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SB

166

Mary Jackson

From: Sen. Tom Wagoner
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 11:46 AM
To: Mary Jackson
Subject: FW: New Pom:SB 166 Wildlife Conservation Tag

-----Original Message-----

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Support this bill! It is time the nonconsumptive users of wildlife contribute to their management. These noncontributors have been making demands on wildlife management for years! Thank you!

SENATE RESOURCES PACKET

JAN. 30, 2006

SB 166 Packet –Sponsor Materials

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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Revision Date/Time: _____ Note if correction: _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title: Wildlife conservation tag RDU: Administration and Support
 Component: Commissioner's office
 Sponsor: Senator Con Bunde
 Requester: Senate Resources Committee Component No.: 2175

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Travel						
Contractual	273.0	1,007.0	1,007.0	1,007.0	1,007.0	1,007.0
Supplies	25.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	323.0	1,047.0	1,047.0	1,047.0	1,047.0	1,047.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

CHANGE IN REVENUES (F&G Fund)	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
	4,600.0	4,830.0	5,071.5	5,325.1	5,591.3	5,870.9

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1024 Fish and Game fund	323.0	1,047.0	1,047.0	1,047.0	1,047.0	1,047.0
TOTAL	323.0	1,047.0	1,047.0	1,047.0	1,047.0	1,047.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 00

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2007 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time	1	1	1	1	1	1
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Annual revenue estimates are based on the following assumptions:

- 1) New Wildlife Conservation tag becomes effective January 1, 2007 and not January 1, 2006 as referenced in the legislation.
- 2) About 1.45 million non-residents will travel to Alaska as tourists in FY06. Of these about 347,000 will purchase a hunting, fishing or trapping license and therefore would not be required to purchase an annual Wildlife Conservation tag. Of the remaining 1.1 million nonresident (some of whom are under the age of 16), we project that approximately 921,000 would purchase the tag, generating about \$4.6 million in revenue.

Prepared by: Tom Lawson, Director Phone 465-5999
 Division: Administrative Services Date/Time 1/30/05 11:00 a.m.
 Approved by: Commissioner McKie Campbell Date 1/30/2005
 Agency: Department of Fish and Game

SB 166 Packet –Supplemental Materials

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

3) We project the number of pass purchasers will increase by an estimated 5% annually based on the current tourism trends.

4) We do not include any projections of Wildlife Conservation tag revenue related to Alaska residents as we assume residents that would participate in wildlife viewing would either possess a hunting, fishing or trapping license or be exempt from the tag (section 11 lists several exemptions such as under 16 years old or age 60 or older)

The operating costs shown are those for the entire department and it is not fully known at this time how the costs would be distributed between divisions. We do know that the number of vendors will increase since many of the tour guide operators and cruise ship companies do not currently sell license stock. The Division of Administrative Services accounts for all licenses and tags and will need an additional part-time employee to deal with the increase in mailings of stock to vendors, processing of revenue, and reconciliation of vendor accounts.

Contractual costs included postage, printing of Wildlife Conservation Tag, printing of vendor collection reports, additional vendor compensation and outreach. AS16.05.390 entitles vendors to retain 5% of the fee that is charged. Retained vendor fees are not shown in the fiscal note as they are calculated at the end of the year and is a net zero transaction (revenue equals expenditures).

The largest contractual cost is additional vendor compensation authorized by AS 16.05.390 which entitles vendors to receive \$1.00 for each Wildlife Tag sold. Additional compensation in the first year would be \$922,000. Assuming the Tag becomes effective January 1, 2007 will reduce the additional vendor compensation in FY2007. Approximately 15% of license sales occur between January and July and we adjusted the FY2007 additional vendor compensation amount to reflect this assumption (\$138,000)

The divisions of Wildlife Conservation and Sport Fish will be responsible for outreach (contractual and supplies) of the wildlife conservation pass estimated to be appx. \$100,000 in year 1 and \$40,000 in subsequent years. The outreach will be to 1) prospective purchasers of the pass to inform them of these new requirements and 2) those who will be selling the passes (e.g. cruise ship companies, tour operators, etc.). We expect to produce newspaper articles and radio and television public service announcements, develop fliers for vendors to post explaining the new program, a brochure describing how the funds will be used and other materials to explain the program to vendors and participants. During the first year of implementation, costs will be significantly higher than in following years when materials have been produced and the program is in place. However, some outreach will continue to be necessary.

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MEMORANDUM

February 1, 2006

SUBJECT: Wildlife Conservation Tags (SB 166)

TO: Senator Tom Wagoner
Chair of Senate Resources Committee
Attn: Mary Jackson

FROM: Brian J. Kane *BK*
Legislative Counsel

You have posed several questions for me to research regarding SB 166 on Wildlife Conservation Tags. I will address each question separately.

(1) What is the exposure of liability to the transporter if they accommodate someone who does not have the tag?

It appears that this situation is covered in AS 16.05.430(a). This subsection states:

(a) Except as provided in AS 16.05.407(b) and (d), 16.05.408(b), and 16.05.420(b), a person who violates AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.420 or a regulation adopted under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.420 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both.

From my reading, the transporter -- the bill uses the term "person...employed in the transportation industry" -- is discussed in AS 16.05.417, which falls within the range of statutes for the above penalty. If the transporter does not follow the rules for the tags, then he is in violation and subject to the penalty described in AS 16.05.430(a).

(2) Would the Juneau Tram or the Alyeska chair lift be considered transporters?

From my reading, it appears that each of these falls under the definitions listed in AS 16.05.417(a)(1) and (2). Therefore, they are both transporters.

(3) Juneau has been advised by cruise ship personnel that they cannot assess city sales tax on flight-seeing tours that take off and return to the same location because it is federal and not local jurisdiction. Would the same apply for these tags?

This question is difficult to answer without knowing more information about the federal or local jurisdiction part of the question. It would seem that a state statute regarding these tags would not involve a local or federal jurisdiction issue. However, without knowing more on the specifics here, I cannot offer a definitive answer.

Senator Tom Wagoner

February 1, 2006

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(4) How are campgrounds along a river, where there are ducks and other waterfowl, affected by this bill? What about a hotel on an ocean bluff that has an eagle-viewing opportunity from its windows or decks?

While both of these sites would offer "incidental" viewing opportunities as mentioned in AS 16.05.417(e), it appears that AS 16.05.417(e)(3), the definition of the word "field" which appears in the phrase "facilities in the field" does not include these sites as part of the definition. Permanent hotels and roadhouses are excluded from the tag requirement. Unless a campground is found in some remote location, the tag requirement will not be needed for the campground.

BJK:lmb

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FROM ADFEG

[Signature]
2-2-06

Suggested Amendments to SB 166

Section 5, line 12-13: Delete "for the Alaska marine highway system and the Alaska Railroad Corporation or for".

Section 6: Delete proposed amendments to 16.05.390(a) and instead insert a new subsection that reads: "Except as provided in (e) of this section, an agent appointed by the commissioner under AS 16.05.380 to sell the wildlife conservation tag is entitled to compensation of \$1 for each wildlife conservation tag sold."

Section 11(b), line 27: Add "annual" after "a" and before "wildlife conservation tag."

Section 11(c)(1): Replace "~~person~~" with "~~resident~~."

Section 11(c)(4): Add "Alaska" after "valid, current year" and before "commercial fishing license" and add "issued by the department" after "interim-use permit."

Section 11(c)(6): Replace this subsection with language that exempts employees of commercial providers while they are on duty at work.

Section 11(c)(8), line 13: Delete "by railroad or by the Alaska marine highway system" and replace with "for purposes other than an opportunity to view public wildlife."

Section 11(d), line 14: Add "knowingly" after "may not" and before "provide service." In addition, add language that says "A commercial provider for an opportunity to view public wildlife must A) adequately inform customers that a wildlife viewing tag is required, B) ask each customer whether he or she has a wildlife conservation tag, and C) notify prospective customers in marketing and promotional materials that a wildlife conservation tag is required."

Section 11(e)(1): Replace "engaged in the commercial provider industry or transportation industry" with "business" in line 21. In line 23-24, delete "equipment, or facilities in the field primarily or incidentally". In line 24, replace "fish or" with "public" and delete "or transportation to or in the field". Replace lines 26-29 with the following: "A) provides a significant opportunity to view

public wildlife; or B) advertises the opportunity to view public wildlife in marketing and promotional materials.”

Add language that clarifies that the Alaska Railroad, Alaska Marine Highway, rented RVs and passenger vehicles, and nonstop flights between airports listed in the Alaska supplement to the Airmen’s Guide published by the FAA are not considered “commercial providers for an opportunity to view wildlife.

Retain the language in Section 11(e)(5)(B) that says “carriage of persons by a method of transportation determined by the commissioner by regulation not to have a significant opportunity for viewing of public wildlife.”

Section 11(e)(2) and (3): Delete entirely.

Section 11(e)(4): Add “not in captivity” after “fish and game.”

Section 11(e)(5): Delete entirely.

Section 12: Should this section or another section contain a penalty for operators that violate section 11(d)?

Section 13: Change the effective date to January 1, 2007.

ADD:

Page 5, Line 18: delete “in actual possession”

New Section regarding the authority of the Commissioner of Fish and Game to promulgate regulations pursuant to this new statute.

Mary Jackson

From: John Pearson [jpearson@ptialaska.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2006 2:04 AM
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Cc: Mayor Angela Brand-Danuser; GARY BENEDICT- HYDER BOARD OF TRADE
Subject: STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO SB 166 : REF: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TAG

SB 166: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TAG (STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION)

The following position is presented to represent the interest of the following organizations:

- Hyder Board of Trade Inc. (Chamber of Commerce), Hyder Alaska
- Stewart-Hyder International Chamber of Commerce, Stewart BC
- Portland Canal Development Council - Hyder & Stewart
- Fish Creek Tours Company, Hyder, AK

Contact: John Pearson, (907) 789-1402

The above organizations are united in their opposition to the proposed Bill: SB166 for the following reasons:

1. The proposed legislation will have a major and devastating negative impact on the local economy of Hyder Alaska and Stewart, British Columbia, two communities sharing the US/Canada International Border and local resources.
2. Unlike other communities in Alaska, all visitors arrive and depart the community of Hyder via one of the two US/Canada International border crossings into Hyder. Many of the organized tours are obliged to cross into Hyder Alaska and travel 12.5 miles on a state DOT substandard road in order to reach the second US/Canada border crossing in order to reach the Granduc Road. These tours take place as: (a.) Low budget local school bus tours traveling from Stewart BC to the Granduc Road (BC) in route to a viewing site for the Salmon Glacier within BC. (b.) Low budget local school bus transferring of visitors from central Hyder business area to the local USFS bear viewing site located approximately four miles from the community on the state DOT road between mid- July and the first of September when bears may be available for viewing.
3. In a cooperative effort the two border communities of Hyder AK and Stewart BC have spent very scarce and valuable resources to development of the BC Salmon Glacier experience and Alaska Fish Creek bear experience with the hope of attracting visitors. The proposed legislation if put in place will immediately result in long distance (programs of 100 miles or more) tour operators to seek other available options in Canada. No Canadian operator will ever pay \$ 235. (US) for a 47 passenger bus, to drive 12.5 miles on a State of Alaska road in order to reach and view a Canadian glacier.
4. In the case of the local Hyder tour operations, the proposed legislation will raise the current \$5.00 transfer and bear viewing experience fee from \$ 5.00 to \$ 10.00 per head. One must keep in mind that many users of the school bus transfer service will be first time visitors to Alaska, not planning to visit any other part of Alaska, and will react to the \$ 10.00 fee by rejection of the local transfer service and make the decision to drive their vehicles to the site, and save money, while at the same time seriously impacting the local bear population the community values as an attraction and meaningful visitor experience.
5. We believe the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, in the case of Hyder, has failed to understand the value of encouraging group unit travel to areas of heavy bear concentrations in order to avoid negative environmental impacts on the Fish Creek bear population that is brought about by the smell of gas, diesel oil, noise, food, dust and other un-needed disturbances to the wildlife.
6. The concept the Hyder Board of Trade supports is to maximize the opportunity for visitors to STOP, STAY and SPEND in Hyder and Stewart. To do this we encourage visitors to park downtown and within our

business areas, and take a low budget transfer to the bear viewing site in a manner of least impact on the local bear population. The proposal of the Alaska Legislature destroys a concept fostered by Hyder and Stewart while driving the long distance motorcoach operators to seek other options for bears and glaciers, rather than enjoy a short visit in Hyder Alaska and Stewart BC where visitor injections into the local economy are important and welcomed. .

In summary, our position and request ::

- The proposed legislation is poorly thought out in considering the impacts on small developing (distressed) communities such as Hyder, Hydaberg and Angoon.
- The legislative process should; call for an environment impact statement on the economic impact of SB166 on the community of Hyder and other developing communities with similar concerns.
- In view of the unique geographical features, road access issues and effect of SB166 on the international features related to Alaska and British Columbia in the Hyder-Stewart area, the Hyder Board of Trade Inc. is requesting a total exemption from the proposed legislation, in the order of a twenty miles distance from the International Boundary Marker Number 1, at Eagle Point, USA, and extending to any point further within the USA, including the Tongass National Forest from the Boundary Marker Number 1.

John Pearson, Economic Development Planner for Hyder is available in Juneau to address any specific aspects of the issue. Contact: (907) 789- 1402.



