

HOUSE BILL NO. 183

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to land management by the Board of Fisheries, Board of Game, and**
2 **Department of Natural Resources for sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, sport**
3 **and subsistence hunting, and trapping."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 16.05.839. Fish and game land management.** (a) When open and closed
7 seasons and areas are established by the Board of Fisheries under AS 16.05.251 or the
8 Board of Game under AS 16.05.255, each board shall manage land under the
9 Department of Fish and Game's authority to prevent, to the greatest practical extent
10 any net loss of acreage available for sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, sport
11 and subsistence hunting, and trapping opportunities.

12 (b) Not later than March 31 of each year, the commissioner of fish and game
13 shall submit a report to the legislature describing land managed by the department that

14 (1) was closed to sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, sport and

1 subsistence hunting, and trapping the previous year and the reasons for the closures;
2 and

3 (2) was opened to sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, sport
4 and subsistence hunting, and trapping to comply with the no-net-loss-of-acreage
5 provision of (a) of this section.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 38.04.065 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

7 (j) The commissioner shall

8 (1) keep land managed by the Department of Natural Resources open
9 for sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, sport and subsistence hunting, and
10 trapping unless the department determines the land must be closed for reasons of
11 public safety, fish or game management, or homeland security, or as otherwise
12 required by law;

13 (2) manage land under the authority of the Department of Natural
14 Resources to support, promote, and enhance sport, subsistence, and commercial
15 fishing, sport and subsistence hunting, and trapping opportunities to the extent
16 authorized by state law;

17 (3) manage land under the authority of the Department of Natural
18 Resources to prevent, to the greatest practical extent, any net loss of acreage available
19 for sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, sport and subsistence hunting, and
20 trapping opportunities.

21 (k) Not later than March 31 of each year, the commissioner shall submit a
22 report to the legislature describing land managed by the Department of Natural
23 Resources that, during the previous year, was

24 (1) closed to sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, sport and
25 subsistence hunting, and trapping, and the reasons for the closures; and

26 (2) opened to sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, sport and
27 subsistence hunting, and trapping to comply with the no-net-loss-of-acreage provision
28 in (j)(3) of this section.