

FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: March 19, 1984

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CS HB 551
 Title: "An Act Relating to Big Game Management"
 Sponsor: Schultz
 Requestor: House Resources Comm.
 Date of Request: March 15, 1984

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Department of Fish and Game
 Program Category Affected: NRMEC Game
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	59.5	59.5	59.5	59.5	59.5

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Beverly Reaume Phone: 465-4120
 Division: Administration Date: March 19, 1984

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature] Date: March 20, 1984
 Agency: Department of Fish and Game

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

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Fiscal Note Analysis

CS HB 551

Section 16.05.340 (a) (16) would increase the tag amount from \$25 to \$100. Approximately 100 tags are available each year, thus revenue to the Fish and Game Fund would increase by approximately \$7,500 annually.

Section 16.05.346 (b) would increase the application fee for a drawing permit for hunting bison in the Delta Junction bison range from \$5 to \$10. Approximately 10,000 applications are currently made, thus revenue to the Fish and Game Fund would increase by approximately \$50,000 annually.

Section 16.40.015 would allow the sale of up to two bison at fair market value for buffalo barbeques. There is one barbeque eligible. The fair market value of a bison is \$2,000. Assuming the sale of one, the income to the Fish and Game fund would be \$2,000.

Original sponsor: Shultz

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 551 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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10 (16) Resident big game tags:

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12 The Board of Game may, by regulation effective for not more than
13 one year, eliminate the resident brown or grizzly bear tag and
14 fee for all or a portion of a game management unit.

15 (B) Musk-oxen, each 500

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17 the fee for a resident big game tag for musk-oxen for an open
18 season.

19 (C) Bison, each..... 100.

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22 cation fee for all species for which a limited drawing is conducted is
23 \$10 [\$5].

24 * Sec. 3. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 Sec. 16.20.315. BISON RANGE TIMBER SALES. The Department of
26 Natural Resources, division of forestry, shall provide for the sale of
27 timber in the Delta Junction bison range area in a manner that does
28 not delay implementation of the game management plan required under
29 AS 16.20.310.

1 * Sec. 4. AS 16.40.010 is repealed and reenacted to read:

2 Sec. 16.40.010. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS BUFFALO AND MUSK-OXEN.

3 (a) Whenever the Department of Fish and Game determines that there is
4 a surplus in the herds of buffalo and musk-oxen under its control, the
5 department, under regulations adopted by it,

6 (1) shall sell at not less than fair market value for
7 commercial purposes or grant for scientific or educational purposes at
8 least 10 percent of the surplus buffalo per year if there is a demand
9 for that amount; and

10 (2) may sell at not less than fair market value for commer-
11 cial purposes or grant for scientific or educational purposes the
12 surplus musk-oxen.

13 (b) A person, group, association, partnership, or corporation
14 may purchase or receive animals under this section for commercial
15 purposes only after demonstrating to the satisfaction of the
16 Department of Fish and Game

17 (1) an intent to raise and breed the animals; and

18 (2) an ability to provide for the animals and to keep them
19 under control.

20 * Sec. 5. AS 16.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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22 Fish and Game shall sell at not more than fair market value not more
23 than two buffalo per year to each person, group, association, partner-
24 ship or corporation that, for a period of not less than 10 years, has
25 conducted an annual buffalo barbeque open to the public. Buffalo
26 purchased under this section may be used only for the purpose of a
27 buffalo barbeque open to the public.

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29 Sec. 16.40.105. MANAGEMENT OF BUFFALO HERDS. The Department of

1 Fish and Game shall manage buffalo herds under its control to allow
2 for the maximum production of buffalo.

3 * Sec. 7. AS 16.20.315 is repealed.

4 * Sec. 8. Sections 2 and 3 of this Act take effect July 1, 1984.

5 * Sec. 9. Sections 1 and 4 - 6 of this Act take effect July 1, 1986.