Alaska State Legislature

Senator Con Bunde
Senate District P

Vice Chair: Senate Finance Committee
Chair: Senate Labor & Commerce Committee

Sponsor Statement for SB 166

"An Act relating to an annual wildlife conservation tag; relating to bond requirements for vendors of fish and game licenses, permits, and tags; and providing for an effective date."

Senate Bill 166 will create a system to enable those who view Alaska's wildlife to contribute to fish and wildlife management and eco-tourism programs. SB 166 will require those who take a wildlife viewing tour of any kind (by boat, bus, train, etc.) to purchase a \$5 annual wildlife conservation tag. This modest tag fee will raise about \$2 million per year. Those who are under 16 or over 60 years of age, purchase hunting, fishing or trapping licenses, are disabled vets or blind are not required to purchase the tag.

Some of the revenue received from the sale of wildlife conservation tags will go into a special account in the Fish and Game Fund for "fish and wildlife management programs that directly benefit tag purchasers", alleviating pressure on the Department of Fish and Game to use hunter and angler dollars for "nonconsumptive" programs.

This revenue will be used to support on-the-ground fish and wildlife management programs as well as construct wildlife viewing infrastructure (e.g., boardwalks) in communities around the state; improve access; develop roadside interpretive signs and other educational programs; and foster viewing-related economic development. These projects enhance the safety and efficiency of interstate and foreign tourism and commerce in Alaska.

About 1.45 million visitors travel to Alaska each year, contributing more than \$1.8 billion to Alaska's economy. Most cite the opportunity to view wildlife as one of the primary reasons for their trip. Their satisfaction is tied to the opportunity to see wildlife in a natural setting. It's reasonable and fair that these visitors and the industry that most directly benefits from them help to sustain our fish and wildlife resources.

In response to the national "Teaming With Wildlife" campaign (which over 400 Alaska businesses and organizations endorsed), about \$3 million in new federal dollars are coming to Alaska for "non-traditional" wildlife programs, including conservation of non-hunted species, wildlife viewing, and wildlife-related education. These new federal dollars must be matched with state dollars. SB 166 will provide a way for those who use and enjoy Alaska's wildlife to help match these federal dollars and ensure that Alaska maintains healthy and productive wildlife populations.



Alaska State Legislature

Senate Majority Web: www.akrepublicans.org

Sponsor: Senator Con Bunde
Current Version: SB 166
Contact: Lauren Rice, 465-4843

Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 166

Short Title: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TAG

Summary:

- Requires people who use the services of a touring or recreational service that provides an opportunity to view public wildlife in Alaska to purchase a \$5 wildlife conservation tag.
- Makes certain exemptions, including people under the age of 16; residents 60 years of age or older; holders of fishing, hunting or trapping licenses; employees of commercial tourism providers or transportation industry; residents traveling to or from their residences on the Alaska railroad or marine highway system; the legally blind and disabled veterans.
- Establishes a wildlife conservation account in the fish and game fund into which proceeds from the tag shall be deposited and may be appropriated for fish and wildlife management programs that benefit purchasers of the wildlife conservation tag.
- States the intent of the legislature to use proceeds to pay part of the costs for providing services to travelers and tourists to enhance the opportunity to view wildlife, and to enhance the safety and efficiency of interstate and foreign commerce in the state.
- Establishes compensation for vendors who participate in collecting the fee and distributing the tag.

Benefits:

- Provides new revenue that may be used to support fish and wildlife management in Alaska.
- Shares the burden of supporting wildlife management with non-consumptive users.

Background:

- The State of Alaska spends significant resources to manage fish and wildlife. Existing law requires hunters, fishermen and other consumptive users of fish and wildlife to buy licenses, but does not assess a fee for non-consumptive uses of fish and wildlife such as wildlife viewing. This bill provides a mechanism to spread the cost of paying for wildlife management among people who pay for the opportunity to view fish and wildlife but do not possess a hunting or fishing license.

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 166()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR BUNDE

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to an annual wildlife conservation pin."**

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

3 *** Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 **FINDINGS AND INTENT.** (a) The legislature finds that

6 (1) the State of Alaska expends significant financial resources each year for
7 the purpose of fish and wildlife management;

8 (2) existing law requires hunters, fishermen, and other consumptive users of
9 fish and wildlife to obtain the appropriate licenses and to pay the associated fees;

10 (3) existing law does not provide a source of revenue from nonconsumptive
11 uses of fish and wildlife, such as fish or wildlife viewing;

12 (4) the opportunity to view fish and wildlife is a significant component of the
13 experience enjoyed by many Alaskans and visitors through the use of commercial guides,
14 outfitters, tour operators, and providers of transportation in settings where fish and wildlife
15 are present;

1 (5) sale of a wildlife conservation pin will provide new revenue that may be
2 used to support fish and wildlife management programs.

3 (b) It is the intent of the Alaska State Legislature that the revenue generated by the
4 wildlife conservation pin be used to pay part of the costs of the state in providing services to
5 resident and nonresident travelers and tourists to enhance the opportunity to view and
6 experience the abundance of fish and wildlife in the state and to pay the costs of enhancing
7 the safety and efficiency of interstate and foreign commerce in the state.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (c) There is established in the fish and game fund the wildlife conservation
10 account. The proceeds from the sale of the wildlife conservation pin shall be deposited
11 into the account. The money deposited into the account may be appropriated for the
12 purpose of fish and wildlife management programs that benefit purchasers of the
13 wildlife conservation pin.

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.380 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

15 (b) At the discretion of the agent, an agent who is not a state employee
16 appointed by the commissioner under (a) of this section may also sell wildlife
17 conservation pins under AS 16.05.417.

18 (c) A state employee appointed by the commissioner under (a) of this section
19 shall also sell wildlife conservation pins under AS 16.05.417.

20 * **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 **Sec. 16.05.417. Wildlife conservation pin.** (a) The department shall annually
22 design, produce, and make available for sale to the public a wildlife conservation pin
23 that may be purchased to show support for the conservation of wildlife in the state.

24 (b) The fee for a wildlife conservation pin is \$5.

25 (c) Except when an agent decides under AS 16.05.380(b) not to sell wildlife
26 conservation pins at the agent's premises, the department shall make wildlife
27 conservation pins available at participating locations where hunting licenses or fishing
28 licenses can be purchased under AS 16.05.380.

29 (d) An agent selling wildlife conservation pins shall follow the same fee and
30 compensation guidelines as an appointed agent in AS 16.05.390.

Constance Hartle

From: Rydell, Rick [Rick@650keni.com]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 2:58 PM
To: Jim r; Sen. Con Bunde
Cc: Rep. Mike Hawker
Subject: RE: Animal Viewing Tax?

Jim,

On Cons behalf, let me illustrate that "wildlife viewers" DO consume.

Fish and Game takes much of its revenue from licenses. It actually fully funds some programs in F&G. Wildlife viewing is a service F&G also has to expend resources to manage the practice to protect the resource.(ie too many people wandering around popular viewing areas destroys the very habitat the resource is coming to the area for)

Therefore "viewers" ARE consumers as their behavior is consuming the revenues of other users and they are not contributing. They literally ARE creating and expense without contributing to the agency tasked with the ramifications of their actions.

We had to deal with this issue often while I sat on the Fish and Game advisory committee and it is a little more detailed than it looks at first blush. Knowing that they create a drain on the budget which takes money from my fishing license and hunting licenses, I am ALL for them funding the spending they create.

Hope that helps,

Rick Rydell

From: Jim r [mailto:papa42dudes@yahoo.com]
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Cc: Rydell, Rick; representative.mike.hawker@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: RE: Animal Viewing Tax?

Sorry Con, I still disagree with you. Fee or Tax, - it has the same result, it is only a matter of semantics because it still takes more out of the citizen's wallet. I figure I pay a license fee for hunting/fishing because I'm taking/consuming some of resources that belong to all Alaskans. The "viewers" are taking/consuming nothing. To think that "viewing" is equivalent to taking/consuming is really falling into the liberal sentiment trap concerning "use" of the resource. The 3F resources do belong to all Alaskans do they not? And, surely the 3F Dept is not there to serve just the takers/consumers - I thought they were there to manage resources that belong to all Alaskans. And since those resources belong to all Alaskans, the financial resources of the State should fund the 3F Dept. To rely only on "viewers", hunters, and fishermen to fund the 3 F Dept is discriminating against those three classes of individuals. I'll gladly pay a fee for a license to take/consume the resources of all Alaskans, and if that helps to fund a portion of the 3F Dept -so be it. But the financial resources of all Alaskans should be paying for the operation of the 3F Dept since that dept is managing a resource that belongs to all Alaskans for the good of all Alaskans. Fund 3F Dept with general funds and hunting/fishing licenses bought by takers/consumers of the resource. Next thing you know I'll have to pay someone \$\$\$\$ because I "viewed" the moose that walked through my yard.....

2/6/2006

I say again, you could better spend your time concerning yourself with long term budget plan and preparing for the gas line contracts that you will be expected to address.

Jim Ricks

"Sen. Con Bunde" <Senator_Con_Bunde@legis.state.ak.us> wrote:

Sorry Jim,

I still disagree with you. The wildlife tag is a user fee - not a tax for tourists - and, much like the hunting and fishing license fees, the wildlife tag fee would go into the Fish and Game fund. By doing this, we don't put the entire funding of the Department of Fish and Game on the backs of the hunters and fishermen.

One day, when the license fees aren't enough to fund our game management, average citizens might have to help pay these costs. Now that would be a tax.

Con

From: Jim r [mailto:papa42dudes@y.jhoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2006 9:36 AM
To: Sen. Con Bunde
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Subject: Animal Viewing Tax?

Con, Reference your proposal for what I'll call the Animal Viewing Tax. I think you've gone over the edge with this one. I realize it is probably aimed at getting tourist dollars for the state Fin, Feathers, and Fur (3F) agency - but you know very well that you can not designate the dollars specifically for 3F and that there is no guarantee that your fellow legislators will year after year designate the added \$\$\$\$ to 3F and that those \$\$\$\$ could end up being spent on something else.

And by the way, here you are another Republican proposing another tax. Real Republicans, theoretically, are supposed to oppose taxes and expanding government. RINO Republicans propose taxes and new government programs.

If I were a blind tourist and I could not "view" the 3F resources, would I still have to pay the tax?

You must have taken the idea for this tax from the Liberals play book. It seems to me that you are falling into the Liberals trap with this proposal. It is the animal rights activist Liberals who are concerned about being able to "view" the 3F in Alaska, and they will do anything to get \$\$\$\$ to support their cause. It seems to me that this proposal acknowledges that this particular Liberal sentiment has actual value and that you are playing on that sentiment to charge people to "view" the 3F.

Con, you can better spend your time working on a long term fiscal policy for the state and preparing to deal with the gasline proposal you will receive from the Governor. Perhaps a 90 day session would give legislators less time to come up with frivolous tax proposals and cause them to concentrate on essential state business.

Jim Ricks, Eagle River

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LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH REPORT

FEBRUARY 6, 2006



REPORT NUMBER 06.132

NONCONSUMPTIVE USER FEES FOR TOURISTS

PREPARED FOR SENATOR CON BUNDE

BY KATHLEEN L. WAKEFIELD, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

You asked if any other states charged tourists for nonconsumptive recreational pursuits such as viewing wildlife. While states charge a variety of user fees, some of which are specifically directed at tourists (such as transient hotel and motel taxes or fees, and rental car surcharges), we were unable to find any state that charges a fee specifically for tourist-related nonconsumptive recreational purposes, except for park and campground fees (which usually apply to both residents and nonresidents).¹

The following examples illustrate the kinds of fees for nonconsumptive purposes that we found, which could include tourists:

- ◆ **Montana** charges nonresidents a state park user fee to use "primitive parks," but does not charge residents for use of the parks.²
- ◆ In **Texas**, local governments may charge a beach user fee, the proceeds of which are to be used for dune protection and beach access, but this fee is charged to residents as well as nonresidents.³
- ◆ **Wyoming** requires persons to pay a snowmobile user fee in addition to the registration fee—the nonresident fee is \$25, and the resident fee is \$20. The funds are used to maintain snowmobile trails.⁴

¹ We performed an Internet search, using both *Google* and *Lexis*. We contacted the Audubon Society, Defenders of Wildlife, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and Watchable Wildlife, Inc., and we searched the NCSL website. We also searched selected state websites such as California, Florida, Hawaii, Montana, and Wyoming.

² MCA 23-1-118.

³ 31 TAC 15.8.

⁴ WS 31-2-409.

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MEMORANDUM

February 6, 2006

SUBJECT: SB 166 Amendments (SB166 (Work Order No. 24-LS0816(Y.6)))

TO: Senator Con Bunde
Attn: Lauren

FROM: Brian J. Kane *BK*
Legislative Counsel

I have attached with this memo the amendment you have requested. However, I want to call one point to your attention for a change I did not make.

You requested for penalty language to be added to this bill. There is already a code section that deals with violators and provides for penalties for violations under the bill. AS 16.05.430(a) reads as follows:

(a) Except as provided in AS 16.05.407(b) and (d), 16.05.408(b), and 16.05.420(b), a person who violates AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.420 or a regulation adopted under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.420 is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both.

The code sections described in this bill fall between AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.420, and are thus covered by this penalty section.

