BIOLOGICAL RECOVERY AREA.**

14 (a) The state tide and submerged land and water in Prince William Sound and the Outer

1 Kenai and Alaska Peninsula Coast north of a line from Chignik Bay to Cape Douglas including  
2 the northern coast of the Kodiak and Afognak Island group, then northeast to the southern most  
3 tip of the Kenai Peninsula and extending northeast to Prince William Sound are designated as  
4 the Alaska Coastal Biological Recovery Area and reserved primarily for the protection, rehabilita-  
5 tion, restoration, and study of fish, wildlife, aquatic plant populations, habitat, and the natural  
6 environment.

7 (b) The commissioner shall manage the biological recovery of the Alaska Coastal  
8 Biological Recovery Area under AS 16.20.500 - 16.20.530 to

- 9 (1) prevent negative effects on the environmental recovery and productivity of  
10 Prince William Sound, the Outer Kenai Peninsula Coast, and the Kodiak area; and  
11 (2) encourage the restoration and rehabilitation of fish, wildlife, and aquatic plant  
12 resources.