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Relating to the appointment of a Delta Junction bison range advisory committee.

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

WHEREAS the Delta Junction bison herd is a highly valued state wildlife resource; and

WHEREAS drawing permits issued for the hunting of Delta Junction bison constitute a valuable source of state revenue; and

WHEREAS the Delta Junction bison herd has established the Delta agricultural project as a fall and winter range; and

WHEREAS the feeding, wallowing, and traveling by the Delta Junction bison herd within the Delta agricultural project has resulted in damage to crops, monetary loss to local farmers, legal conflicts, and physical harm to the herd; and

WHEREAS the bison range concept is a proven means of keeping bison in an area as long as adequate forage is available on the range; and

WHEREAS the current state of development of the Delta Junction bison range area is inadequate to sustain bison for more than a few weeks; and

WHEREAS the expansion of available forage on the Delta Junction bison range area is required to provide a winter range for the Delta Junction bison herd and to effectively keep the herd from grazing within the Delta agricultural project;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is requested to appoint a nine-member Delta Junction Bison Range Advisory Committee with members representing the following interests:

- (1) two members representing the Delta agricultural project;
- (2) two members representing Delta Junction sport hunters and the state fish and game advisory committee;
- (3) one member representing nonconsumptive wildlife users;
- (4) one member representing timber, mining and other consumptive natural resource industries;
- (5) one member representing the tourism industry; and
- (6) two members appointed statewide identified as potential users of the bison herd; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is requested to provide that the committee shall consult with and offer its advice to the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and the Alaska Agricultural Action Council, on matters relating to the game management plan required under AS 16.20.310; and to provide that a member of the advisory committee is not entitled to per diem, travel, or other compensation from the state for the performance of acts as a committee member.