The amendment to AS 16.05.390(a) requested by Lauren Rice eliminates the payments to appointed agents for licenses, permits, and other tags. The modification necessitated a change in the bill title to meet the descriptive title requirement.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

BJK:med
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Enclosure

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR BUNDE

TO: SB 166

1 Page 1, lines 1 - 2:

2 Delete "; relating to bond requirements for vendors of fish and game"

3 Insert "and to compensation for agents selling"

4

5 Page 3, lines 12 - 13:

6 Delete "for the Alaska marine highway system and the Alaska Railroad

7 Corporation or for [OF]"

8 Insert "of"

9

10 Page 3, lines 19 - 26:

11 Delete all material and insert:

12 "** Sec. 6. AS 16.05.390(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) Except as provided in (e) of this section, an agent appointed by the
14 commissioner under AS 16.05.380 to sell the wildlife conservation tag [LICENSES,
15 PERMITS, AND TAGS] is entitled to

16 [(1) RETAIN FIVE PERCENT OF THE FEE THAT IS CHARGED
17 FOR A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR TAG OR 25 CENTS FOR EACH LICENSE,
18 PERMIT, OR TAG SOLD, WHICHEVER IS GREATER; AND

19 (2)] compensation of [\$50 PER YEAR OR] \$1 for each wildlife
20 conservation [LICENSE, PERMIT, OR] tag sold [DURING THE YEAR,
21 WHICHEVER IS GREATER]."

22

23 Page 3, line 31:

1 Delete "(a)(1)"

2 Insert "(a) [(a)(1)]"

3

4 Page 4, line 5:

5 Delete "(a)(2)"

6 Insert "(a) [(a)(2)]"

7

8 Page 4, following line 22:

9 Insert a new bill section to read:

10 "** Sec. 11. AS 16.05.390(g) is amended to read:

11 (g) The commissioner may assess a penalty against an agent who does not
12 transmit proceeds within the time allowed under (f) of this section. The penalty is
13 equal to one and one-half percent of the amount of proceeds due. The penalty may be
14 assessed for each month or portion of a month that the proceeds are delinquent. A
15 penalty under this subsection shall be withheld from the agent's compensation under
16 (a) [(a)(2)] of this section."

17

18 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

19

20 Page 4, line 27:

21 Delete "a"

22 Insert "an annual"

23

24 Page 5, line 4, following "year":

25 Insert "Alaska"

26

27 Page 5, line 5, following the second occurrence of "permit":

28 Insert "issued by the department"

29

30 Page 5, line 9:

31 Delete "in the commercial provider or transportation industry and provides"

1 Insert "as a commercial provider for an opportunity to view public wildlife, while
2 providing"

3

4 Page 5, line 13:

5 Delete "by railroad or by the Alaska marine highway system"

6 Insert "for purposes other than an opportunity to view public wildlife"

7

8 Page 5, following line 13:

9 Insert a new subsection to read:

10 "(d) For the opportunity to view public wildlife, a commercial provider shall

11 (1) adequately inform customers that a wildlife conservation tag is
12 required;

13 (2) ask each customer if that customer has a wildlife conservation tag;

14 and

15 (3) notify prospective customers in marketing and promotional
16 materials that a wildlife conservation tag is required."

17

18 Reletter the following subsection accordingly.

19

20 Page 5, line 14, following "not":

21 Insert "knowingly"

22

23 Page 5, line 15:

24 Delete ", equipment, or facilities"

25

26 Page 5, line 18:

27 Delete "in actual possession"

28

29 Page 5, line 19, through page 6, line 10:

30 Delete all material and insert:

31 "(f) In this section,

1 (1) "commercial provider for an opportunity to view public wildlife"
 2 means a business that provides to an individual, for compensation or with the intent to
 3 receive compensation, touring or recreational service for the purpose of viewing
 4 public wildlife; the phrase "commercial provider for an opportunity to view public
 5 wildlife"

6 (A) includes a person who provides a significant opportunity to
 7 view public wildlife or advertises the opportunity to view public wildlife in
 8 marketing and promotional materials;

9 (B) does not include

10 (i) the Alaska Railroad, Alaska marine highway system,
 11 rented passenger or recreational vehicles, and nonstop flights between
 12 airports listed in the Alaska supplement to the Airmen's Guide
 13 published by the Federal Aviation Administration; or

14 (ii) a business engaged in the carriage of persons by a
 15 method of transportation determined by the commissioner by regulation
 16 not to have a significant opportunity for viewing of public wildlife;"
 17

18 Renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

19
 20 Page 6, line 11, following "game":

21 Insert "not in captivity"

22
 23 Page 6, lines 12 - 23:

24 Delete all material.

25
 26 Page 7, line 14:

27 Delete "2006"

28 Insert "2007"

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

By: Senator Wagoner

TO: SB 166 Work Draft 24-LS0816\I (dated 2/2/06)

1 Page 2, line 24, delete:

2 "\$5"

3 insert:

4 "not to exceed \$20.00"

5

6 Page 2, line 30, insert new subsection (e):

7 "(e) Alaska businesses may purchase the wildlife conservation pins from the department,
8 at a wholesale price of fifty-percent of the sale price established by the department, for
9 resale to the public."



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April 12, 2006

SB 166 – Chair Wagoner Packet

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#2 NOTE: The sponsor does not support this CS.

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Senate Resources

April 12, 2006

SB 170 – Sponsor Packet

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MEMORANDUM

March 9, 2006

SUBJECT: Powers and duties of the Department of Fish and Game
SSSB 170 (Work Order No. 24-LS0494\5)

TO: Senator Ralph Seekins
Attn: Brian Hove

FPOM: Brian J. Kane *BK*
Legislative Counsel

Enclosed is a draft of the bill you requested regarding the Department of Fish and Game. However, there are three points I need to call to your attention.

First, this bill contains potential dedicated funds problems. I direct you to a memo that George Utermohle wrote to you regarding an earlier version of this bill on February 2, 2005. The problem George discussed regarding AS 16.05.130 still lingers, and perhaps, is exacerbated by the language "limited edition prints may only be used for waterfowl management."

Second, one of your instructions was to cut the section of the bill that contained the definition of "wildlife." I have done this as you requested, but I want you to be aware that the term "wildlife" still appears throughout the bill.

Third, I was unable to locate a category of "nonresident trapping licenses" or "nonresident hunting and fishing licenses." Those two categories have not been included in the licensing changes, but they can be added at your request.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

BJK:ljw
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Enclosure

24-LS0494S

Kane

3/9/06

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR SEEKINS

Introduced:

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, and the
2 Board of Game; relating to the taking of big game and to the disposition of a mount,
3 trophy, or part of a fish or game animal; setting fees for certain trapping licenses and
4 certain hunting licenses, permits, and tags; setting fees for the resident combined
5 hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license and the resident combined hunting and
6 sport fishing license; relating to the resident small game hunting license; setting
7 application fees for certain hunting permits and stamps; establishing a surcharge on
8 hunting, trapping, and sport fishing licenses; relating to certain hunting, trapping, and
9 sport fishing licenses, tags, permits, and stamps; relating to fees for trophies and
10 registration permit stamps; relating to the fish and game fund; relating to violations of
11 fish and game laws; relating to state management of wildlife; and providing for an
12 effective date."

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

2 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
3 to read:

4 **LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the Alaska State Legislature that the
5 revenue generated from hunting, fishing, and trapping fees, stamps, permits, prints,
6 applications, and tags, including the additional revenue generated from the hunting and
7 trapping fees, stamps, permits, prints, applications, and tags established or increased by this
8 Act, along with all federal matching funds from Pittman - Robertson, and Dingell -
9 Johnson/Wallop - Breaux programs shall be used for

10 (1) programs that are designed to maximize the abundance, productivity, and
11 harvest of fish and game populations that are important for human consumption, and

12 (2) the operating expenses of the sport fish and game divisions of the
13 Department of Fish and Game.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.020 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 16.05.020. Functions of commissioner.** The commissioner shall

16 (1) supervise and control the department, and may appoint and employ
17 division heads, enforcement agents, and the technical, clerical, and other assistants
18 necessary for the general administration of the department;

19 (2) manage, protect, maintain, improve, and extend the fish, game, and
20 aquatic plant resources of the state to achieve abundance for the use and benefit of
21 the people of the state consistent with the public interest, and to achieve
22 maximum sustained yield [IN THE INTEREST OF THE ECONOMY AND
23 GENERAL WELL-BEING OF THE STATE];

24 (3) manage, protect, and maintain the nongame animals of the
25 state for the benefit of the people of the state;

26 (4) have necessary power to accomplish the foregoing including, but
27 not limited to, the power to delegate authority to subordinate officers and employees
28 of the department.

29 * **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.050(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) The commissioner shall annually, at the first Board of Game meeting
31 each calendar year, submit a written report to the Board of Game and the

1 legislature regarding the department's implementation during the preceding three
2 years of intensive management programs that have been established by the board
3 under AS 16.05.255 for identified big game prey populations and shall concurrently
4 publish the report on the department's Internet website.

5 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.050 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

6 (c) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, a plan, strategy, guideline, or
7 similar document that establishes or affects a policy for the management of fish, game,
8 or aquatic resources that is prepared by the department shall be submitted to the Board
9 of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or both, as appropriate, for the board's approval
10 before the department implements the policy.

11 (d) Notwithstanding AS 37.07.080(e), the commissioner may not transfer
12 more than \$20,000 between projects, objects of expenditures, or allocations without
13 the approval of the office of management and budget and review by the Legislative
14 Budget and Audit Committee under the procedures set out under AS 37.07.080(h)(1) -
15 (3).

16 (e) Notwithstanding (d) of this section, the commissioner may not expend
17 funds appropriated from revenue from the sale of hunting, trapping, and sport fishing
18 licenses, tags, stamps, and permits or from federal funds received under the Pittman -
19 Robertson or Dingell - Johnson/Wallop - Breaux programs for a purpose for which the
20 revenue or funds may not be used under AS 16.05.130.

21 (f) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, before entering into any
22 memorandum of understanding or comanagement agreement with an agency of the
23 federal government, international entity, or any other entity regarding habitat
24 improvement, management, conservation, allocation, protection, use, disposal,
25 propagation, and stocking of fish, game, or aquatic plants, the commissioner shall
26 submit the proposed agreement to the legislature for public hearing and approval
27 before the agreement becomes effective, except when exercising power under (a)(7) of
28 this section.

29 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05.050(a) is amended to read:

30 (a) The commissioner may [, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE
31 GOVERNOR.] establish a departmental division of commercial fisheries, a

1 departmental division of sport fisheries, a departmental division of game, and other
2 departmental administrative and organizational units [DIVISIONS] as are
3 approved by the governor under AS 44.17.020 [NECESSARY].

4 * Sec. 6. AS 16.05.094 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 16.05.094. Duties of section of subsistence hunting and fishing.** The
6 section of subsistence hunting and fishing shall

7 (1) compile existing data and conduct studies to gather information,
8 including data from subsistence users, on the use of fish and game resources by
9 subsistence users and on compliance with state fishing, hunting, and trapping
10 licensing requirements by subsistence users [ALL ASPECTS OF THE ROLE OF
11 SUBSISTENCE HUNTING AND FISHING IN THE LIVES OF THE RESIDENTS
12 OF THE STATE];

13 (2) quantify the amount, nutritional value, and extent of dependence on
14 food acquired through subsistence hunting and fishing;

15 (3) make information gathered available to the public, appropriate
16 agencies and other organized bodies;

17 (4) provide information to [ASSIST] the department, the Board of
18 Fisheries, and the Board of Game regarding [IN DETERMINING] what uses of fish
19 and game, as well as [WHICH USERS AND] what methods and means, are allowed
20 for [, SHOULD BE TERMED] subsistence uses [, USERS, AND METHODS];

21 (5) EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS
22 AND REGULATIONS ON SUBSISTENCE HUNTING AND FISHING AND,
23 WHEN CORRECTIVE ACTION IS INDICATED, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
24 TO THE DEPARTMENT];

25 (5) [(6)] make recommendations to the Board of Game and the Board
26 of Fisheries regarding [ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF
27 REGULATIONS AFFECTING] subsistence hunting and fishing;

28 (6) assist [(7) PARTICIPATE WITH] other divisions in the
29 preparation of statewide and regional management plans [SO THAT THOSE PLANS
30 RECOGNIZE AND INCORPORATE THE NEEDS OF SUBSISTENCE USERS OF
31 FISH AND GAME].

1 * Sec. 7. AS 16.05.110(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) The fish and game fund shall be made up of the following money and other
3 money the legislature appropriates, which shall be deposited and retained in the fund
4 until expended in accordance with appropriations made by the legislature:

5 (1) money received from the sale of state sport fishing, hunting, and
6 trapping licenses, tags, stamps, and special permits, waterfowl conservation tags
7 purchased by hunters, and anadromous salmon tags purchased by fishermen;

8 (2) proceeds received from the sale of furs, skins, and specimens taken
9 by predator hunters and other employees;

10 (3) money received in settlement of a claim or loss caused by damage
11 to the fish and wildlife [GAME] resources of the state;

12 (4) money received from federal, state, or other governmental unit, or
13 from a private donor for fish, [AND] game, or nongame purposes;

14 (5) interest earned upon money in the fund;

15 (6) money from any other source.

16 * Sec. 8. AS 16.05.110(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) Except for money received as fisheries fines or forfeitures in sett. ment of
18 a claim or loss caused by damage to the fish resources of the state that is appropriated
19 to or through the division of commercial fisheries management and development,
20 subject to AS 16.05.130, appropriations of money from the fish and game fund and of
21 money received by the state under the federal aid acts described under AS 16.05.140
22 shall be made to the division of wildlife conservation or the division of sport fish. The
23 division of wildlife conservation or the division of sport fish may use money
24 appropriated under this subsection to acquire administrative and other services from
25 other agencies if the division acquires the services through reimbursable services
26 agreements that are approved by the legislature. The division of wildlife
27 conservation and the division of sport fish shall include as part of their budgets
28 prepared under AS 37.07.050

29 (1) a listing of each [THE] reimbursable services agreement
30 [AGREEMENTS] that is [ARE] to be funded with money appropriated from the fish
31 and game fund or from federal funds received by the state [UNDER THIS

1 SUBSECTION];

2 (2) a description of the services to be provided under those
3 agreements; and

4 (3) a listing of the entities that are parties to those agreements.

