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West's Alaska Statutes Annotated. Title 16. Fish and Game. Chapter 20. Conservation and Protection of Alaskan Wildlife Article 3. Endangered Species.

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Summary:

This Alaska statute provides that the state shall take measures to preserve the habitat of species or subspecies which, are threatened with extinction due to habitat loss, overutilization, disease, predation, or other human or natural factors. Species recognized as endangered or threatened also gain habitat protection on state lands. Taking of a listed species without permit incurs a misdemeanor.

Statute Text

§ 16.20.180. Declaration of purpose

The legislature recognizes that, due to growth and development, certain species or subspecies of fish and wildlife are now and may in the future be threatened with extinction. The purpose of AS 16.20.180 - 16.20.210 is to establish a program for their continued conservation, protection, restoration, and propagation.

SLA 1971, ch. 115, § 1.

§ 16.20.185. Protection of habitat

On land under their respective jurisdictions, the commissioner of fish and game and the commissioner of natural resources shall take measures to preserve the natural habitat of species or subspecies of fish and wildlife that are recognized as threatened with extinction.

SLA 1971, ch. 115, § 1.

§ 16.20.190. Determining endangered species

(a) A species or subspecies of fish or wildlife is considered endangered when the commissioner of fish and game determines that its numbers have decreased to such an extent as to indicate that its continued existence is threatened. In making this determination the commissioner of fish and game shall consider

- (1) the destruction, drastic modification, or severe curtailment of its habitat;
- (2) its overutilization for commercial or sporting purposes;
- (3) the effect on it of disease or predation;
- (4) other natural or man-made factors affecting its continued existence.

(b) After making a determination under (a) of this section, the commissioner of fish and game shall, in accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), publish a list of the species or subspecies of fish and wildlife that are endangered. The commissioner shall, at least once every two years thereafter, conduct a thorough review of the list to determine what changes have occurred concerning the species or subspecies listed. Consideration of existing species or subspecies of fish and wildlife for listing under this section shall be made on a continuing basis. The review of listed species or subspecies conducted under this

section shall be submitted in writing to the governor and the legislature and shall be made available to the public.

(c) In making the determination and review under (a) and (b) of this section, the commissioner of fish and game shall seek the advice and recommendation of interested persons and organizations, including but not limited to ornithologists, ichthyologists, ecologists, and zoologists.

SLA 1971, ch. 115, § 1.

§ 16.20.195. Permit for taking endangered species

A species or subspecies of fish or wildlife listed as endangered under AS 16.20.190(b) may not be harvested, captured, or propagated except under the terms of a special permit issued by the commissioner of fish and game for scientific or educational purposes, or for propagation in captivity for the purpose of preservation. Sec. 16.20.200 Penalty. A person who, without a permit issued under AS 16.20.195, harvests, injures, imports, exports, or captures a species or subspecies of fish or wildlife listed under AS 16.20.190, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SLA 1971, ch. 115, § 1.

§ 16.20.200. Penalty

A person who, without a permit issued under AS 16.20.195, harvests, injures, imports, exports, or captures a species or subspecies of fish or wildlife listed under AS 16.20.190, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SLA 1971, ch. 115, § 1.

§ 16.20.210. Birds included

In AS 16.20.180 - 16.20.210 "fish or wildlife" includes birds.

SLA 1971, ch. 115, § 1.

§ 16.20.220. Renumbered as § 16.20.500

§ 16.20.230. Renumbered

§§ 16.20.240 to 16.20.260. Renumbered as §§ 16.20.510 to 16.20.530

§ 16.20.270. Renumbered as § 16.20.690

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