

**SB**

**267**

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

TO: CSSB 267(FIN)

- 1 Page 1, line 6, following "population":
- 2 Insert "by establishing a ~~wolf~~ control program"

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## Sponsor Statement

Revised March 24, 2000

### CS for Senate Bill 267 (FIN)

#### **“An Act relating to management of game.”**

CS for Senate Bill 267 (FIN) amends AS 16.05.255 by adding a new subsection which provides for the taking of wolves on the same day airborne. Further, a hunting or trapping license is a permit to take a wolf. The board or department may require no additional permit. The prohibition of same-day airborne hunting (AS 16.05.783) would not apply when the Board of Game has adopted regulations to provide for intensive management of an identified big game prey population.

This bill also authorizes an agent of the Department of Fish and Game, as part of a game management program, to shoot or assist in shooting predators on the same day airborne.

FINDING OF EMERGENCY

The Alaska Board of Game finds that an emergency exists and the attached regulations are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. The facts constituting the emergency include the following:

Consistent with the petition submitted to the board by the McGrath Native Village Council on December 23, 1999, the Alaska Board of Game finds that an emergency exists in Game Management Unit 19(D) east. The current biological parameters, including low and declining densities of moose in this portion of the upper Kuskokwim drainage constitute a hardship to residents who depend on this resource for food.

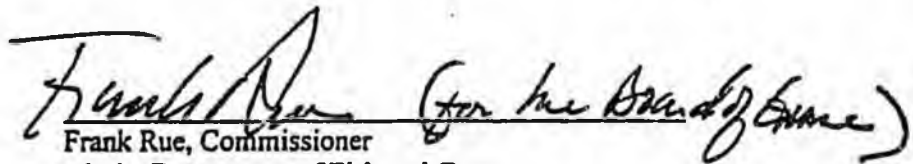
The board was informed on January 19, 2000 that the resident segment of the moose population has declined by 60-64% (from 2000-2500 to 1200-1600) since 1995 when the board adopted the implementation plan. The precipitous nature of this decline was not anticipated. Harvest of moose by local residents has become more difficult and reported harvest during the past two seasons is significantly lower than in the early 1990s. For a variety of reasons the wolf predation control implementation plan adopted in 1995 to reverse the long-term moose decline has never been carried out. If wolf control had been implemented, the situation in the upper Kuskokwim valley might now be improved if not rectified. Instead, moose numbers have declined further, and it is likely that moose and wolves will reach a dynamic equilibrium at very low densities for the foreseeable future. The board believes that a biologically allowable harvest of moose by residents dependent upon this resource is being precluded by delay in regulatory action and that further delays are burdensome to the petitioners. Under these circumstances, the board finds it necessary to update and reauthorize the wolf predation control plan for Game Management Unit 19(D) east.

ADOPTION ORDER

Under the authority of AS 16.05.255, AS 16.05.258, and under a delegation of authority from the Board of Game under AS 16.05.270, the attached regulations are therefore adopted as emergency regulations to take effect immediately as provided in AS 44.62.180 (3).

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 2.17.00  
Juneau, Alaska

  
Frank Rue, Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Fran Ulmer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, 2000 at \_\_\_\_\_ .m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fran Ulmer  
Lieutenant Governor

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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA  
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. CSSB 267 (RES)**

Revision Date (Note if correction) 03/09/00 Dept. Affected: Fish and Game  
 Title Management of Game BRU Wildlife Conservation  
 Component Wildlife Conservation  
 Sponsor Senator P. Kelly  
 Requester Senate Resources Component Serial No. 473

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other -- F&G Fund (1024)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY00) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Division Wildlife Conservation Date 3/9/00  
 Approved by Frank Rue, Commissioner *Frank Rue* Date 3/10/00  
 Agency Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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