5 * Sec. 9. AS 16.05.130(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Except as provided in [(c) OF] this section, money accruing to the state
7 from sport fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, tags, stamps, applications, or
8 permit fees may not be diverted to a purpose other than the protection, propagation,
9 investigation, and restoration of sport fish and game resources and the expenses of
10 administering the sport fish and game divisions of the department.

11 * Sec. 10. AS 16.05.130(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) Money accruing to the state from waterfowl conservation tag fees and
13 limited edition prints may only be used for waterfowl management. The
14 department shall maintain a waterfowl management account within the fish and
15 game fund under AS 16.05.100 for separate accounting of receipt and
16 expenditure of money from the sale of waterfowl conservation tag fees and
17 limited edition prints. The money in the account can only be used for [FROM
18 HUNTERS MAY NOT BE DIVERTED TO A PURPOSE OTHER THAN] (1) the
19 conservation and enhancement of waterfowl; (2) the acquisition, by lease or otherwise,
20 of wetlands that are important for the conservation and enhancement of waterfowl
21 [AND PUBLIC USE OF WATERFOWL] in the state; (3) waterfowl conservation
22 and enhancement related projects approved by the commissioner; (4) the
23 administration of the waterfowl conservation program; and (5) waterfowl
24 conservation emergencies in the state as determined by the Board of Game
25 [GOVERNOR]. The department shall maintain a state waterfowl tag fee account
26 within the fish and game fund to permit separate accounting records for the receipt and
27 expenditure of money derived from the sale of waterfowl tags. The department shall
28 prepare a report by project before April 15 of each even-numbered year for the public
29 and the legislature of expenditures of the [ON THE USE OF] money derived from
30 waterfowl conservation tags and limited edition prints. The department shall notify the
31 legislature that the report is available.

1 * Sec. 11. AS 16.05.130(c) is amended to read:

2 (c) Money accruing to the state from the sale of resident trapping licenses may
3 only be used for furbearer management. The department shall maintain a furbearer
4 management account within the fish and game fund under AS 16.05.100 for separate
5 accounting of receipt and expenditure of money from the sale of resident trapping
6 licenses. Furbearer management shall be designed to (1) enhance the furbearer
7 population; (2) [,] increase the productivity of furbearer habitats; (3) [,] initiate useful
8 furbearer research; (4) [,] and educate trappers consistent with the goal to provide for
9 an optimum population of furbearers. Before April 15 of each odd-numbered year,
10 the department shall prepare a report by project of expenditures of the money
11 derived from the sale of resident trapping licenses. The department shall post the
12 report on the department's Internet website and notify the legislature that the
13 report is available.

14 * Sec. 12. AS 16.05.130(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) Money accruing to the state [REVENUE] from the sale of general
16 hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and tags together with the federal matching
17 funds from Pittman - Robertson and [,] Dingell - Johnson/Wallop - Breaux programs
18 may only [SHALL] be used for [ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO]
19 programs that are designed [INTENDED] to (1) enhance the abundance,
20 productivity, or harvest of fish or game populations that are important for
21 human consumption; (2) improve the habitat for fish or game populations that
22 are important for human consumption; (3) increase the productivity of habitats
23 of fish or game populations that are important for human consumption; (4)
24 initiate and provide useful research for fish or game populations that are
25 important for human consumption; (5) provide access to fish or game
26 populations that are important for human consumption; and (6) educate or train
27 hunters and fishers or potential hunters and fishers consistent with the goal to
28 provide for an optimum population of fish or game populations that are
29 important for human consumption [DIRECTLY BENEFIT LICENSE
30 PURCHASERS OF GENERAL HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING
31 LICENSES]. The department shall prepare an annual report by project of expenditures

1 from the fish and game fund. The department shall post the report on the
2 department's Internet website and notify the legislature that the report is available.

3 * Sec. 13. AS 16.05.130 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (g) Any expenditure of money accrued to the fish and game fund that is
5 identified in (a) - (d) of this section that does not comport with the provisions of (a) -
6 (d) of this section must be specifically allocated by project by the legislature in the
7 department's annual budget. The department shall prepare an annual report by project
8 of the expenditures, post the report on the department's Internet website, and notify the
9 legislature that the report is available.

10 (h) In this section, "project" means an activity that has a single purpose for
11 which the department expends funds or administrative, material, personnel, or other
12 department resources.

13 * Sec. 14. AS 16.05.255(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) The Board of Game may adopt regulations it considers necessary
15 [ADVISABLE] in accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) for

16 (1) setting apart game reserve areas, refuges, and sanctuaries in the
17 water or on the land of the state over which it has jurisdiction, subject to the approval
18 of the legislature;

19 (2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the taking of
20 game;

21 (3) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit,
22 capture, taking, and transport of game, including regulations, consistent with resource
23 conservation and development goals, establishing means and methods that may be
24 employed by persons with physical disabilities;

25 (4) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex, age, and size
26 limitations on the taking of game;

27 (5) classifying game as game birds, song birds, big game animals, fur
28 bearing animals, predators, or other categories;

29 (6) methods, means, and harvest levels necessary to control predation
30 and competition among game in the state;

31 (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management,

1 conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of game;

2 (8) prohibiting the live capture, possession, transport, or release of
3 native or exotic game or their eggs;

4 (9) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of game
5 licenses, permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations
6 between registration areas and game management units or subunits is allowed;

7 (10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as needed for the
8 conservation, development, and utilization of game;

9 (11) taking game to ensure public safety;

10 (12) regulating the activities of persons licensed to control nuisance
11 wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals;

12 (13) promoting hunting and trapping and preserving the heritage of
13 hunting and trapping in the state.

14 * Sec. 15. AS 16.05.255(e) is amended to read:

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

19 [(1)] consumptive use of the big game prey population is a preferred
20 use and, based on information provided by the department, or another reliable
21 source, that would lead a reasonable person who is knowledgeable about wildlife
22 management in this state to form an opinion that

23 (1) [; (2)] depletion of the big game prey population or reduction of the
24 productivity of the big game prey population has occurred and may result in a
25 significant reduction in the allowable human harvest of the population; and

26 (2) [(3)] enhancement of abundance or productivity of the big game
27 prey population is reasonably [FEASIBLY] achievable utilizing recognized and
28 prudent active management techniques.

29 * Sec. 16. AS 16.05.255(g) is amended to read:

30 (g) The Board of Game shall establish population goals based on historic
31 high population levels consistent with the maximum carrying capacity of the

1 habitat of the population and establish harvest goals to provide for high levels of
2 human harvest. The board shall establish [AND] seasons for intensive management
3 of identified big game prey populations to achieve a high level of human harvest. The
4 board shall annually review the effectiveness of intensive management programs
5 established under (e) of this section to determine whether the abundance,
6 productivity, population, and harvest goals of the board have been achieved. If
7 the abundance, productivity, population, and harvest goals of the board have not
8 been achieved, the board shall adjust the intensive management plan as necessary
9 to specifically address the cause or reason for the failure of the intensive
10 management program to achieve the goals established by the board.

11 * Sec. 17. AS 16.05.255(j)(2) is amended to read:

12 (2) "high level of human harvest" means the allocation of at least one-
13 third [A SUFFICIENT PORTION] of the harvestable surplus of the post-calving
14 population of a big game prey population to achieve a high probability of success for
15 human harvest of the [GAME] population [BASED ON BIOLOGICAL
16 CAPABILITIES OF THE POPULATION AND CONSIDERING HUNTER
17 DEMAND];

18 * Sec. 18. AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

19 (k) The Board of Game shall accord a priority to the conservation,
20 development, and utilization of species of game and may determine on an area by area
21 basis the level of priority assigned to each species for which consumptive uses are
22 authorized. The board shall accord a subordinate priority to the conservation,
23 development, and utilization of species that the board has not authorized to be taken
24 for consumptive uses. Except for a species or subspecies determined by the board to
25 be endangered under AS 16.20.190, the board may not amend or repeal regulations
26 authorizing consumptive uses of a game species, including regulations relating to
27 methods, means, and seasons of harvest, bag limits, access, and similar matters, based
28 on the level of abundance of a population of a mammal, bird, reptile, insect, or other
29 animal species for which the board has not adopted general regulations authorizing the
30 taking of that species for human consumptive uses.

31 (l) The Board of Game shall adopt by regulation all plans, programs,

1 strategies, guidelines, and similar documents that establish a policy for the
 2 management of game and non-game in the state. The department shall submit each
 3 plan, program, strategy, guideline, or similar document prepared by the department
 4 that establishes a policy for the management of game and non-game for the approval
 5 by the board before the policy is implemented by the department.

6 (m) The Board of Game may adopt regulations for the management of non-
 7 game by the department that the board considers necessary for the conservation,
 8 development, and utilization of non-game in the state.

9 * Sec. 19. AS 16.05.258 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (g) A person who engages in subsistence fishing or subsistence hunting shall
 11 possess a valid resident sport fishing license or a valid resident hunting license, as
 12 appropriate, issued under AS 16.05.340, unless the person is exempt from the sport
 13 fishing license or hunting license requirement, as appropriate, under AS 16.05.330 -
 14 16.05.430.

15 * Sec. 20. AS 16.05.340(a)(2) is amended to read:

16 (2) Resident hunting license 40 [25]

17 * Sec. 21. AS 16.05.340(a)(2) is amended to read:

18 (2) Resident hunting license 50 [40]

19 * Sec. 22. AS 16.05.340(a)(2) is amended to read:

20 (2) Resident hunting license 60 [50]

21 * Sec. 23. AS 16.05.340(a)(3) is amended to read:

22 (3) Resident hunting and trapping license 60 [39]

23 * Sec. 24. AS 16.05.340(a)(3) is amended to read:

24 (3) Resident hunting and trapping license 80 [60]

25 * Sec. 25. AS 16.05.340(a)(3) is amended to read:

26 (3) Resident hunting and trapping license 90 [80]

27 * Sec. 26. AS 16.05.340(a)(4) is amended to read:

28 (4) Resident trapping license 25 [15]

29 * Sec. 27. AS 16.05.340(a)(4) is amended to read:

30 (4) Resident trapping license 30 [25]

31 * Sec. 28. AS 16.05.340(a)(4) is amended to read:

1 (4) Resident trapping license 40 [30]

2 * Sec. 29. AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:

3 (5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license 55 [39]

4 * Sec. 30. AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:

5 (5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license 65 [55]

6 * Sec. 31. AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:

7 (5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license 75 [65]

8 * Sec. 32. AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

9 (6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license

10 (A) except as provided in (B) of this paragraph 75 [53];

11 (B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph

12 [(A) HOWEVER], the fee is \$5 for an applicant who

13 (i) is receiving or has received assistance during the

14 preceding six months under any state or federal welfare program to aid

15 the indigent; or

16 (ii) has an annual family gross income of less than

17 \$8,200 for the year preceding application;

18 (C) [(B)] a person paying \$5 for a resident hunting, trapping,

19 and sport fishing license shall [MUST] provide proof of eligibility under (B)

20 of this paragraph when purchasing the license [REQUESTED BY THE

21 DEPARTMENT].

22 * Sec. 33. AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

23 (6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license

24 (A) except as provided in (B) of this paragraph..... 95 [75];

25 (B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph, the fee is \$5 for an

26 applicant who

27 (i) is receiving or has received assistance during the

28 preceding six months under any state or federal welfare program to aid

29 the indigent; or

30 (ii) has an annual family gross income of less than

31 \$8,200 for the year preceding application;

1 (C) a person paying \$5 for a resident hunting, trapping, and
 2 sport fishing license shall provide proof of eligibility under (B) of this
 3 paragraph when purchasing the license.

4 * Sec. 34. AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

5 (6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license

6 (A) except as provided in (B) of this paragraph 100 [95];

7 (B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph, the fee is \$5 for an
 8 applicant who

9 (i) is receiving or has received assistance during the
 10 preceding six months under any state or federal welfare program to aid
 11 the indigent; or

12 (ii) has an annual family gross income of less than
 13 \$8,200 for the year preceding application.

14 (C) a person paying \$5 for a resident hunting, trapping, and
 15 sport fishing license shall provide proof of eligibility under (B) of this
 16 paragraph when purchasing the license.

17 * Sec. 35. AS 16.05.340(a)(9) is amended to read:

18 (9) Nonresident hunting license 150 [85]

19 * Sec. 36. AS 16.05.340(a)(9) is amended to read:

20 (9) Nonresident hunting license 225 [150]

21 * Sec. 37. AS 16.05.340(a)(9) is amended to read:

22 (9) Nonresident hunting license 300 [225]

23 * Sec. 38. AS 16.05.340(a)(11) is amended to read:

24 (11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license 450 [250]

25 * Sec. 39. AS 16.05.340(a)(11) is amended to read:

26 (11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license 725 [450]

27 * Sec. 40. AS 16.05.340(a)(11) is amended to read:

28 (11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license 1,000 [725]

29 * Sec. 41. AS 16.05.340(a)(15) is amended to read:

30 (15) Nonresident big game tags

31 A nonresident, including a nonresident alien, may not take a big game animal

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without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued under this paragraph. The tag must be affixed to the animal immediately upon capture and must 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 an animal of any other species for which the tag fee is of equal or less value.