6 * Sec. 10. Section 7 of this Act takes effect August 1, 1989.
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STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date 3/30/84

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No: CSHB 551
Title: Relating to Big Game Management;
with effective date
Sponsor: Finance Committee
Requestor: Rules Committee
Date of Request: 3/26/84

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Revenue
Program Category Affected: Revenue
Collection & Management
BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected:
Public Services Division BRU

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
<u>OPERATING</u>						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-
200 TRAVEL	-	-	-	-	-	-
300 CONTRACTUAL	-	-	-	-	-	-
400 SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-	-
500 EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
600 LANDS & STRUCTURES	-	-	-	-	-	-
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
800 MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL OPERATING</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>REVENUE (Game Fund)</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>60.0</u>	<u>60.0</u>	<u>60.0</u>

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEDERAL FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-	-	-	-	-	-
PART-TIME	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEMPORARY	-	-	-	-	-	-

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Martin J. Richard
Division: Public Services

Phone: 465-2392
Date: 4/2/84

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]
Agency: Department of Revenue

Date: 4/10/84

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

**CSHB 551 (FINANCE)
ANALYSIS
PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION BRU**

This bill establishes a \$100.00 fee for resident bison tags, and raises the permit application fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Revenue estimates are based on the following:

10,000 permit applications at an increase of \$5.00 each: \$50,000
Effective date: July 1, 1984

100 bison tags at \$100.00 each: \$10,000
Effective date: July 1, 1986

Alaska State Legislature



REPRESENTATIVE

ROBERT H. "BOB" BETTISWORTH

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March 16, 1984

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Rep. Al Adams, Chairman, House Finance Committee

From: Reps. Bettisworth, Grussendorf and Zharoff

Subject: Proposed substitute of HB551, "An Act relating to big game management....."

The House Finance Subcommittee on HB551 has reviewed the original version of HB551, the House Resources Committee substitute and several drafts of proposed finance substitutes and submits for consideration the attached substitute.

The following sectional analysis compares CS for HB551 (Resources) with the proposed finance substitute.

- 1.) The title has been changed to more accurately reflect the bill's content.
- 2.) Section 1 of the finance substitute adds a \$100 resident tag fee for bison.
- 3.) Section 2 changes the fee for all limited drawing permit applications from \$5 to \$10 for all species.*
- 4.) Section 3 of the finance substitute is unchanged in both versions and pertains to Bison Range Timber Sales.
- 5.) Section 4 repeals current statutes on disposition of surplus buffalo and musk-oxen and replaces them with with similar language retaining current elements while adding additional provisions as follows:
 - a. if demand exists at least 10% of surplus buffalo shall be sold at fair market value for commercial use,
 - b. surplus musk-oxen may be sold at not less than market value, for commercial purposes.
- 6.) Section 5 adds a new section authorizing the sale of not more than two buffalo each year to annual buffalo barbeques with public access that have ten year operational histories.
- 7.) Section 6 adds a new provision requiring the Department to manage buffalo for maximum yield.
- 8.) Section 7 provides for future repeal of Bison Range Timber Sales as outlined in Section 3.

- 9.) Section 8 provides that Sections 2 (permit application fee increase) and 3 (Bison Range Timber Sales) take effect July 1, 1984.
- 10.) Section 9 provides an effective date of July 1, 1986 for Sections 4 (change in disposition of surplus buffalo), 5 (Annual Buffalo Barbeques) and 6 (Management of Buffalo Herds).
- 11.) Section 10 repeals the Bison Range Timber Sales authorization on August 1, 1989.

*increase in application fee would generate about \$50,000/annum according to ADF&G fiscal note based on 10,000 applicants.

A M E N D M E N T

Offered in the HOUSE

By Bettisworth

TO: CSHB 551(Res)

Page 2, after line 22, insert a new bill section to read:

"* Sec. 4. AS 16.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 16.40.015. ANNUAL BUFFALO BARBEQUES. The Department of Fish and Game shall sell at not more than fair market value not more than two buffalo per year to each person, group, association, partnership or corporation that, for a period of not less than 10 years, has conducted an annual buffalo barbeque open to the public. Buffalo purchased under this section may be used only for the purpose of a buffalo barbeque open to the public."

Renumber remaining sections accordingly.

Page 2, line 24:

Delete "1 and 3" and insert "1, 3 and 4"

February 27, 1984

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Rep. Bob Bettisworth
From: Ralph Bennett
Subject: HB551, Delta Bison Range Etc.

