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STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

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						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
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600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
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: *William D. Arnold, Deputy* Date: 2/6/84
Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

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12/1/83

Dear Senator and/or Representative:

The Delta bison herd needs a winter home to roam! After years of conflict, a solution to the problems of bison versus agriculture in the Delta Junction area is finally at hand. If all of us who are concerned about bison will take just a few minutes now, we can insure a future for the free-ranging Delta herd and give them a home of their own.

The solution exists in legislation now before the Alaska House and Senate; Senate Bills 337 and 338, and House Bills 551 and 552. These bills would appropriate funds to complete the development of the Delta Junction Bison Range, and erect a bison drift fence to keep the animals out of the Delta Agricultural Project.

Far from being just a place for a band of bison, the Bison Range would add much needed public hunting opportunities for big and small game, as well as new moose habitat, outdoor recreation opportunities, new wood cutting areas, and bison and other wildlife viewing possibilities.

For this proposal to become reality, the support of all Alaskan lawmakers is critical. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

Ron Beck

Delta Area Fish & Game Advisory Committee

P.O. Box 294

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To: Committee members

From: Resource Committee Staff

Date: February 7, 1984

Re: Analysis of HB 551, The Delta Junction Bison Range

I. Legislative History.

The Delta Junction Bison Range Area was created by law, HB 31, during the 1979 legislative session. The purpose of the Range was to perpetuate the free-ranging of bison in the Delta Junction area. Its goal was to allow for adequate winter grazing for the bison on the range. Also, because of the damage caused to the herds by the agriculture projects, the range was to aid in altering the seasonal movements of bison herds.

Originally, the Delta Junction Bison Range area was to only be in existence for three years, starting August 1, 1979, and terminating on August 1, 1982. (see Sec. 3 of Chapter 39, SLA 1979) However, this date was extended to August 1, 1989. (see Sec. 1, Ch. 73, SLA 1980)

II. The Situation Today.

Apparently, there still exists problems with the Delta Bison herd. The agricultural project provides a threat to the bison, due the fact that bison are a grazing animal, and they like barley. Thus, they graze on or near the site of the farms. The problem really exists because the Bison Range has never really been completed. The intent of the 1979 legislation has never been enacted.

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

HB 551 is one product of this Delta area group.

III. Sectional Analysis (what the bill does)

Section 1, lines 9 - 22, is existing language in the statutes, AS 16.05.346.

Section (b), lines 23 - 25, is new language, that establishes the application fee for the hunting of bison in the Delta Junction bison range area at \$10.00.

Section (c), lines 26 -28, is original language, original section (b) of AS 16.05.346.

Section 2, on line 29, page 1, is a new section. this amends AS 16.20 by creating timber sales on the Delta Junction Bison Range. Requires that DNR, devision of Forestry, provide for the sale of timber on the range.

Section 3 repeals AS 16.20.300, 16.20.310, 16.20.315, and 16.20.320.

16.20.300 is the section that establishes the Delta Junction Bison Range.

16.20.310 establishes the Game management plan for the Bison Range Area.

16.20.315 establishes the Bison Range Timber Sales.

16.20.320 establishes that activities on the range area shall include activities permitted in accordance with the laws and regulations of this state, including hunting, trapping, and recreational activities.

Note that Section 6 of is bill, on line 11, page 2, does not allow for Section 3 to become effective until August 1, 1995. What this says is that the repeal of the Bison Range won't happen until 1995.

Section 4, line 8, pg 2, repeals Section 3, Chapter 39, SLA 1979, and Section 1, Chapter 73, SLA 1980.

Section 3 of Chapter 39, SLA 1979 states that the Delta Junction Bison Range Area terminate three years after the effective date. The effective dave was August 1, 1979.

Section 1 of Chapter 73, SLA 1980, amends the termination date of Chapter 39, SLA 1979 by extending the termination date of the range to 10 years instead of three. So the termination date is August 1, 1989.

Section 5 is self explanatory.

Section 6. By having the repeal of AS 16.20.310-320 happen in 1995, this allows for the continued existence of the range till 1995, instead of 1989, an additional 6 years.

Summary:

Basically there are three major concerns addressed in this bill:

1. Creates a \$10.00 application fee for hunting Bison, instead of the usual \$5.00 fee.
2. Creates timbers sales on the Bison Range, through DNR, the Division of Forestry.
3. Extends the existence of the Bison range six more years, to 1995 instead of 1989.

