

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 429 (RESOURCES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES SHARP, Gonzales, M.A.Miller, G.Phillips, Choquette, Zawacki, Hudson, Taylor, Baker, M.W.Miller

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the powers of the Board of Game and to intensive game management
2 to achieve higher sustained yield for human harvest."

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

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

5 (a) The Board of Game shall [MAY] adopt regulations it considers advisable in
6 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) to provide for the management
7 of game, and for intensive management of identified game species to maintain or restore
8 high levels of game populations to achieve higher sustained yield for human harvest where
9 the board has determined that consumptive use of those game species is the preferred use,
10 by [FOR]

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

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

14 (3) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit, capture, and

1 transport of game, including regulations, consistent with resource conservation and development
2 goals, establishing means and methods that may be employed by persons with physical
3 disabilities;

4 (4) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex, age, and size limitations on
5 the taking of game;

6 (5) classifying game as game birds, song birds, big game animals, fur bearing
7 animals, predators, or other categories;

8 (6) methods, means, and harvest levels necessary to control predation and
9 competition among game in the state;

10 (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management, conservation, protection,
11 use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of game;

12 (8) prohibiting the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic
13 game or their eggs;

14 (9) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of game licenses,
15 permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations between registration areas
16 and game management units or subunits is allowed;

17 (10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as needed for the
18 conservation, development, and utilization of game;

19 (11) requiring the department, within the department's ability, to conduct
20 intensive management programs to restore the abundance or productivity of a game
21 population as necessary to achieve human consumptive use goals of the board in an area
22 where the board has determined that

23 (A) deletion of the game population or reduction of the productivity
24 of the game population has occurred and may result in a significant reduction in the
25 allowable human harvest of the game population;

26 (B) enhancement of abundance or productivity of the game population
27 is feasible; and

28 (C) the expected benefits to human consumptive use of the game
29 population justify intensive management.

30 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

31 (e) The Board of Game shall evaluate the use of intensive management to increase the

1 harvestable surplus of a game population before significantly restricting the taking of the game
2 population.

3 (f) In this section, "intensive management" means management of a game population to
4 enhance, extend, and develop the game population to maintain high levels or provide for higher
5 levels of human harvest in accordance with the sustained yield principle, including control of
6 predation, prescribed or planned use of fire and other habitat improvement techniques,
7 development or regulation of access, and other management actions; "intensive management" may
8 include management of a game population by customary adjustments in seasons, bag limits, areas,
9 or methods and means.