

SB

332





# Alaska State Legislature

## House

HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**FISH & GAME ISSUES**

Alvin Oscarback, Chairman

Pouch V, State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
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### HEARING NOTIFICATIONS

Re: Hunting in the pipeline corridor

BILL	DATE INFORMED	LETTER/PHONE	INFORMED	HEARING DATE
CSSB 332	4/11	3753	Sen. Sackett, original sponsor ✓	4/15
	4/11	452-3464	Golden North Bowhunters Assoc. Charles Allen, V.P. ✓	4/15
	4/11		Alaska Professional Hunters Assoc. Randy Smith ✓	4/15
	4/11	4100	Dept. of Fish & Game ✓	4/15

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE:

Senate Judiciary  
By: Committee

To: Amend SENATE BILL No. 332

HOUSE BILL No. \_\_\_\_\_

PAGE: 1

LINE: 10 and Line 12.

Line 10, after hunting insert: "or discharging of firearms".

Line 12, delete: "[alignment]".

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I AM OPPOSED TO SB332 AS ITS WORDING DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE INTENT. CLOSING TO HUNTING DOES NOT PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE PIPELINE. ONLY PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WILL. HUNTING BY MEANS OF BOW AND ARROW IS COMPATIBLE AND WILL NOT CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE PIPELINE.

THE ALASKAN BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION

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AS A BOW HUNTER I AM OPPOSED TO SB332 CLOSING THE PIPELINE  
CORRIDOR TO HUNTING WILL NOT PREVENT DAMAGE. ONLY CLOSING  
THIS AREA TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WILL PREVENT DAMAGE.  
THIS RESOURCE CAN STILL BE UTILIZED FOR HUNTING WITH A BOW  
AND ARROW WITH NO DANGER OF DAMAGE.

EDWARD RUSSELL

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**BILL ANALYSIS**

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ASSIGNMENT DATE \_\_\_\_\_

UNASSIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DEPARTMENT</b> Public Safety	<b>SPONSOR (PRINCIPAL)</b> Sackett	<b>BILL NO.</b> SB 332
<b>DEPARTMENT POSITION</b>  Neutral		
<b>DIVISION DIRECTOR</b> Col. Fred Woldstad	<b>DATE</b> 1/22/80	<b>COMMISSIONER</b> William R. Nix
<b>DATE</b> 1/22/80		
<b>GOVERNOR'S OFFICE USE</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITION NOTED <input type="checkbox"/> POSITION APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> POSITION DISAPPROVED		
BY: _____ DATE: _____		
<b>SUMMARY</b>		
(1) RELATED BILLS (SIMILAR OR CONFLICTING)		
(2) OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL		
Dept. of Fish & Game, Board of Game		
(2) a. ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL		(2) b. ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL
Unk.		Unk.
(3) PROGRAM EFFECTS OF BILL		
No adverse effect on the division's programs.		
(4) FISCAL IMPACT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> FISCAL ANALYSIS ATTACHED		
(5) AMENDMENTS PROPOSED:		

**(6) COMMENTS:**

The division enforced a similar law during the pipeline construction era and does not foresee any problem with this bill.

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AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING

of Indian Creek and Falls Creek are closed to the taking of Dall sheep. The department shall retain the authority to set limited seasons, by permit only, and in consultation with the Division of Parks, to adjust severe imbalances in game animal populations;

(14) the Westchester Lagoon waterfowl nesting and observation area: all lands and waters on Chester Creek between Arctic Boulevard and Turnagain Arm are closed to hunting and trapping and to the use of motorized vehicles off designated roadways and travel routes;

(15) Otter Island (one of the Pribilof Islands—Unit 10) administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service, is closed to all hunting;

(16) the Moose River closed area (Sterling—Unit 15A): on and within 1/4 mile of the Moose River between the Kenai National Moose Range boundary and the Sterling Highway is closed to the taking of waterfowl.