Attached you will find the two amendments requested for HB551. I have been informed by Ed Hein from Legal Services that if you adopt both amendments the title of the bill will have to be changed to "An Act relating to bison and muskox and providing for an effective date."

#B 551

Amendment #3
Lindauer

Page 1 line 25 insert a new section
(c) (and renumber subsections) to read.

(c) A permit for the Taking of Bison may be issued at any time the Board of Game establishes that there are no other lands ~~available~~ in Alaska suitable for the placement of surplus Bison.

Original sponsor: Shultz

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29 AS 16.20.310.

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4 a surplus exists in the herds of buffalo and musk-oxen under its con-
5 trol, the department, under regulations adopted by it, shall grant not
6 less than 10 percent of the surplus buffalo per year, if there is a
7 demand for that amount, and may grant the surplus musk-oxen or por-
8 tions of the surplus musk-oxen to persons, groups, associations,
9 partnerships, or corporations for the purpose of raising and breeding
10 the animals as domestic stock for commercial purposes, or for scien-
11 tific and educational purposes.

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STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: 2/24/84

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CS HB 551
Title: Delta Junction Bison Range

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
Program Category Affected: NRMFC

Sponsor: Shultz
Requestor: House Resources Comm.
Date of Request: _____

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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OPERATING						
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(Fish and Game Fund)

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TOTAL						

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SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Beverly Reagle
Division: Administration

Phone: 465-4120
Date: February 24, 1984

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]
Agency: Fish and Game

Date: February 27, 1984

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

Fiscal Note Analysis

CSHB 551

Sec. 16.05.346(b) would increase the application fee for a drawing permit for hunting bison in the Delta Junction bison range from \$5 to \$10. Approximately 10,000 applications are currently made, thus revenue to the Fish and Game Fund would increase by approximately \$50,000 annually.

Offered: 2/21/84
Referred: Finance

Original sponsor: Shultz

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 551 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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11 establishes an open season for musk oxen and has not reduced or elimi-
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13 ment shall conduct a drawing for permits to take the musk oxen. If
14 the Board of Game establishes an open season for musk oxen for which
15 the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the resident tag fee, the
16 department shall issue permits to take the musk oxen in the order in
17 which applications are received by the department. A person is not
18 eligible for more than one musk oxen permit a year. The department
19 may not charge a fee for an application for a musk oxen permit for an
20 open season in which the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the
21 resident tag fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16). In all other cases the
22 application fee for a musk oxen permit is \$10.

23 (b) The application fee for a drawing permit issued by the
24 department for the hunting of bison in the Delta Junction bison range
25 area is \$10.

26 (c) Except as provided in (a) and (b) of this section, the
27 permit application fee for all species for which a limited drawing is
28 conducted is \$5.

29 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.346 is repealed and reenacted to read:

1 Sec. 16.05.346. PERMIT APPLICATIONS. (a) If the Board of Game
2 declares an open season for musk oxen and has not reduced or
3 eliminated the \$500 resident tag fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16), the
4 department shall conduct a drawing for permits to take the musk oxen.
5 If the Board of Game declares an open season for musk oxen for which
6 the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the resident tag fee, the
7 department shall issue permits to take the musk oxen in the order in
8 which applications are received by the department. A person is not
9 eligible for more than one musk oxen permit a year. The department
10 may not charge a fee for an application for a musk oxen permit for an
11 open season in which the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the
12 resident tag fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16). In all other cases the
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25 * Sec. 6. Sections 2 and 4 of this Act take effect August 1, 1989.

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

HB 551

Revision Date: 2/6/84

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CS for HB 551
Title: Delta Junction Bison Range

Sponsor: Shultz
Requestor:
Date of Request: 2/6/84

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Natural Resources
Program Category Affected:
PreSuppression/Northcentral Small Timber Sale
BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected:
Forest Management/Forest Management

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
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CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

CS for HB 552 appropriates \$60,000 from the general fund to DNR for administration of timber sale and fire suppression on the Delta bison range.

