HOUSE BILL NO. 429

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to the powers of the Board of Game."

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

*** Section 1.** AS 16.05.255(a) is amended to read:

(a) The Board of Game **shall** [MAY] adopt regulations it considers advisable in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) **to provide for intensive management of game for maximum sustained yield for human harvest by** [FOR]

(1) setting apart game reserve areas, refuges, and sanctuaries in the water or on the land of the state over which it has jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the legislature;

(2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the taking of game;

(3) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit, capture, and transport of game, including regulations, consistent with resource conservation and development goals, establishing means and methods that may be employed by persons with physical disabilities;

(4) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex, age, and size limitations on

1 the taking of game;

2 (5) classifying game as game birds, song birds, big game animals, fur bearing

3 animals, predators, or other categories;

4 (6) methods, means, and harvest levels necessary to control predation and

5 competition among game in the state;

6 (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management, conservation, protection,

7 use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of game;

8 (8) prohibiting the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic

9 game or their eggs;

10 (9) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of game licenses,

11 permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations between registration areas

12 and game management units or subunits is allowed;

13 (10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as needed for the

14 conservation, development, and utilization of game;

15 **(11) requiring the department to develop and conduct game enhancement and**

16 **rehabilitation programs and aggressive predator reduction programs in areas where**

17 **(A) depletion of the game resource has been identified by the**

18 **department; or**

19 **(B) the Board of Game has adopted regulations providing for more**

20 **restrictive seasons, bag limits, methods or means, or levels of harvest for a game**

21 **resource than would be required if the game resource was at a maximum sustained**

22 **yield population level; and**

23 **(12) developing and maintaining a comprehensive, coordinated state plan for**

24 **the orderly present and long-range development of game habitat and rehabilitation and**

25 **enhancement of the state's game resources for maximum sustained yield for human**

26 **consumptive uses and for the perpetual use, benefit, and enjoyment of all citizens; the plan**

27 **shall be revised and updated biennially**.

28 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.255(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

29 (d) Regulations adopted under (a) of this section must provide that, consistent with the

30 provisions of AS 16.05.258, residents without regard to their place of residence in the state have

31 * Sec a preference in the taking of moose, deer, elk, and caribou for personal or family consumption

1 over taking by nonresidents.

2 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3 (e) The Board of Game may not restrict the taking of a game resource in order to provide
4 for priority use of the resource by a designated subgroup of resident hunters or trappers unless
5 the board has previously required the department to develop and conduct game enhancement and
6 rehabilitation programs and aggressive predator reduction programs in the area where the game
7 resource occurs.