5 AAC 81.260. INTERIOR-ARCTIC ALASKA (UNITS 17-26). The following areas are closed areas:

(1) the Birch Lake closed area (near Fairbanks—Unit 20): on and within 1/4 mile of Birch Lake (closed to the taking of big game only);

(2) the Harding Lake closed area (near Fairbanks—Unit 20): on and within 1/4 mile of Harding Lake (closed to the taking of big game only);

(3) the Lost Lake closed area (near Fairbanks—Unit 20): on and within 1/4 mile of Lost Lake (closed to the taking of big game only);

(4) Repealed.

(5) the Healy-Lignite closed area (near Healy—Unit 20C): beginning at the confluence of Lignite Creek and the Nenana River, thence upstream along Lignite Creek to its confluence with Sanderson Creek, thence in a straight line southerly to the confluence of Healy Creek and Coal Creek, thence in a straight line southerly to Dora Peak (63°49'N and 148°42'W), thence in a straight line westerly to the confluence of Healy Creek and Moody Creek, thence downstream along Healy Creek to the Nenana River, thence downstream along the Nenana River to the point of beginning, is closed to all hunting;

(6) the Prudhoe Bay closed area (near Prudhoe Bay—Unit 26): beginning at a point 70°22'N latitude and 148°00'W longitude, thence south approximately 14 miles to a point at 70°10'N and 148°00'W, thence west approximately 15 miles to a point at 70°10'N and 148°40'W, thence north approximately two miles to a point at 70°12'N and 148°40'W, thence west approximately eight miles to a point at 70°15'N and 148°56'W, thence north approximately two miles to a point at 70°15'N and 148°56'W, thence west approximately 12 miles to a point at 70°15'N and 149°28'W, thence north approximately 12 miles to a point at 70°26'N and 149°28'W, thence east approximately 14 miles to a point at 70°26'N and 148°52'W, thence south for approximately two miles to a point at 70°24'N and 148°52'W, thence east for approximately 16 miles to a point at 70°24'N and 148°11'W, thence south for approximately two miles to a point at 70°22'N and 148°11'W, thence east approximately six miles to the point of beginning at 70°22'N and 148°00'W, is closed to the taking of big game only;

(7) Sledge Island (Unit 22) and the waters within one mile of it are closed to walrus hunting;

(8) the trans-Alaska pipeline corridor closed area (north of the Yukon River—Units 24, 25 and 26): the area within a strip five miles on both sides of the trans-Alaska pipeline alignment from the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay is closed to the taking of big game only.

Existing Regulation

STATE GAME RE

5 AAC 81.270. APPLICATION otherwise provided in secs. 280-300 of this chapter are continuously close

5 AAC 81.280. SOUTHEASTERN Forrester Island State Game Refuge Forrester Island and adjacent rocks taken for commercial purposes under the discretion of the commissioner.

(b) The Hazy Island State Game Refuge Islands in Southeastern Alaska taken for commercial purposes under the discretion of the commissioner.

(c) The St. Lazaria Islands State Game Refuge Lazaria Islands at the entrance of St. Lawrence Bay.

(d) The Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge area described as the Mendenhall Wetlands closed to trapping and hunting, during established seasons. The use of other motorized vehicles (except snow machines) on the Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge is prohibited.

5 AAC 81.290. SOUTHCENTRAL State Game Refuge (Kodiak Island) beginning to the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

(b) The Semidi Islands State Game Refuge (8): The Semidi Island group is closed to hunting.

(c) The McNeil River State Game Refuge (9): The McNeil River, Milk Creek and the area from Akjengulga Cove on the north side of the head of Kamishak Bay, in lower Cook Inlet. Access to McNeil River is by permit.

(d) The Tuxedni Island State Game Refuge (10): Egg and other small islands in Tuxedni Bay.

(e) The Aleutian Islands State Game Refuge (11): The Aleutian Islands are closed to hunting with the following exceptions:

(1) Umnak, Atka, Unalaska and Agassiz Islands are open to hunting;

(2) Shemya, Attu, and Plover Islands are open to ptarmigan hunting;

(3) Adak Island is open to hunting;

(4) all of the Aleutian Islands except Adak, Agassiz, and Unalaska.