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Carol Wilson Phone: 465-2400
Division: Commissioner's Office - DNR Date: 2/6/84

Approved by Commissioner: *Wm D Arnold, Deputy* Date: 2/6/84
Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

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STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

M E M O R A N D U M

February 24, 1984

SUBJECT: Sectional Analysis of
CSHB 551 (Resources)

TO: Representative Al Adams
Chairman, House Finance Committee

FROM: Edward H. Hein *EH*
Legislative Counsel

Section 1 establishes a \$10 application fee for a bison hunting permit for the Delta Junction bison range area.

Section 2 reverts AS 16.05.346 to the existing language on the day the bison range statutes are repealed, August 1, 1989.

Section 3 is a new section that requires the division of forestry to provide for timber sales in a way that doesn't delay implementation of the bison range management plan.

Sections 4 - 6 are self-explanatory.

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BACKGROUND

HB 551

BACKGROUND:

In the 1920's, Bison were introduced to Delta Junction (then known as Buffalo Center) and have prospered there since. At that time, the only access to the herd was via the Valdez Trail, a narrow, winding, primitive access road from Valdez to Fairbanks. The road itself, and the travelers on it, had very little effect on the Bison and offered scant threat to their existence.

In the 1940's, and as a direct result of World War II, the U.S. Army developed Allen Army Air Field (now Fort Greely) and construction of the Alaska Highway began. This was the first real pressure placed upon the herd, in effect, bisecting its' grazing area.

In the 70's, construction of the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline brought rapid and dramatic growth to the Delta Junction area, again putting pressure upon the herd, and this was followed by the development of the Delta Junction Agricultural Project.

The Agricultural Project offers even more severe threats to the Bison, due to the fact that Bison are a grazing animal and the cultivation of agricultural products such as barley provided an easily attained source of food to the animals.

Evidence of this fact is shown by the changes in the Bison's grazing habits over just the last few years. The Bison had previously grazed in areas near the Delta River, but with the advent of the Agricultural Project, they began to graze on and near the site of the farms.

In 1979, the Alaska Legislature established the Delta Junction Bison Range to "provide an adequate winter range for the Bison," and to "diminish the damage caused by the herds to agriculturally developed land." The Range Plan was intended to use the Alaska Highway as a barrier between the Agricultural lands and land designated for public recreation and wildlife, especially bison.

THE SITUATION TODAY:

To the extent that it has been developed, the Delta Junction Bison Range HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL! In 1983, the Bison used the range for nearly a month, and only left after they had consumed most of the forage. They then moved across the Alaska Highway and once again caused damage on the Agricultural Project.

In early winter, a group of Delta area residents began meeting to attempt to find a solution to the problem. This group was composed of farmers, sportsmen, a representative of the Division of Game, representatives from the logging industry and other concerned Delta area residents.

A compromise acceptable to all concerned was the main focus of this group, and HB 551 is the result. Section 1 of the bill recaps the problem, while Section 2 sets up a Bison Range Advisory Committee to work with the State in order to assure timely completion of the range. A major emphasis in early meetings was to find a solution acceptable both to farmers and hunters, and the Advisory Committee is an integral part of that solution.

*Removed
from
Bill in
S. Addressed
in HCR 51*

Additionally, the \$5.00 application fee for a drawing permit to hunt Bison is to be raised to \$10.00. This would add some \$50,000.00 to the State's coffers and offset the projected \$50,000.00 annual cost to maintain the range.

To facilitate the development, timber would be sold in areas designated for habitat. This would help to offset the cost of Range development and would also have a favorable impact on the local economy.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

1. Tourism would benefit from an expanded Bison range, and plans call for the development of viewing facilities.
2. An area would be provided which is easily accessible for recreational pursuits, including hunting, trapping, hiking, fishing (there are two stocked lakes on the eastern section of the range), photography, dog sledding, etc.
3. Firewood would be made available for area residents.
4. Improved habitat would be available for sharp-tailed grouse, and other game and non-game birds, as well as moose, bear, hares and other furbearers.
5. Safety along the Alaska Highway should improve, as well as the number of Bison road kills being reduced as the Bison learn to stay south of the Alaska Highway.