(A) Bear, black, each 325 [225]

A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident black bear tag to take a black bear in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the game management unit.

(B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each 1.500 [500]

(C) Bison, each 1.500 [450]

(D) Caribou, each 450 [325]

(E) Deer, each 250 [150]

(F) Elk, each 500 [300]

(G) Goat, each 750 [300]

(H) Moose, each 650 [400]

(I) Sheep, each 750 [425]

(J) Wolf, each 50 [30]

A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident wolf tag to take a wolf in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the game management unit.

(K) Wolverine, each 250 [175]

(L) Musk ox [OXEN], each 2.000 [1,100]

* Sec. 42. AS 16.05.340(a)(15) is amended to read:

(15) Nonresident big game tags

A nonresident, including a nonresident alien, may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued under this paragraph. The tag must be affixed to the animal immediately upon capture and must

1 remain affixed until the animal is prepared for storage, consumed, or exported. A tag
2 issued but not used for an animal may be used to satisfy the tagging requirement for an
3 animal of any other species for which the tag fee is of equal or less value.

4 (A) Bear, black, each 400 [325]

5 A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident black bear tag to take a
6 black bear in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an
7 intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the
8 game management unit.

9 (B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each 2,500 [1,500]

10 (C) Bison, each 2,000 [1,500]

11 (D) Caribou, each 500 [450]

12 (E) Deer, each 300 [250]

13 (F) Elk, each 650 [500]

14 (G) Goat, each 850 [750]

15 (H) Moose, each 850 [650]

16 (I) Sheep, each 850 [750]

17 (J) Wolf, each 50

18 A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident wolf tag to take a wolf in a
19 game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive
20 management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the game
21 management unit.

22 (K) Wolverine, each 300 [250]

23 (L) Musk ox, each 2,500 [2,000]

24 * Sec. 43. AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

25 (17) Waterfowl conservation tag 10 [5]

26 (A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without
27 having the current year's waterfowl conservation tag in the person's actual
28 possession, unless that person

29 (i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this
30 subsection;

31 (ii) is a resident under the age of 16;

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(iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;

(iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under

AS 16.05.341.

(B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) - (4).

* Sec. 44. AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

(17) Waterfowl conservation tag 12 [10]

(A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without having the current year's waterfowl conservation tag in the person's actual possession, unless that person

(i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection;

(ii) is a resident under the age of 16;

(iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;

(iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under

AS 16.05.341.

(B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) - (4).

* Sec. 45. AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

(17) Waterfowl conservation tag 14 [12]

(A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without having the current year's waterfowl conservation tag in the person's actual possession, unless that person

(i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection;

(ii) is a resident under the age of 16;

(iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;

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(iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under AS 16.05.341.

(B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) - (4).

* Sec. 46. AS 16.05.340(a)(19) is amended to read:

(19) Nonresident small game hunting license 35 [20]

* Sec. 47. AS 16.05.340(a)(19) is amended to read:

(19) Nonresident small game hunting license 50 [35]

* Sec. 48. AS 16.05.340(a)(19) is amended to read:

(19) Nonresident small game hunting license 65 [50]

* Sec. 49. AS 16.05.340(a)(20) is amended to read:

(20) Nonresident alien hunting license 500 [300]

A nonresident alien may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate nonresident big game tag, issued under (21) of this subsection. [THE TAG MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE ANIMAL IMMEDIATELY UPON CAPTURE AND MUST 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 AN ANIMAL OF ANY OTHER SPECIES FOR WHICH THE TAG FEE IS OF EQUAL OR LESS VALUE.]

* Sec. 50. AS 16.05.340(a)(20) is amended to read:

(20) Nonresident alien hunting license 775 [500]

A nonresident alien may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate nonresident big game tag, issued under (21) of this subsection.

* Sec. 51. AS 16.05.340(a)(20) is amended to read:

(20) Nonresident alien hunting license 1,050 [775]

A nonresident alien may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate nonresident big game tag, issued under (21) of

1 this subsection.

2 * Sec. 52. AS 16.05.340(a)(21) is amended to read:

3 (21) Nonresident alien big game tags

- 4 (A) Bear, black, each 625 [300]
- 5 (B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each 1,800 [650]
- 6 (C) Bison, each 1,800 [650]
- 7 (D) Caribou, each 750 [425]
- 8 (E) Deer, each 550 [200]
- 9 (F) Elk, each 800 [400]
- 10 (G) Goat, each 1,050 [400]
- 11 (H) Moose, each 950 [500]
- 12 (I) Musk ox [OXEN], each 2,300 [1,500]
- 13 (J) Sheep, each 1,050 [550]
- 14 (K) Wolf, each 350 [50]

15 A nonresident alien is not required to have a nonresident alien wolf tag to take
16 a wolf in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an
17 intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the
18 game management unit.

- 19 (L) Wolverine, each 550 [250]

20 * Sec. 53. AS 16.05.340(a)(21) is amended to read:

21 (21) Nonresident alien big game tags

- 22 (A) Bear, black, each 700 [625]
- 23 (B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each 2,800 [1,800]
- 24 (C) Bison, each 2,300 [1,800]
- 25 (D) Caribou, each 800 [750]
- 26 (E) Deer, each 600 [550]
- 27 (F) Elk, each 950 [800]
- 28 (G) Goat, each 1,150 [1,050]
- 29 (H) Moose, each 1,150 [950]
- 30 (I) Musk ox, each 2,800 [2,300]
- 31 (J) Sheep, each 1,150 [1,050]

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(K) Wolf, each350

A nonresident alien is not required to have a nonresident alien wolf tag to take a wolf in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the game management unit.

(L) Wolverine, each 600 [550]

* Sec. 54. AS 16.05.340(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(28) Nonresident trophy fee

(A) Black bear with skull size over 20 inches500

(B) Brown bear with skull size under 24 inches.....500

(C) Brown bear with skull size 24 inches or more and less than 26 inches..... 750

(D) Brown bear with skull size 26 inches or more and less than 28 inches..... 1,000

(E) Brown bear with skull size 28 inches or more1,500

(F) Musk ox (bull)1,000

(G) Musk ox (cow) 750

(H) Bison (bull) 1,000

(I) Bison (cow) 750

(J) Moose with skull size over 50 inches and less than 65 inches.....200

(K) Moose with skull size 65 inches or more.....500

(L) Sheep with skull size 36 inches or more and less than 38 inches.....200

(M) Sheep with skull size 38 inches or more and less than 40 inches.....400

(N) Sheep with skull size 40 inches or more.....600

(O) Goat (billy)750

(P) Goat (nanny)1,000

(Q) Wolf 100

(29) Nonresident alien trophy fee

1 (A) Black bear with skull size over 20 inches.....675
 2 (B) Brown bear with skull size under 24 inches.....675
 3 (C) Brown bear with skull size 24 inches or more and less than
 4 26 inches.....1,015
 5 (D) Brown bear with skull size 26 inches or more and less than
 6 28 inches.....1,350
 7 (E) Brown bear with skull size 28 inches or more2,025
 8 (F) Musk ox (bull).....1,350
 9 (G) Musk ox (cow).....1,015
 10 (H) Bison (bull)1,350
 11 (I) Bison (cow)1,015
 12 (J) Moose with skull size 50 inches or more and less than 65
 13 inches.....270
 14 (K) Moose with skull size 65 inches or more.....675
 15 (L) Sheep with skull size 36 inches or more and less than 38
 16 inches.....270
 17 (M) Sheep with skull size 38 inches or more and less than 40
 18 inches.....540
 19 (N) Sheep with skull size 40 inches or more810
 20 (O) Goat (billy)1,015
 21 (P) Goat (nanny)1,350
 22 (Q) Wolf.....135
 23 (30) Resident registration permit stamp 10

24 The \$10 fee for the resident registration permit stamp is owed per hunt, including
 25 renewals of the same hunt.

26 (31) Nonresident registration permit stamp..... 15

27 * Sec. 55. AS 16.05.340(d) is amended to read:

28 (d) Members of the military service on active duty who are permanently
 29 stationed in the state, and their dependents, who do not qualify as residents under
 30 AS 16.05.415, may obtain special nonresident military hunting [SMALL GAME] and
 31 [SPORT] fishing licenses at the rates for resident hunting and [SPORT] fishing

1 licenses [, BUT MAY NOT TAKE A BIG GAME ANIMAL WITHOUT
2 PREVIOUSLY PURCHASING A REGULAR NONRESIDENT HUNTING
3 LICENSE AND A NUMBERED, NONTRANSFERABLE APPROPRIATE TAG,
4 ISSUED AT ONE-HALF OF THE NONRESIDENT RATE, UNDER (a)(15) OF
5 THIS SECTION].

6 * Sec. 56. AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

7 (k) By regulation, the commissioner may authorize a reduction, not to exceed
8 five percent, in the fee for a license, permit, stamp, or tag issued under AS 16.05.330 -
9 16.05.430 that is purchased through the department's Internet web site.

10 (l) In addition to the fee for a hunting, trapping, or sport fishing license set
11 under (a) of this section, the department shall collect an access surcharge on each
12 individual or combined hunting, trapping, or sport fishing license sold. The amount of
13 the surcharge is \$1 for each individual or combined resident hunting, trapping, or sport
14 fishing license sold and \$5 for each individual or combined nonresident hunting,
15 trapping, or sport fishing license sold. The proceeds of the surcharge must be
16 separately accounted and are intended to be appropriated for the acquisition of
17 easements, rights-of-way, and land to provide access to fish and game for holders of
18 hunting, trapping, and sport fishing licenses.

19 * Sec. 57. AS 16.05.346(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) If the Board of Game establishes an open season for musk oxen and has
21 not reduced or eliminated the \$500 resident tag fee under AS 16.05.340(a)(16), the
22 department shall conduct a drawing for permits to take the musk oxen. If the Board of
23 Game establishes an open season for musk oxen for which the Board of Game has
24 reduced or eliminated the resident tag fee, the department shall issue permits to take
25 the musk oxen in the order in which applications are received by the department. A
26 person is not eligible for more than one musk oxen permit a year. The department may
27 not charge a fee for an application for a musk oxen permit for an open season in which
28 the Board of Game has reduced or eliminated the resident tag fee under
29 AS 16.05.340(a)(16). In all other cases the application fee for a musk oxen permit is
30 \$7.50 [\$10].

31 * Sec. 58. AS 16.05.346(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) The application fee for a drawing permit issued by the department for the
2 hunting of bison is \$7.50 [\$10].

3 * Sec. 59. AS 16.05.346(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) Except as provided in (a) and (b) of this section, the permit application fee
5 for all species for which a limited drawing is conducted is \$7.50 [\$5].

6 * Sec. 60. AS 16.05.346 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

7 (e) The application fee for a hunting permit issued by the department under
8 AS 16.05.258(b)(4), known as a tier II hunting permit, is \$7.50. A person is exempt
9 from the payment of the application fee for a tier II hunting permit if the person is

10 (1) blind;

11 (2) under the age of 16;

12 (3) 60 years of age or older; or

13 (4) a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under AS 16.05.341.

14 (f) The application fee for an annual registration hunt stamp is \$7.50. A person
15 shall obtain an annual registration hunt stamp before participating in a hunt for which
16 a registration stamp is required by regulation of the Board of Game. A person is
17 exempt from the payment of the annual registration hunt stamp application fee if the
18 person is

19 (1) blind;

20 (2) under the age of 16;

21 (3) 60 years of age or older; or

22 (4) a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under AS 16.05.341.

23 * Sec. 61. AS 16.05.350(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) Licenses, permits, stamps, and tags required under AS 16.05.330 -
25 16.05.430, except biennial licenses, triennial licenses, the nonresident sport fishing
26 licenses, the resident trapping license, the nonresident anadromous king salmon tags,
27 the waterfowl conservation tag, and permits having a different specified expiration
28 date, expire at the close of December 31 following issuance.

29 * Sec. 62. AS 16.05.360(a) is amended to read:

30 (a) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee [AN AUTHORIZED
31 DEPUTY] shall issue each license, [AND] tag, permit, stamp, certificate, or other

1 document issued by the department that is required by law as a prerequisite to
2 engaging in an activity authorized by the Board of Fisheries or Board of Game to
3 a qualified person under written application containing such reasonable information as
4 required by the commissioner. The commissioner shall designate the [LICENSE AND
5 TAG] form or type of the document. The document [FORM OR TYPE] must be
6 sufficient to identify and locate the applicant and establish the applicant's status as to
7 residency and citizenship. Each application shall be subscribed by the applicant.

8 * Sec. 63. AS 16.05.380 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 16.05.380. Commissioner may appoint agents.** The commissioner may
10 appoint state employees or other persons to take applications, issue licenses, permits,
11 stamps, and tags, and collect fees. The commissioner is not liable for defalcation or
12 failure to account for the fees collected by any person so appointed, but the
13 commissioner shall require a bond in an adequate sum, conditioned upon faithfully
14 accounting for all money collected. However, the commissioner may waive the bond
15 requirements of an instrumentality of the United States or its agents and employees
16 when the instrumentality or its agents or employees sell licenses, permits, or tags
17 primarily to persons in the armed forces. Each person, upon appointment by the
18 commissioner, may administer oaths on applications for licenses, permits, stamps, and
19 tags

20 * Sec. 64. AS 16.05.390(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) Except as provided in (c) of this section, an agent appointed by the
22 commissioner under AS 16.05.380 to sell licenses, permits, stamps, and tags is
23 entitled to

24 (1) retain five percent of the fee that is charged for a license, permit,
25 stamp, or tag or 25 cents for each license, permit, stamp, or tag sold, whichever is
26 greater; and

27 (2) compensation of \$50 a [PER] year or \$1 for each license, permit,
28 stamp, or tag sold during the year, whichever is greater.