(f) The Bogoslof Islands State Game Refuge (10): The Bogoslof Islands are closed to hunting.

(g) The Kenai State Game Refuge (12): The Kenai State Game Refuge corresponding to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is closed to hunting.

(h) The Point Barrow State Game Refuge (14C): all lands and waters south of the Point Barrow State Game Refuge which extends from Campbell Head to the Point Barrow State Game Refuge hunting and trapping and to the following exceptions:

(1) that portion of the

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BOX 254  
Fairbanks, Alaska



CHARTERED BY: NATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION AND ALASKA STATE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

March 20

Represtatative Osterback  
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Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Mr. Osterback:

This letter is in opposition to CSSB332 now before your committee. Instead of locking up even more Alaska land, we feel our legislators should be providing more opportunities for all Alaskan's. The People of this state have had their fill of lock-ups, and to think this will be forgotten at election time would be a mistake. The members of the Golden North Bowhunters and other sportmen's groups will make sure it is not.

Instead of just opposing this bill, we are offering an alternative. We have a proposal before the Game Board to open the Pipeline Closed Area to archery only hunting. We ask you to consider this approach, then let the Board decide. We feel this would best suit the needs of all Alaskan's for additional recreation. First, an arrow would pose no danger to the pipeline itself. Due to the inherent difficulties of bowhunting, the actual harvest is minimal. Anyone, young or old, male or female, can learn to shoot a bow. We are no more a "special interest group," than those who dip at Chitna or use fly fishing only areas. Almost all bowhunters hunt with a rifle also, especially here in Alaska. It is the challenge that attracts and holds bowhunters.

We ask you to check the harvest rates, (success is usually 2-4%) and other statistics available. In states that keep records, more deer are killed on the highways than by archers. This includes states with 3 or 4 month seasons. When comparing Alaska's low animal density to deer populations outside, even lower success would be expected.

Before you close the door, please take the time to check into these ideals. The bow and arrow was important to both the Alaska Native and other non-natives early in their history. It is a cultural heritage of all Alaskans.

Sincerely  
*Charles D. Aller*  
Charles D. Aller  
Vice-President

"ARCHERY-the sport of man since time began"

REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Proposal Concerns

Game XX Subsistence \_\_\_\_\_  
Sport Fishing \_\_\_\_\_ Advisory Committees \_\_\_\_\_  
Commercial Fishing \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \* SEE OTHER SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON COMPLETING THIS FORM \* \* \*

Area(s) affected: HUNTING METHODS & MEANS

SAAC 81.070 Regulation book page no. 15  
(Alaska Administrative Code No.)

Purpose of proposal TO OPEN THE TRANSALASKA PIPELINE CLOSED AREA TO ARCHERY ONLY HUNTING.

Suggested wording of Proposed Regulation (append if lengthy): BIG GAME MAY BE HUNTED ONLY WITH BOW AND ARROW IN THAT AREA KNOWN AS THE TRANSALASKA PIPELINE CLOSED AREA DURING SEASONS ESTABLISHED FOR THE GAME UNITS INVOLVED.

Justification: THIS PROPOSAL IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SPORT HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE PIPELINE CORRIDOR WHILE LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF GAME HARVESTED. DUE TO THE INHERENT DIFFICULTY OF BOWHUNTING, MAXIMUM RECREATIONAL DAYS CAN BE ENJOYED WITH MINIMUM IMPACT TO THE RESOURCE. THIS PROPOSAL RECOGNIZES THAT THE ORIGINAL CLOSURE WAS FOR AESTHETIC, NOT BIOLOGICAL REASONS. BOWHUNTING WOULD MAINTAIN THIS CONCEPT BY EMPHASIZING THE FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HUNTING EXPERIENCE, EVEN WHEN SUCCESS IS LOW, IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF ANIMALS TAKEN. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD MAINTAIN PIPELINE INTEGRITY, AS AN ARROW WOULD POSE NO THREAT TO THE STEEL PIPE.

SUBMITTED BY: GOLDEN NORTH BOWHUNTERS ASSN REPRESENTING:  
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