



LAWS OF ALASKA

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AN ACT

Relating to wildlife photography.

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

* Section 1. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to recognize the inestimable value of the living wildlife resources of the state and to broaden the appreciation of these resources during all seasons of the year and encourage other necessary public uses of wildlife in addition to their legitimate harvest.

* Sec. 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 16.05.903. BIG GAME PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST. (a) In addition to any existing programs, the department shall establish a yearly big game photography contest. An entry fee of \$10 is established for the privilege of entering the contest established by this section. Each entrant may submit as many entries as desired after paying the \$10 entry fee. No person is eligible to enter the contest established under this section unless he has paid the entry fee.

(b) The department shall establish cash prizes of \$1,000 for each species of big game animal, with both black and white and color categories. A grand cash prize of \$10,000 is established for the single best entry of each year. The grand prize winner is not eligible for a general category prize of \$1,000 for the same photograph.

(c) The commissioner shall designate a different judging panel each year to judge all entries made under this section. The panel is composed of five members, consisting of two professional photographers, one master guide, and two members from the general public. Panel members are authorized per diem for each day of judging and travel expenses allowable by law for members of boards and commissions.

(d) The big game photo contest shall be advertised in newspapers of general circulation within the state and in the various national conservation and wildlife magazines. All winning photographs shall appear in a special yearly wildlife photography publication published and sold by the Department of Fish and Game. Receipts from the sale of this publication shall be utilized to promote and administer the big game photography contest.

(e) The single best entry of the year is the permanent property of the state. Other winning entries are the property of the state for a period of three years only. Each winning entrant shall provide the department with the original transparency or negative of the winning entry upon receipt of the prize for that entry.

(f) No person may submit an entry under this section if he has harvested that species of animal during the same calendar year. A person who wins a cash prize specified in (b) of this section shall make a signed, sworn statement that he has not harvested that species of animal during the same calendar year and that his entry was taken in Alaska during the calendar year in which his entry is made.

(g) The commissioner may propose regulations for adoption by the board under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) to implement the provisions of this section.