29 * Sec. 65. AS 16.05.390(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) Each agent appointed to sell licenses, permits, stamps, or tags under
31 AS 16.05.380 shall, as directed by the commissioner, transmit the proceeds from the

1 sales of licenses, permits, stamps, and tags, except the amount authorized to be
2 retained under (a)(1) of this section, together with a report of the sales, to the
3 commissioner for deposit in the fish and game fund or the general fund.

4 * Sec. 66. AS 16.05.390(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) On March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year, the
6 commissioner shall calculate the compensation earned by an agent under (a)(2) of this
7 section, minus the penalties assessed under (g) of this section. If the compensation due
8 exceeds \$50, the commissioner shall pay the compensation not later than 30 days after
9 the date for which the compensation was calculated. If the compensation due is \$50 or
10 less, the commissioner shall pay the compensation not later than January 30 of the
11 year following the year in which the compensation was earned. The commissioner
12 shall pay compensation only for sales of licenses, permits, stamps, or tags for which
13 the commissioner has received the report and proceeds required to be transmitted
14 under (b) of this section.

15 * Sec. 67. AS 16.05.390(e) is amended to read:

16 (e) The provisions of (a) of this section do not apply to a state employee
17 pointed by the commissioner under AS 16.05.380 to sell licenses, permits, stamps,
18 and tags.

19 * Sec. 68. AS 16.05.390(f) is amended to read:

20 (f) Proceeds and reports under (b) of this section shall be transmitted to the
21 commissioner by the last day of the month following the month in which the licenses,
22 permits, stamps, and tags are sold, unless an alternative reporting schedule has been
23 established by contract.

24 * Sec. 69. AS 16.05.405 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

25 (g) Notwithstanding (a) - (f) of this section and AS 16.05.420(c), a resident
26 who has a valid hunting license to take big game or who is exempt from the hunting
27 license requirement under AS 16.05.400 may take a big game animal on behalf of
28 another resident who has a permit, tag, or other written authorization issued by the
29 department under AS 16.05.346 or under regulations of the department or Board of
30 Game to take the animal, if the resident is physically present in the field with the other
31 resident who has the permit, tag, or other written authorization to take the animal and

1 the other resident has provided written authorization for the resident to take the
2 animal.

3 (h) Notwithstanding (a) - (f) of this section, and AS 16.05.420(c), a resident
4 may affix a permit, tag, or other written authorization issued by the department under
5 AS 16.05.346 or under regulations of the department or Board of Game that is
6 required to be affixed to a big game animal when the animal has been taken to a big
7 game animal taken by another resident if the resident is physically present in the field
8 with the other resident and has the permission of the other resident who took the big
9 game animal.

10 * Sec. 70. AS 16.05.407(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) Except as provided under AS 16.05.781. it [IT] is unlawful for a
12 nonresident to hunt, pursue, or take brown bear, grizzly bear, mountain goat, or sheep
13 in this state, unless personally accompanied by

14 (1) a person who is licensed as

15 (A) a registered guide-outfitter or a master guide-outfitter under
16 AS 08.54 and who is providing big game hunting services to the nonresident
17 under a contract with the nonresident; or

18 (B) a class-A assistant guide or an assistant guide under
19 AS 08 54 and who is employed by a registered guide-outfitter or a master
20 guide-outfitter who has a contract to provide big game hunting services to the
21 nonresident; or

22 (2) a resident over 19 years of age who is

23 (A) the spouse of the nonresident; or

24 (B) related to the nonresident, within and including the second
25 degree of kindred, by marriage or blood.

26 * Sec. 71. AS 16.05.408(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) Except as provided under AS 16.05.781. it [IT] is a class A misdemeanor
28 for a nonresident alien to hunt, pursue, or take a big game animal as defined by the
29 Board of Game unless personally accompanied by

30 (1) a registered guide-outfitter or a master guide-outfitter licensed
31 under AS 08.54 who is providing big game hunting services to the nonresident alien

1 under a contract with the nonresident alien; or

2 (2) a class-A assistant guide or an assistant guide licensed under
3 AS 08.54 who is employed by a registered guide-outfitter or a master guide-outfitter
4 who has a contract to provide big game hunting services to the nonresident alien.

5 * Sec. 72. AS 16.05.420 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 16.05.420. License, tag, permit, stamp, and registration violations.** (a)

7 A false statement of a material fact in an application for a license, tag, permit, stamp,
8 and sport fishing vessel registration issued under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430 voids the
9 license, tag, permit, stamp, or registration for which the application is made.

10 (b) A person may not make a false statement, or omit a material fact, in an
11 application for a license, tag, permit, stamp, or sport fishing vessel registration issued
12 under AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430. A person who with or without any culpable mental
13 state makes a false statement as to the person's identity or residency in an application
14 for a license, tag, permit, stamp, or sport fishing vessel registration issued under
15 AS 16.05.330 - 16.05.430 is guilty of a violation and upon conviction is punishable by
16 a fine of not more than \$300. [A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS
17 SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.]

18 (c) A person to whom a license, permit, tag, stamp, or sport fishing vessel
19 registration has been issued under this chapter may not alter, change, loan, or transfer
20 the license, permit, tag, stamp, or sport fishing vessel registration. A person may not
21 use a license, permit, tag, stamp, or sport fishing vessel registration that has been
22 issued under this chapter to another person.

23 * Sec. 73. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

24 **Sec. 16.05.781. Taking of black bear and brown or grizzly bear.** (a) If,
25 under AS 16.05.255(e) or (f), the Board of Game has identified predation by bear as a
26 cause of the depletion of a big game prey population or reduction of the productivity
27 of a big game population that is a basis for the establishment of an intensive
28 management program in a game management unit or subunit or for the declaration of
29 the biological emergency in a game management unit or subunit, bear may be taken in
30 the game management unit or subunit under (b) - (h) of this section. The department
31 shall provide notice to the public of when and where (b) - (h) of this section are in

1 effect. The taking of bear under this section is subject to provisions of this title,
2 applicable to the taking of bear, and to regulations governing the method, manner,
3 means, bag limit, or other matters adopted by the Board of Game that do not conflict
4 with (b) - (h) of this section.

5 (b) Subject to (a) of this section, a person may take bear with the use of bait
6 without registration and may relocate viscera and nonedible parts of legally taken
7 game or commercially purchased material for use as bait for bear.

8 (c) Subject to (a) of this section, a person who is airborne may assist another
9 person who is not airborne to locate a bear.

10 (d) Subject to (a) of this section, a person may use an electronic predator call
11 device and other electronic equipment as an aid to take bear.

12 (e) Subject to (a) of this section, a person may take bear on the same day that
13 the person has been airborne.

14 (f) Subject to (a) of this section and notwithstanding AS 16.05.782, a person
15 may take a bear within one-half mile of a solid waste disposal facility.

16 (g) Subject to (a) of this section, there is no closed season on bear.

17 (h) Subject to (a) of this section and notwithstanding AS 16.05.407 and
18 AS 16.05.408, a nonresident or a nonresident alien who has successfully completed a
19 big game hunter safety course administered by the department under (i) of this section
20 may take a bear if the nonresident or nonresident alien is accompanied by a resident
21 who is over 19 years of age, who has hunted big game in the state during three or more
22 calendar years, who has successfully completed a big game hunter safety course
23 administered by the department under (i) of this section, and who does not receive any
24 remuneration for accompanying the nonresident or nonresident alien to take a bear. A
25 resident may not accompany more than two nonresidents, regardless of whether they
26 are aliens or not, during a calendar year to take a bear under this subsection.

27 (i) The department shall provide a big game hunter safety course for
28 nonresidents and nonresident aliens who intend to hunt for bear under (h) of this
29 section and for residents who intend to accompany a nonresident or nonresident alien
30 to take bear under (h) of this section. The big game hunter safety course must include
31 information on applicable hunting laws and on the hazards of dangerous animals.

1 rugged terrain, weather, and other conditions found in the state. The department shall
2 provide the course materials for the course at each of its offices and through the
3 department's Internet website. The department shall authorize agents to distribute
4 course materials. The department shall offer the test for completion of the hunter
5 safety course at each of its offices. The department may also administer the test for
6 completion of the hunter safety course by mail or through the Internet. The department
7 shall issue a big game hunter safety certificate to each person who successfully
8 completes the course. The department may charge a fee not to exceed \$50 to take the
9 test for completion of the hunter safety course.

10 (j) In this section, "bear" means black bear and brown or grizzly bear.

11 * Sec. 74. AS 16.05.930 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (h) This chapter does not prohibit the purchase, sale, resale, barter, or other
13 transfer for value of a mount, trophy, or part of a lawfully taken fish or game animal.
14 The commissioner, Board of Fisheries, and Board of Game may not prohibit the
15 purchase, sale, resale, barter, or other transfer for value, or the advertising for the
16 purchase, sale, resale, barter, or other transfer for value, of a mount, trophy, or part of
17 a lawfully taken fish or game animal.

18 * Sec. 75. AS 16.05.935 is amended to read:

19 **Sec. 16.05.935. Restrictions on cooperation with federal government.** (a) In
20 recognition of the fact that the state has not assented to federal control of fish and
21 wildlife [GAME] in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve or the navigable waters
22 within or adjoining the park and preserve, that the power to control the management of
23 fish and wildlife [GAME] within the boundaries of the state is an incident of state
24 sovereignty, and that the federal government cannot commandeer the lawmaking
25 processes of the states to compel the state to enact and enforce a federal regulatory
26 program, an agency, employee, or agent of the state may not expend funds to adopt or
27 enforce the implementation of any [THE] federal regulatory program or a part of the
28 program for control of fish and wildlife [GAME] in the park and preserve or the
29 navigable waters within or adjoining the park and preserve that is in conflict with a
30 state statute or regulation regarding management of fish or wildlife [GAME] within
31 the park or preserve. This subsection does not prohibit an agency, employee, or agent

1 of the state from

2 (1) taking action necessary to protect life or property;

3 (2) commenting on proposed federal statutes or regulations;

4 (3) collecting data relating to claims of economic harm arising from
5 the closure of the park and preserve to commercial fishing; or

6 (4) participating in or cooperating with a federal program established
7 under 16 U.S.C. 703 - 712 (Migratory Bird Treaty Act); 16 U.S.C. 773 - 773k
8 (Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982); 16 U.S.C. 1361 - 1421h (Marine Mammal
9 Protection Act); 16 U.S.C. 1531 - 1544 (Endangered Species Act); 16 U.S.C. 1801 -
10 1883 (Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act); 16 U.S.C.
11 3631 - 3644 (Pacific Salmon Treaty Act of 1985).

12 (b) Nothing in this title authorizes the department or a board to enter into an
13 agreement with a department or agency of the federal government that cedes state
14 authority for the management of fish or wildlife [GAME] in the state to the federal
15 government. In this subsection, "management" means the regulation of the method,
16 manner, means, time, or place of taking of fish or wildlife [GAME] or the regulation
17 of the amount of fish or wildlife [GAME] that may be taken.

18 * Sec. 76. AS 16.05.940(19) is amended to read:

19 (19) "game" means any species of bird, reptile, or [AND] mammal,
20 including a feral domestic animal, found or introduced in the state, except domestic
21 birds and mammals, for which the Board of Game has adopted regulations
22 authorizing consumptive use or that the Board of Game has authorized the
23 department to manage [; AND GAME MAY BE CLASSIFIED BY REGULATION
24 AS BIG GAME, SMALL GAME, FUR BEARERS OR OTHER CATEGORIES
25 CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR CARRYING OUT THE INTENTION AND
26 PURPOSES OF AS 16.05 - AS 16.40];

27 * Sec. 77. AS 16.05.940(34) is amended to read:

28 (34) "take" means [TAKING, PURSUING,] hunting, fishing, trapping,
29 or in any manner [DISTURBING,] capturing [,] or killing or attempting to take,
30 [PURSUE,] hunt, fish, trap, or in any manner capture or kill fish or game;

31 * Sec. 78. AS 16.05.050(a)(1) is repealed.

1 * Sec. 79. AS 16.05.340(a)(21) is repealed.

2 * Sec. 80. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
3 read:

4 TRANSITION: BIG GAME HUNTER SAFETY COURSE. (a) Notwithstanding
5 AS 16.05.781(h), added by sec. 77 of this Act, a nonresident or a nonresident alien who is
6 accompanied by a resident in accordance with AS 16.05.781(h), added by sec. 77 of this Act,
7 may take a bear without having successfully completed a big game hunter safety course
8 administered by the Department of Fish and Game under AS 16.05.781(i), added by sec. 77 of
9 this Act, until 30 days after the course materials for the big game hunter safety course have
10 been published and distributed to each of the offices of the department and through the
11 department's Internet website.

12 (b) Notwithstanding AS 16.05.781(h), added by sec. 77 of this Act, a resident who is
13 over 19 years of age and who has hunted big game in the state during three or more calendar
14 years, may accompany a nonresident or a nonresident alien to take a bear in accordance with
15 AS 16.05.781(h), added by sec. 77 of this Act, without having successfully completed a big
16 game hunter safety course administered by the Department of Fish and Game under
17 AS 16.05.781(i), added by sec. 77 of this Act, until 30 days after the course materials for the
18 big game hunter safety course have been published and distributed to each of the offices of
19 the department and through the department's Internet website.

