

HOUSE BILL NO. 518

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY REPRESENTATIVES GRUSSENDORF, Barnes

**Introduced: 2/18/92
Referred: Resources, Finance**

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**1 "An Act relating to management of brown bears in the McNeil River State Game Refuge;
2 and providing for an effective date."**

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

**4 * Section 1. FIVE YEAR CLOSURE OF MCNEIL RIVER STATE GAME REFUGE TO BROWN
5 BEAR HUNTING. (a) Notwithstanding AS 16.20.041(c), the McNeil River State Game Refuge is
6 closed to the taking of brown bear for five years from the effective date of this Act.**

**7 (b) During the five years following the effective date of this Act, the Department of Fish and
8 Game shall study the effects of the Paint River fish ladder on the behavior, distribution, and natural
9 history of brown bear in the McNeil River State Game Refuge and the McNeil River State Game
10 Sanctuary. The department shall publish the results of the study at the end of the five years.**

**11 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the date the Paint River fish ladder begins operation. The
12 commissioner of fish and game shall certify to the revisor of statutes the date the fish ladder begins
13 operation.**