SUMMARY:

House Bill 551 gives the Legislature the opportunity to solve a long-standing problem, while favorably affecting both the wildlife habitat of the area and the development of the Agricultural Project. This is not new legislation, but rather the completion of a project begun with the creation of the Delta Junction Bison Range in 1979.



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February 17, 1984

Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Bettye:

The Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports the bison bills now before the legislature. They are SB 337 and SB 338 by Moss in the Senate and HB 551 and HB 552 by Shultz in the House.

The bills are carefully tailored to alleviate the problems associated with the Delta bison herd. Bison are grazing animals and need grass type forage to prosper. The bison range is predominantly a forest area and needs to be manipulated to support the bison or they will continue to wander onto area farms causing crop and property damage and creating hazards to equipment and people on the highway. Further, the welfare of the bison will be improved if the range is improved as they will not find it necessary to cross the Alaska Highway in search of food.

The apparent benefits if the bison bills are passed include;

1. Improved welfare of the herd.
2. Decreased crop and equipment damage on farms.
3. Reduced hazard to people and equipment on the highway.
4. Improved tourist and sight-seeing activity.
5. Improved habitat for moose, grouse and bear.

We urge your support for these bills. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Best personal regards,

Buki Wright
President

cc: Senator Pappy Moss
✓ Representative Richard Shultz

Section of law referred to on p. 2, line 12
 of CS HB 551 (Resources)

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(A) is obtaining or has obtained assistance during the preceding six months under any state or federal welfare program to aid the indigent, or

(B) has an annual family gross income of less than \$5,600 for the year preceding application.

(7) Visitor's special sport fishing license — valid for the period inscribed on the license

(A) For 14-day license \$20

(B) For three-day license 10

(8) Nonresident sport fishing license 36

(9) Nonresident hunting license 60

(10) Nonresident hunting and sport fishing license 96

A nonresident may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued to the nonresident as provided in (15) of this subsection. The tag shall be affixed to the animal immediately upon capture and shall remain affixed until the animal is prepared for storage, consumed, or exported. A tag issued but not used for an animal may be used to satisfy the tagging requirement for any other animal of the species named for which the tag fee is of equal or less value.

(11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license \$200

(12) Fur dealers:

(A) Resident fur dealer license 50

(B) Nonresident fur dealer license 200

(13) Taxidermists:

(A) Resident taxidermy license 75

(B) Nonresident taxidermy license 200

(14) Fish or game farming license 100

(15) Nonresident big game tags:

(A) Bear, black, each 200

(B) [Repealed, § 1 ch 268 SLA 1976.]

(C) Bear, brown or grizzly, each 350

(D) Bear, polar, each 500

(E) Bison, each 350

(F) Caribou, each 300

(G) Deer, each 135

(H) Elk, each 250

(I) Goat, each 250

(J) Moose, each 300

(K) Sheep, each 400

(L) Walrus, each 500

(M) Wolf, each 150

(N) Wolverine, each 150

(O) Musk oxen, each 1,100

(16) Resident big game tags: 25

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(A) Bear, brown or grizzly, each \$25
 The Board of Game may, by regulation effective for not more than one year, eliminate the resident brown or grizzly bear tag and fee for all or a portion of a game management unit.

(B) Musk oxen, each 500

* However, the Board of Game may by regulation reduce or eliminate the fee for a resident big game tag for musk oxen for an open season.

(b) The commissioner of fish and game may issue without cost a permit to collect fish and game, including fur animals, subject to limitations and provisions that are appropriate, for a scientific, propagative, or educational purpose. In addition, the commissioner shall issue a permit for the collecting of wild fur animals for improving the genetic stock of fur farm animals. Permits issued under this subsection shall be in accordance with current sustained yield management practices for the species of wild game for which the permit is requested. The annual permit fee for an Alaska resident to collect wild fur animals for fur farming purposes is the same as the fee for resident trappers.

(c) The commissioner of revenue may issue a duplicate license or a duplicate tag as a replacement for a license or tag issued under (a) of this section. A fee of \$2 shall be charged for each duplicate license or tag and the duplicate shall not be issued unless the commissioner of revenue or a delegate is satisfied that the original has been lost or destroyed. This subsection does not apply to a 25-cent license issued under (a)(6) of this section.