20 * Sec. 81. Sections 1, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38, 41, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, and 58 of this Act
21 take effect January 1, 2007.

22 * Sec. 82. Sections 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 44, 47, 50, and 56 of this Act take effect
23 January 1, 2009.

24 * Sec. 83. Sections 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 45, 48, 51, 53, and 57 of this Act take effect
25 January 1, 2011.

26 * Sec. 84. Except as provided in secs. 85 - 87 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2006.

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**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY SENATOR SEEKINS

**Introduced:
Referred:**

**A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, and the
2 Board of Game; relating to the taking of big game and to the disposition of a mount,
3 trophy, or part of a fish or game animal; setting fees for certain trapping licenses and
4 certain hunting licenses, permits, and tags; setting fees for the resident combined
5 hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license and the resident combined hunting and
6 sport fishing license; relating to the resident small game hunting license; setting
7 application fees for certain hunting permits and stamps; establishing a surcharge on
8 hunting, trapping, and sport fishing licenses; relating to certain hunting, trapping, and
9 sport fishing licenses, tags, permits, and stamps; relating to fees for trophies and
10 registration permit stamps; relating to the fish and game fund; relating to violations of
11 fish and game laws; relating to state management of wildlife; and providing for an
12 effective date."

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

2 * Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
3 to read:

4 **LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the Alaska State Legislature that the
5 revenue generated from hunting, fishing, and trapping fees, stamps, permits, prints,
6 applications, and tags, including the additional revenue generated from the hunting and
7 trapping fees, stamps, permits, prints, applications, and tags established or increased by this
8 Act, along with all federal matching funds from Pittman - Robertson, and Dingell -
9 Johnson/Wallop - Breaux programs shall only be used for

10 (1) programs that are designed to maximize the abundance, productivity, and
11 harvest of fish and game populations that are important for human consumption; and

12 (2) the operating expenses of the sport fish and game divisions of the
13 Department of Fish and Game for programs set out in this Act.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.020 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 16.05.020. Functions of commissioner.** The commissioner shall

16 (1) supervise and control the department, and may appoint and employ
17 division heads, enforcement agents, and the technical, clerical, and other assistants
18 necessary for the general administration of the department;

19 (2) manage, protect, maintain, improve, and extend the fish, game, and
20 aquatic plant resources of the state to achieve abundance for the use and benefit of
21 the people of the state consistent with the public interest, and to achieve
22 maximum sustained yield [IN THE INTEREST OF THE ECONOMY AND
23 GENERAL WELL-BEING OF THE STATE];

24 (3) maintain the nongame animals of the state for the benefit of the
25 people of the state;

26 (4) have necessary power to accomplish the foregoing including, but
27 not limited to, the power to delegate authority to subordinate officers and employees
28 of the department.

29 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.050(b) is amended to read:

30 (b) The commissioner shall annually, at the first Board of Game meeting
31 each calendar year, submit a written report to the Board of Game and the

1 legislature regarding the department's implementation during the preceding three
 2 years of intensive management programs that have been established by the board
 3 under AS 16.05.255 for identified big game prey populations and shall concurrently
 4 publish the report on the department's Internet website.

5 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.050 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

6 (c) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, a plan, strategy, agreement,
 7 guideline, or similar document that establishes or affects a policy for the management
 8 of fish, game, or aquatic resources that is prepared by the department shall be
 9 submitted to the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or both, as appropriate, for
 10 the board's approval before the department implements the policy.

11 (d) Notwithstanding AS 37.07.080(e), the commissioner may not transfer
 12 more than \$20,000 between projects, objects of expenditures, or allocations without
 13 the approval of the office of management and budget and review by the Legislative
 14 Budget and Audit Committee under the procedures set out under AS 37.07.080(h)(1) -
 15 (3).

16 (e) Notwithstanding (d) of this section, the commissioner may not expend
 17 funds appropriated from revenue from the sale of hunting, trapping, and sport fishing
 18 licenses, tags, stamps, and permits or from federal funds received under the Pittman -
 19 Robertson or Dingell - Johnson/Wallop - Breaux programs for a purpose for which the
 20 revenue or funds may not be used under AS 16.05.130.

21 (f) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, before entering into any
 22 memorandum of understanding or agreement with an agency of the federal
 23 government, international entity, or any other entity regarding habitat improvement,
 24 management, conservation, allocation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and
 25 stocking of fish, game, or aquatic plants, the commissioner shall submit the proposed
 26 agreement to the legislature for public hearing and approval before the agreement
 27 becomes effective, except when exercising power under (a)(7) of this section.

28 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05.090(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) The commissioner may [, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE
 30 GOVERNOR,] establish a departmental division of commercial fisheries, a
 31 departmental division of sport fisheries, a departmental division of game, and other

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1 departmental administrative and organizational units [DIVISIONS] as are
2 approved by the governor under AS 44.17.020 [NECESSARY].

3 * Sec. 6. AS 16.05.094 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 16.05.094. Duties of section of subsistence hunting and fishing. The
5 section of subsistence hunting and fishing shall

6 (1) compile existing data and conduct studies to gather information,
7 including data from subsistence users, on the use of fish and game resources by
8 subsistence users and on compliance with state fishing, hunting, and trapping
9 licensing requirements by subsistence users [ALL ASPECTS OF THE ROLE OF
10 SUBSISTENCE HUNTING AND FISHING IN THE LIVES OF THE RESIDENTS
11 OF THE STATE];

12 (2) quantify the amount, nutritional value, and extent of dependence on
13 food acquired through subsistence hunting and fishing;

14 (3) make information gathered available to the public, appropriate
15 agencies, and other organized bodies;

16 (4) provide information to [ASSIST] the department, the Board of
17 Fisheries, and the Board of Game regarding [IN DETERMINING] what uses of fish
18 and game, as well as [WHICH USERS AND] what methods and means, are allowed
19 for [, SHOULD BE TERMED] subsistence uses [, USERS, AND METHODS];

20 (5) EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS
21 AND REGULATIONS ON SUBSISTENCE HUNTING AND FISHING AND,
22 WHEN CORRECTIVE ACTION IS INDICATED, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
23 TO THE DEPARTMENT];

24 (5) [(6)] make recommendations to the Board of Game and the board
25 of Fisheries regarding [ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF
26 REGULATIONS AFFECTING] subsistence hunting and fishing;

27 (6) assist [(7) PARTICIPATE WITH] other divisions in the
28 preparation of statewide and regional management plans [SO THAT THOSE PLANS
29 RECOGNIZE AND INCORPORATE THE NEEDS OF SUBSISTENCE USERS OF
30 FISH AND GAME].

31 * Sec. 7. AS 16.05.110(a) is amended to read:

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1 (a) The fish and game fund shall be made up of the following money and other
2 money the legislature appropriates, which shall be deposited and retained in the fund
3 until expended in accordance with appropriations made by the legislature:

4 (1) money received from the sale of state sport fishing, hunting, and
5 trapping licenses, tags, stamps, application fees, and special permits, waterfowl
6 conservation tags purchased by hunters, and anadromous salmon tags purchased by
7 fishermen;

8 (2) proceeds received from the sale of furs, skins, and specimens taken
9 by predator hunters and other employees;

10 (3) money received in settlement of a claim or loss caused by damage
11 to the fish and wildlife [GAME] resources of the state;

12 (4) money received from federal, state, or other governmental unit, or
13 from a private donor for fish, [AND] game, or nongame purposes;

14 (5) interest earned upon money in the fund;

15 (6) money from any other source.

16 * Sec. 8. AS 16.05.110(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) Except for money received as fisheries fines or forfeitures in settlement of
18 a claim or loss caused by damage to the fish resources of the state that is appropriated
19 to or through the division of commercial fisheries management and development,
20 subject to AS 16.05.130, appropriations of money from the fish and game fund and of
21 money received by the state under the federal aid acts described under AS 16.05.140
22 shall be made to the division of wildlife conservation or the division of sport fish. The
23 division of wildlife conservation or the division of sport fish may use money
24 appropriated under this subsection to acquire administrative and other services from
25 other agencies if the division acquires the services through reimbursable services
26 agreements that are approved by the legislature. The division of wildlife
27 conservation and the division of sport fish shall include as part of their budgets
28 prepared under AS 37.07.050

29 (1) a listing of each [THE] reimbursable services agreement
30 [AGREEMENTS] that is [ARE] to be funded with money appropriated from the fish
31 and game fund or from federal funds received by the state [UNDER THIS

1 SUBSECTION];

2 (2) a description of the services to be provided under those
3 agreements; [AND]

4 (3) a listing of the entities that are parties to those agreements; and

5 (4) the source of funding for the services.

6 * Sec. 9. AS 16.05.130(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) Except as provided in [(c) OF] this section, money accruing to the state
8 from sport fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, tags, stamps, applications, or
9 permit fees may not be diverted to a purpose other than the protection, propagation,
10 investigation, and restoration of sport fish and game resources and the expenses of
11 administering the sport fish and game divisions of the department.

12 * Sec. 10. AS 16.05.130(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) Money accruing to the state from waterfowl conservation tag fees and
14 limited edition prints may only be used for waterfowl management. The
15 department shall maintain a waterfowl management account within the fish and
16 game fund under AS 16.05.100 for separate accounting of receipt and
17 expenditure of money from the sale of waterfowl conservation tag fees and
18 limited edition prints. The money in the account can only be used for [FROM
19 HUNTERS MAY NOT BE DIVERTED TO A PURPOSE OTHER THAN] (1) the
20 conservation and enhancement of waterfowl; (2) the acquisition, by lease or otherwise,
21 of wetlands that are important for the conservation and enhancement of waterfowl
22 [AND PUBLIC USE OF WATERFOWL] in the state; (3) waterfowl conservation
23 and enhancement related projects approved by the commissioner; (4) the
24 administration of the waterfowl conservation program; and (5) waterfowl
25 conservation emergencies in the state as determined by the Board of Game
26 [GOVERNOR]. The department shall maintain a state waterfowl tag fee account
27 within the fish and game fund to permit separate accounting records for the receipt and
28 expenditure of money derived from the sale of waterfowl tags. The department shall
29 prepare a report by project before April 15 of each even-numbered year for the public
30 and the legislature of expenditures of the [ON THE USE OF] money derived from
31 waterfowl conservation tags and limited edition prints. The department shall notify the

legislature that the report is available.

* Sec. 11. AS 16.05.130(c) is amended to read:

(c) Money accruing to the state from the sale of resident trapping licenses may only be used for furbearer management. The department shall maintain a furbearer management account within the fish and game fund under AS 16.05.100 for separate accounting of receipt and expenditure of money from the sale of resident trapping licenses. Furbearer management shall be designed to (1) enhance the furbearer population; (2) [,] increase the productivity of furbearer habitats; (3) [,] initiate useful furbearer research; (4) [,] and educate trappers consistent with the goal to provide for an optimum population of furbearers. Before April 15 of each odd-numbered year, the department shall prepare a report by project of expenditures of the money derived from the sale of resident trapping licenses. The department shall post the report on the department's Internet website and notify the legislature that the report is available.

* Sec. 12. AS 16.05.130(d) is amended to read:

(d) Money accruing to the state [REVENUE] from the sale of general hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and tags together with the federal matching funds from Pittman - Robertson and [,] Dingell - Johnson/Wallop - Breaux programs may only [SHALL] be used for [~~ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO~~] programs that are designed [~~INTENDED~~] to (1) enhance the abundance, productivity, or harvest of fish or game populations that are important for human consumption; (2) improve the habitat for fish or game populations that are important for human consumption in areas where consumptive uses are allowed; (3) increase the productivity of habitats of fish or game populations that are important for human consumption; (4) initiate and provide useful research for fish or game populations that are important for human consumption; (5) provide access to fish or game populations that are important for human consumption; and (6) educate or train hunters and fishers or potential hunters and fishers consistent with the goal to provide for an optimum population of fish or game populations that are important for human consumption [DIRECTLY] BENEFIT LICENSE PURCHASERS OF GENERAL HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND

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1 FISHING LICENSES]. The department shall prepare an annual report by project of
2 expenditures from the fish and game fund. The department shall post the report on
3 the department's Internet website and notify the legislature that the report is
4 available.

5 * Sec. 13. AS 16.05.130 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

6 (g) Any expenditure of money accrued to the fish and game fund that is
7 identified in (a) - (d) of this section that does not comport with the provisions of (a) -
8 (d) of this section must be specifically allocated by project by the legislature in the
9 department's annual budget. The department shall prepare an annual report by project
10 of the expenditures, post the report on the department's Internet website, and notify the
11 legislature that the report is available.

12 (h) In this section, "project" means an activity that has a single purpose for
13 which the department expends funds or administrative, material, personnel, or other
14 department resources.