IV. Comparison between HB 551 and CS HB 551.

The differences between the two bills are:

1. The Resource Committee Substitute deletes all of Section 1 of HB 551. This section was the legislative findings section.
2. The CS HB 551 also deletes all of Section 2 of HB 551. This section was to have created a "Bison Range Advisory Committee".

and steelhead trout sport fishing permit without charge." Further, the amendment, in subsection (d), inserted "one-half of" preceding "the nonresident rate."

The first 1983 amendment deleted ", fur" following "fish" in present paragraph (a)(4) and rewrote subsection (b).

The second 1983 amendment added the language to present (a)(16)(A) regarding the board's power to eliminate the tag and fee for a game management unit.

Editor's notes. — As enacted, § 1, ch. 21, SLA 1982, added a second sentence to present paragraph (a)(5) of this section. This new material, however, was renumbered as AS 16.05.341 by the revisor of statutes pursuant to AS 01.05.031.

Opinions of attorney general. — Construing subsection (d) with federal law

(10 U.S.C. § 2671(a)), a member of the military who does not qualify as a resident under AS 16.05.940(20) is required to obtain an Alaska sport fishing license to engage in sport fishing on military lands. 1977 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 21.

Construing AS 16.05.330 and this section with federal law (10 U.S.C. § 2671(a)), a member of the military who does not qualify as a resident under AS 16.05.940(20) is not required to obtain an Alaska trapping license to trap on military lands. 1977 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 21.

The special small game hunting license for military personnel authorized by subsection (d) may not be used for hunting all game (including big game) once the holder achieves resident status. 1977 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 21.

Sec. 16.05.341. Free license for disabled veterans. A person may receive a resident hunting and sport fishing license (AS 16.05.340(a)(5)) without charge if the person

(1) has been discharged from military service under honorable conditions;

(2) is eligible for a loan under AS 18.56.101; and

(3) is certified by the United States Veterans' Administration as having incurred a 50 percent or greater disability during military service. (§ 1 ch 21 SLA 1982)

Revisor's notes. — Enacted as the second sentence of AS 16.05.340(a)(4). Renumbered in 1982.

Sec. 16.05.345. Musk oxen. [Repealed, § 4 ch 57 SLA 1980. For current law see AS 16.05.346.]

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

(b) Except as provided in (a) of this section, the permit application fee for all species for which a limited drawing is conducted is \$5. (§ 3 ch 57 SLA 1980)

(b) the board shall require the person or governmental agency to obtain the written approval of the commissioner as to the sufficiency of the plans or specifications before construction is commenced. (§ 2 ch 140 1972; am § 28 ch 206 SLA 1975)

Sec. 16.20.270. Additional critical habitat areas. The commissioner shall submit a list of additional critical habitat areas to the legislature annually. (§ 2 ch 140 SLA 1972)

Article 6. State Range Areas.

Section

300. Delta Junction Bison Range Area

310. Game management plan

320. Activities on range area

Cross reference. — For legislative purpose, see sec. 1, ch. 39, SLA 1979 in the Temporary and Special Acts. Editor's notes. — Section 3, ch. 39, SLA 1979, as amended by sec. 1, ch. 73, SLA 1980, provides that the provisions of AS 16.20.300 — 16.20.320 "terminate" on August 1, 1989.

Sec. 16.20.300. Delta Junction Bison Range Area. The following described areas, excluding valid existing rights, are established as the Delta Junction Bison Range Area:

(1) Township 11 South, Range 12 East, Fairbanks Meridian

Section 28: S 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 and that portion of the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 east of the west bank of Granite Creek excluding A.S.L.S. 78-93, Tract A, Unit 1

Sections 29, 32: those lands east of the west bank of Granite Creek

Section 33: all, excluding A.S.L.S. 78-93, Tract A, Unit 1

Section 34: S 1/2 NW 1/4, excluding A.S.L.S. 78-93, Tract A, Unit 1, S 1/2

Section 35: S 1/2, S 1/2 NW 1/4, that portion of the NE 1/4 lying south of the Alaska Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the highway

Section 36: that portion lying south of the Alaska Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the highway

(2) Township 12 South, Range 11 East, Fairbanks Meridian

Sections 13, 24-26, 35, 36: all

Sections 1, 11, 12, 14, 22, 23, 27, 34: those lands east of the west bank of Granite Creek