(d) Members of the military service on active duty who are permanently stationed in the state, and their dependents, who do not qualify as residents under AS 16.05.940(20), may obtain special nonresident military small game and sport fishing licenses at the rates for resident hunting and sport fishing licenses, but may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a regular nonresident hunting license and a numbered, nontransferable appropriate tag, issued at one-half of the nonresident rate, under (a)(15) of this section.

(e) Each master guide licensed under AS 08.54.100 and each registered guide licensed under AS 08.54.110 shall pay a fee in the following amount for each caribou, sheep, moose, brown or grizzly bear and polar bear taken on a hunt guided by or under the active supervision of the guide:

(1) polar, brown or grizzly bear:

(A) for each polar, brown or grizzly bear taken over a total of 5 polar, brown or grizzly bear per season and up to a total of 10 polar, brown or grizzly bear — \$20;

(B) for each polar, brown or grizzly bear taken over a total of 10 polar, brown or grizzly bear per season and up to a total of 25 polar, brown or grizzly bear — \$100;

(C) for each polar, brown or grizzly bear taken over a total of 25 polar, brown or grizzly bear per season — \$500;

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The North End of the Alaska Highway

RESOLUTION 84-23

WHEREAS, the Delta Bison herd has always been an important feature in the Delta Junction community, and;

WHEREAS, agriculture is rapidly increasing in importance to the Delta Junction community and the state, and;

WHEREAS, the Delta Bison herd each year without fail causes serious crop depredations and resulting financial losses for farmers, and;

WHEREAS, this continued conflict degrades the long term outlook for both the bison herd and agriculture, and;

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 337 and 338 and House Bills 551 and 552 would solve this problem by developing fall and winter range for bison on the Delta Junction Bison Range, and a drift barrier to keep bison out of the farming area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the City of Delta Junction requests that the Alaska Legislature and the Governor of Alaska pass into state law the provisions of the aforementioned legislation so that this problem may finally be resolved.

THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN PROPERLY ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 1984, by the authorized membership of the City Council of Delta Junction, in Delta Junction, Alaska.

FRANK W. GEIGER, MAYOR

LOUIS E. HEINBOCKEL, MAYOR PRO TEM

LEONARD LEMON, COUNCILMEMBER

MARY LEITH DOWLING, COUNCILMEMBER

MARVIN HINSLEY, COUNCILMEMBER

GLEN WRIGHT, COUNCILMEMBER

FREDERIC READY, COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST

Laura L. Woolford
City Clerk/Treasurer

Offered: 2/21/84
Referred: Finance

Original sponsor: Shultz

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 551 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Delta Junction bison range;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 16.05.346 is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 Sec. 16.05.346. PERMIT APPLICATIONS. (a) If the Board of Game
11 establishes an open season for musk oxen and has not reduced or elimi-
12 nated the \$500 resident tag fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16), the depart-
13 ment shall conduct a drawing for permits to take the musk oxen. If
14 the Board of Game establishes an open season for musk oxen for which
15 the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the resident tag fee, the
16 department shall issue permits to take the musk oxen in the order in
17 which applications are received by the department. A person is not
18 eligible for more than one musk oxen permit a year. The department
19 may not charge a fee for an application for a musk oxen permit for an
20 open season in which the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the
21 resident tag fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16). In all other cases the
22 application fee for a musk oxen permit is \$10.

23 (b) The application fee for a drawing permit issued by the
24 department for the hunting of bison in the Delta Junction bison range
25 area is \$10.

26 (c) Except as provided in (a) and (b) of this section, the
27 permit application fee for all species for which a limited drawing is
28 conducted is \$5.

29 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.346 is repealed and reenacted to read:

1 Sec. 16.05.346. PERMIT APPLICATIONS. (a) If the Board of Game
2 declares an open season for musk oxen and has not reduced or
3 eliminated the \$500 resident tag fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16), the
4 department shall conduct a drawing for permits to take the musk oxen.
5 If the Board of Game declares an open season for musk oxen for which
6 the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the resident tag fee, the
7 department shall issue permits to take the musk oxen in the order in
8 which applications are received by the department. A person is not
9 eligible for more than one musk oxen permit a year. The department
10 may not charge a fee for an application for a musk oxen permit for an
11 open season in which the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the
12 resident tag fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16). In all other cases the
13 application fee for a musk oxen permit is \$10.