15 * Sec. 14. AS 16.05.255(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) The Board of Game may adopt regulations it considers necessary
17 [ADVISABLE] in accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) for

18 (1) setting apart game reserve areas, refuges, and sanctuaries in the
19 water or on the land of the state over which it has jurisdiction, subject to the approval
20 of the legislature;

21 (2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the taking of
22 game;

23 (3) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit,
24 capture, taking, and transport of game, including regulations, consistent with resource
25 conservation and development goals, establishing means and methods that may be
26 employed by persons with physical disabilities;

27 (4) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex, age, and size
28 limitations on the taking of game;

29 (5) classifying game as game birds, song birds, big game animals, fur
30 bearing animals, predators, or other categories;

31 (6) methods, means, and harvest levels necessary to control predation

1 and competition among game in the state;

2 (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management,
3 conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of game;

4 (8) prohibiting the live capture, possession, transport, or release of
5 native or exotic game or their eggs;

6 (9) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of game
7 licenses, permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations
8 between registration areas and game management units or subunits is allowed;

9 (10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as needed for the
10 conservation, development, and utilization of game;

11 (11) taking game to ensure public safety;

12 (12) regulating the activities of persons licensed to control nuisance
13 wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals;

14 (13) promoting hunting and trapping and preserving the heritage of
15 hunting and trapping in the state.

16 * Sec. 15 AS 16.05. 5(e) is amended to read:

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

21 [(1)] consumptive use of the big game prey population is a preferred
22 use and, based on information provided by the department, or another reliable
23 source, that would lead a reasonable person who is knowledgeable about wildlife
24 in this state to form an opinion that

25 (1) [(2)] depletion of the big game prey population or reduction of the
26 productivity of the big game prey population has occurred and may result in a
27 [SIGNIFICANT] reduction in the allowable human harvest of the population; and

28 (2) [(3)] enhancement of abundance or productivity of the big game
29 prey population is reasonably [FEASIBLY] achievable utilizing recognized [AND
30 PRUDENT] active management techniques.

31 * Sec. 16. AS 16.05.255(g) is amended to read:

1 (g) The Board of Game shall establish population goals based on historic
2 high population levels consistent with the maximum carrying capacity of the
3 habitat of the population and establish harvest goals to provide for high levels of
4 human harvest. The board shall establish [AND] seasons for intensive management
5 of identified big game prey populations to achieve a high level of human harvest. The
6 board shall annually review the effectiveness of intensive management programs
7 established under (e) of this section to determine whether the abundance,
8 productivity, population, and harvest goals of the board have been achieved. If
9 the abundance, productivity, population, and harvest goals of the board have not
10 been achieved, the board shall adjust the intensive management plan as necessary
11 to specifically address the cause or reason for the failure of the intensive
12 management program to achieve the goals established by the board.

13 * Sec. 17. AS 16.05.255(j)(2) is amended to read.

14 (2) "high level of human harvest" means the allocation of at least one-
15 third [A SUFFICIENT PORTION] of the harvestable surplus of the post-calving
16 population of a big game prey population to achieve a high probability of success for
17 human harvest of the [GAME] population [BASED ON BIOLOGICAL
18 CAPABILITIES OF THE POPULATION AND CONSIDERING HUNTER
19 DEMAND];

20 * Sec. 18. AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

21 (k) The Board of Game shall accord a priority to the conservation,
22 development, and utilization of species of game and may determine on an area by area
23 basis the level of priority assigned to each species for which consumptive uses are
24 authorized. The board shall accord a subordinate priority to the conservation,
25 development, and utilization of species that the board has not authorized to be taken
26 for consumptive uses. Except for a species or subspecies determined by the board to
27 be endangered under AS 16.20.190, the board may not amend or repeal regulations
28 authorizing consumptive uses of a game species, including regulations relating to
29 methods, means, and seasons of harvest, bag limits, access, and similar matters, based
30 on the level of abundance of a population of a mammal, bird, reptile, insect, or other
31 animal species for which the board has not adopted general regulations authorizing the

1 taking of that specie. for human consumptive uses.

2 (l) The Board of Game shall adopt by regulation all plans, programs,
3 strategies, guidelines, and similar documents that establish a policy for the
4 management of game and nongame in the state. The department shall submit each
5 plan, program, strategy, guideline, or similar document prepared by the department
6 that establishes a policy for the management of game and nongame for the approval by
7 the board before the policy is implemented by the department.

8 (m) The Board of Game may adopt regulations for the management of game
9 and nongame by the department that the board considers necessary for the
10 conservation, development, and utilization of game and nongame in the state.

11 * Sec. 19. AS 16.05.258 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (g) A person who engages in subsistence fishing or subsistence hunting shall
13 possess a valid resident sport fishing license or a valid resident hunting license, as
14 appropriate, issued under AS 16.05.340, unless the person is exempt from the sport
15 fishing license or hunting license requirement, as appropriate, under AS 16.05.330 -
16 16.05.430.

17 * Sec. 20. AS 16.05.340(a)(2) is amended to read:

18 (2) Resident hunting license 40 [25]

19 * Sec. 21. AS 16.05.340(a)(2) is amended to read:

20 (2) Resident hunting license 50 [40]

21 * Sec. 22. AS 16.05.340(a)(2) is amended to read:

22 (2) Resident hunting license 60 [50]

23 * Sec. 23. AS 16.05.340(a)(3) is amended to read:

24 (3) Resident hunting and trapping license 60 [39]

25 * Sec. 24. AS 16.05.340(a)(3) is amended to read:

26 (3) Resident hunting and trapping license 80 [60]

27 * Sec. 25. AS 16.05.340(a)(3) is amended to read:

28 (3) Resident hunting and trapping license 90 [80]

29 * Sec. 26. AS 16.05.340(a)(4) is amended to read:

30 (4) Resident trapping license 25 [15]

31 * Sec. 27. AS 16.05.340(a)(4) is amended to read:

1 (4) Resident trapping license 30 [25]

2 * Sec. 28. AS 16.05.340(a)(4) is amended to read:

3 (4) Resident trapping license 40 [30]

4 * Sec. 29. AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:

5 (5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license 55 [39]

6 * Sec. 30. AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:

7 (5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license 65 [55]

8 * Sec. 31. AS 16.05.340(a)(5) is amended to read:

9 (5) Resident hunting and sport fishing license 75 [65]

10 * Sec. 32. AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

11 (6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license

12 (A) except as provided in (B) of this paragraph 75 [53];

13 (B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph

14 [(A) HOWEVER], the fee is \$5 for an applicant who

15 (i) is receiving or has received assistance during the
16 preceding six months under any state or federal welfare program to aid
17 the indigent; or

18 (ii) has an annual family gross income of less than
19 \$8,200 for the year preceding application;

20 (C) [(B)] a person paying \$5 for a resident hunting, trapping,
21 and sport fishing license shall [MUST] provide proof of eligibility under (B)
22 of this paragraph when purchasing the license [REQUESTED BY THE
23 DEPARTMENT].

24 * Sec. 33. AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

25 (6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license

26 (A) except as provided in (B) of this paragraph 95 [75];

27 (B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph, the fee is \$5 for an
28 applicant who

29 (i) is receiving or has received assistance during the
30 preceding six months under any state or federal welfare program to aid
31 the indigent; or

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(ii) has an annual family gross income of less than \$8,200 for the year preceding application;

(C) a person paying \$5 for a resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license shall provide proof of eligibility under (B) of this paragraph when purchasing the license.

* Sec. 34. AS 16.05.340(a)(6) is amended to read:

(6) Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license

(A) except as provided in (B) of this paragraph 100 [95];

(B) notwithstanding (A) of this paragraph, the fee is \$5 for an applicant who

(i) is receiving or has received assistance during the preceding six months under any state or federal welfare program to aid the indigent; or

(ii) has an annual family gross income of less than \$8,200 for the year preceding application;

(C) a person paying \$5 for a resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license shall provide proof of eligibility under (B) of this paragraph when purchasing the license.

* Sec. 35. AS 16.05.340(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) Nonresident hunting license 150 [85]

* Sec. 36. AS 16.05.340(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) Nonresident hunting license 225 [150]

* Sec. 37. AS 16.05.340(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) Nonresident hunting license 300 [225]

* Sec. 38. AS 16.05.340(a)(11) is amended to read:

(11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license 450 [250]

* Sec. 39. AS 16.05.340(a)(11) is amended to read:

(11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license 725 [450]

* Sec. 40. AS 16.05.340(a)(11) is amended to read:

(11) Nonresident hunting and trapping license 1,000 [725]

* Sec. 41. AS 16.05.340(a)(15) is amended to read:

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(15) Nonresident big game tags

A nonresident, including a nonresident alien, may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag, issued under this paragraph. The tag must be affixed to the animal immediately upon capture and must 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 an animal of any other species for which the tag fee is of equal or less value.

(A) Bear, black, each 325 [225]

A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident black bear tag to take a black bear in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the game management unit.

(B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each 1,500 [500]

(C) Bison, each 1,500 [450]

(D) Caribou, each 450 [325]

(E) Deer, each 250 [150]

(F) Elk, each 500 [300]

(G) Goat, each 750 [300]

(H) Moose, each 650 [400]

(I) Sheep, each 750 [425]

(J) Wolf, each 50 [30]

A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident wolf tag to take a wolf in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the game management unit.

(K) Wolverine, each 250 [175]

(L) Musk ox [OXEN], each 2,000 [1,100]

* Sec. 42. AS 16.05.340(a)(15) is amended to read:

(15) Nonresident big game tags

A nonresident, including a nonresident alien, may not take a big game animal without

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(A) Bear, black, each 400 [325]

A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident black bear tag to take a black bear in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the game management unit.

(B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each 2,500 [1,500]

(C) Bison, each 2,000 [1,500]

(D) Caribou, each 500 [450]

(E) Deer, each 300 [250]

(F) Elk, each 650 [500]

(G) Goat, each 850 [750]

(H) Moose, each 850 [650]

(I) Sheep, each 850 [750]

(J) Wolf, each 50

A nonresident is not required to have a nonresident wolf tag to take a wolf in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the game management unit.

(K) Wolverine, each 300 [250]

(L) Musk ox, each 2,500 [2,000]

* Sec. 43. AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

(17) Waterfowl conservation tag 10 [5]

(A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without having the current year's waterfowl conservation tag in the person's actual possession, unless that person

(i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this

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- (ii) is a resident under the age of 16;
- (iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;
- (iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under AS 16.05.341.

(B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) - (4).

* Sec. 44. AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

(17) Waterfowl conservation tag 12 [10]

(A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without having the current year's waterfowl conservation tag in the person's actual possession, unless that person

(i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection;

- (ii) is a resident under the age of 16;
- (iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;
- (iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under AS 16.05.341.

(B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) - (4).

* Sec. 45. AS 16.05.340(a)(17) is amended to read:

(17) Waterfowl conservation tag 14 [12]

(A) A person may not engage in waterfowl hunting without having the current year's waterfowl conservation tag in the person's actual possession, unless that person

(i) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection;

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- (iii) is 60 years of age or older and is a resident;
- (iv) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under

AS 16.05.341.

(B) The Board of Game shall by regulation exempt the requirement of a waterfowl conservation tag for waterfowl hunting in areas of the state not likely to benefit from programs described in AS 16.05.130(b)(2) - (4).

* Sec. 46. AS 16.05.340(a)(19) is amended to read:

(19) Nonresident small game hunting license 35 [20]

* Sec. 47. AS 16.05.340(a)(19) is amended to read:

(19) Nonresident small game hunting license 50 [35]

* Sec. 48. AS 16.05.340(a)(19) is amended to read:

(19) Nonresident small game hunting license 65 [50]

* Sec. 49. AS 16.05.340(a)(20) is amended to read:

(20) Nonresident alien hunting license 500 [300]

A nonresident alien may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate nonresident big game tag, issued under (21) of this subsection. [THE TAG MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE ANIMAL IMMEDIATELY UPON CAPTURE AND MUST 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 AN ANIMAL OF ANY OTHER SPECIES FOR WHICH THE TAG FEE IS OF EQUAL OR LESS VALUE.]

* Sec. 50. AS 16.05.340(a)(20) is amended to read:

(20) Nonresident alien hunting license 775 [500]

A nonresident alien may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate nonresident big game tag, issued under (21) of this subsection.

* Sec. 51. AS 16.05.340(a)(20) is amended to read:

(20) Nonresident alien hunting license 1,050 [775]

1 A nonresident alien may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a
2 numbered, nontransferable, appropriate nonresident big game tag, issued under (21) of
3 this subsection.

4 * Sec. 52. AS 16.05.340(a)(21) is amended to read:

5 (21) Nonresident alien big game tags

- 6 (A) Bear, black, each 625 [300]
- 7 (B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each 1,800 [650]
- 8 (C) Bison, each 1,800 [650]
- 9 (D) Caribou, each 750 [425]
- 10 (E) Deer, each 550 [200]
- 11 (F) Elk, each 800 [400]
- 12 (G) Goat, each 1,050 [400]
- 13 (H) Moose, each 950 [500]
- 14 (I) Musk ox [OXEN], each 2,300 [1,500]
- 15 (J) Sheep, each 1,050 [550]
- 16 (K) Wolf, each 350 [50]

17 A nonresident alien is not required to have a nonresident alien wolf tag to take
18 a wolf in a game management unit if the Board of Game has adopted an
19 intensive management program under AS 16.05.255 for all or a portion of the
20 game management unit.

- 21 (L) Wolverine, each 550 [250]

22 * Sec. 53. AS 16.05.340(a)(21) is amended to read:

23 (21) Nonresident alien big game tags

- 24 (A) Bear, black, each 700 [625]
- 25 (B) Bear, brown or grizzly, each 2,800 [1,800]
- 26 (C) Bison, each 2,300 [1,800]
- 27 (D) Caribou, each 800 [750]
- 28 (E) Deer, each 600 [550]
- 29 (F) Elk, each 950 [800]
- 30 (G) Goat, each 1,150 [1,050]
- 31 (H) Moose, each 1,150 [950]