(3) Township 12 South, Range 12 East, Fairbanks Meridian

Sections 1-4, 7-25, 30, 36: all

Sections 5, 6: those lands east of the west bank of Granite Creek

- (4) Township 12 South, Range 13 East, Fairbanks Meridian
Sections 5, 6, 9: that portion lying south of the Alaska Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the highway
Section 7: all
Section 8: all, excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the Alaska Highway
Section 10: that portion of the SW 1/4 lying south of the Alaska Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the highway
Section 14: S 1/2 S 1/2 SW 1/4
Section 15: S 1/2, NW 1/4, excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the Alaska Highway
Sections 16-22: all
Section 23: S 1/2, NW 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4, S 1/2 N 1/2 NE 1/4
Section 24: SW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the Alaska Highway, S 1/2 S 1/2 SE 1/4
Sections 25-36: all
(5) Township 12 South, Range 14 East, Fairbanks Meridian
Sections 19, 28-30, 33-35: that portion lying south of the Alaska Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the highway
Sections 31, 32: all
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Sections 1-5, 9-15, 23-25, 36: all
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Section 1: that portion lying south of the Alaska Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the highway
Sections 2-36: all
(8) Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Fairbanks Meridian
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Sections 7, 16-20, 30: all
Sections 21, 22, 28, 29, 31, 32: that portion lying west of the east bank of the Little Gerstle River
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Chapter 25. Stocking of Public Lands.

Section

10. Program adopted

Sec. 16.25.010. Program adopted. There is adopted a program of stocking land in the state with valuable game and fur-bearing animals which do not at present occur on the land. The department is responsible for establishing priorities on the species of animals to be stocked and the area of the stocking. Priorities shall be based on the habitat requirements of the species, the population of native game animals present, and other factors that will effect the successful establishment of the species. (§ 39-7-1 ACLA 1949; am § 1 ch 97 SLA 1970)

Secs. 16.25.020 — 16.25.060. Projects enumerated; duties of department; stock and offspring property of state; unlawful taking; penalty. [Repealed, § 2 ch 97 SLA 1970.]

Chapter 30. Destruction of Big Game Animals and Wild Fowl.

Section

- 10. Wanton waste of big game animals and wild fowl
- 12. Possession of horns or antlers

Section

- 15. Surrender of salvaged portions, license forfeiture
- 17. Defenses

AN ACT

Creating the Delta Junction Bison Range Area.

Section 1. It is the purpose of this Act to perpetuate free-ranging bison on the land described in this Act by management of the habitat to provide an adequate winter range for the bison. It is also the purpose of this Act to alter seasonal movements of bison herds on the land in order to diminish the damage caused by the herds to agriculturally developed land.

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

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25 of-way.

26 * Sec. 3. The provisions of secs. 1 and 2 of this Act terminate three
27 years after the effective date of this Act unless the legislature provides
28 otherwise by law.

Chapter 73

AN ACT

Relating to the Delta Junction Bison Range area.

• Section 1. Section 3, ch. 39, SLA 1979 is amended to read:

* Sec. 3. The provisions of secs. 1 and 2 of this Act terminate 10
[THREE] years after the effective date of this Act unless the legis-
lature provides otherwise by law.

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TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: ROBERT MACHADO

MILE 1414 ALASKA HWY,

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PHONE: 895-4750

RE: BISON

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FROM: KEITH HOGARTH

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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

PHONE: 479-9942

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I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE BISON PROJECT FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS, AND I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THE BISON BILLS. THIS REPRESENTS A COMMUNITY COMPROMISE FOR THE FARMERS, THE BISON AND THE COMMUNITY.

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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	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0

(Fish and Game Fund)

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

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Agency: Fish and Game

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Fiscal Note Analysis

HB 551

Sec. 16.20.312 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 would increase by approximately \$50,000 annually.

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Dear Senator and/or Representative:

The Delta bison herd needs a winter home to roam! After years of conflict, a solution to the problems of bison versus agriculture in the Delta Junction area is finally at hand. If all of us who are concerned about bison will take just a few minutes now, we can insure a future for the free-ranging Delta herd and give them a home of their own.

The solution exists in legislation now before the Alaska House and Senate: Senate Bills 337 and 338, and House Bills 551 and 552. These bills would appropriate funds to complete the development of the Delta Junction Bison Range, and erect a bison drift fence to keep the animals out of the Delta Agricultural Project.

Far from being just a place for a herd of bison, the Bison Range would add much needed public hunting opportunities for big and small game, as well as new moose habitat, outdoor recreation opportunities, new wood cutting areas, and bison and other wildlife viewing possibilities.

For this proposal to become reality, the support of all Alaskan lawmakers is critical. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

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