14 (b) Except as provided in (a) of this section, the permit
15 application fee for all species for which a limited drawing is
16 conducted is \$5.

17 * Sec. 3. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 16.20.315. BISON RANGE TIMBER SALES. The Department of
19 Natural Resources, division of forestry, shall provide for the sale of
20 timber in the Delta Junction bison range area in a manner that does
21 not delay implementation of the game management plan required under
22 AS 16.20.310.

23 * Sec. 4. AS 16.20.315 is repealed.

24 * Sec. 5. Sections 1 and 3 of this Act take effect July 1, 1984.

25 * Sec. 6. Sections 2 and 4 of this Act take effect August 1, 1989.

Introduced: 1/30/84
Referred: Resources and
Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY SHULTZ

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HOUSE BILL NO. 551

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Delta Junction bison range;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

10 (1) the Delta Junction bison herd is a highly valued state
11 wildlife resource;

12 (2) drawing permits issued for the hunting of Delta Junction
13 bison constitute a valuable source of state revenue;

14 (3) the Delta Junction bison herd has established the Delta
15 agricultural project as a fall and winter range;

16 (4) the feeding, wallowing, and traveling by the Delta Junction
17 bison herd within the Delta agricultural project has resulted in damage to
18 crops, monetary loss to local farmers, legal conflicts, and physical harm
19 to the herd;

20 (5) the bison range concept is a proven means of keeping bison
21 in an area as long as adequate forage is available on the range;

22 (6) the current state of development of the Delta Junction bison
23 range area is inadequate to sustain bison for more than a few weeks;

24 (7) the expansion of available forage on the Delta Junction
25 bison range area is required to provide a winter range for the Delta Junc-
26 tion bison herd and to effectively keep the herd from grazing within the
27 Delta agricultural project; and

28 (8) a bison drift barrier must be constructed along the southern
29 boundary of the Delta agricultural project to prevent the Delta Junction

1 bison herd from drifting onto the project and causing further harm to
2 crops.

3 * Sec. 2. AS 16.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 Sec. 16.20.311. BISON RANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The
5 governor shall appoint a seven-member Delta Junction Bison Range
6 Advisory Committee. The governor shall appoint members to represent
7 the following interests:

8 (1) two members representing the Delta agricultural proj-
9 ect;

10 (2) two members representing Delta Junction sport hunters
11 and the state fish and game advisory committee;

12 (3) one member representing nonconsumptive wildlife users;

13 (4) one member representing timber, mining and other con-
14 sumptive natural resource industries; and

15 (5) one member representing the tourism industry.

16 (b) The committee shall consult with and offer its advice to the
17 Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Commerce and Economic
18 Development, and the Alaska Agricultural Action Council, on matters
19 relating to the game management plan required under AS 16.20.310 and
20 the construction and maintenance of a bison drift barrier along the
21 southern boundary of the Delta agricultural project.

22 (c) A member of the advisory committee is not entitled to per
23 diem. travel, or other compensation from the state for the performance
24 of acts as a committee member.

25 Sec. 16.20.312. BISON HUNT PERMIT FEE. The application fee for
26 a drawing permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game for the
27 hunting of bison in the Delta Junction bison range area is \$10.

28 Sec. 16.20.313. BISON RANGE TIMBER SALES. The Department of
29 Natural Resources, division of forestry, shall provide for the sale of

1 timber in the Delta Junction bison range area in a manner that does
2 not delay implementation of the game management plan required under
3 AS 16.20.310.

4 * Sec. 3. AS 16.20.300, 16.20.310, 16.20.311, 16.20.312, 16.20.313, and
5 16.20.320 are repealed.

6 * Sec. 4. Section 3, ch. 39, SLA 1979 and sec. 1, ch. 73, SLA 1980 are
7 repealed.

8 * Sec. 5. Sections 1, 2 and 4 of this Act take effect July 1, 1984.

9 * Sec. 6. Section 3 of this Act takes effect August 1, 1995.