

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 77(RES) am H
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Amended: 3/21/94
Offered: 3/9/94**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS SHARP, Frank, Taylor, Miller
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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

4 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that providing for high
5 levels of harvest for human consumptive use in accordance with the sustained yield principle
6 is the highest and best use of identified big game prey populations in most areas of the state
7 and that the big game prey populations in these areas should be managed accordingly.

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

9 (e) The Board of Game shall adopt regulations to provide for intensive
10 management programs to restore the abundance or productivity of identified big game
11 prey populations as necessary to achieve human consumptive use goals of the board
12 in an area where the board has determined that

13 (1) consumptive use of the big game prey population is a preferred use;

1 (2) depletion of the big game prey population or reduction of the
2 productivity of the big game prey population has occurred and may result in a
3 significant reduction in the allowable human harvest of the population; and

4 (3) enhancement of abundance or productivity of the big game prey
5 population is feasibly achievable utilizing recognized and prudent active management
6 techniques.

7 (f) The Board of Game may not significantly reduce the taking of an identified
8 big game prey population by adopting regulations relating to restrictions on harvest or
9 access to the population, or to management of the population by customary
10 adjustments in seasons, bag limits, open and closed areas, methods and means, or by
11 other customary means authorized under (a) of this section, unless the board has
12 adopted regulations, or has scheduled for adoption at the next regularly scheduled
13 meeting of the board regulations, that provide for intensive management to increase
14 the take of the population for human harvest consistent with (e) of this section. This
15 subsection does not apply if the board

16 (1) determines that intensive management would be

17 (A) ineffective, based on scientific information; or

18 (B) inappropriate due to land ownership patterns; or

19 (C) against the best interest of subsistence uses; or

20 (2) declares that a biological emergency exists and takes immediate
21 action to protect or maintain the big game prey population in conjunction with the
22 scheduling for adoption of those regulations that are necessary to implement (e) of this
23 section.

24 (g) In this section,

25 (1) "identified big game prey population" means a population of
26 ungulates that is identified by the Board of Game and that is important for providing
27 high levels of harvest for human consumptive use;

28 (2) "intensive management" means management of an identified big
29 game prey population to enhance, extend, and develop the population to maintain high
30 levels or provide for higher levels of human harvest, including control of predation and
31 prescribed or planned use of fire and other habitat improvement techniques.