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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 170

Short Title: BD/DEPT OF FISH & GAME POWERS & DUTIES

Summary:

- Permits the sale of legally taken trophy mounts and certain parts of legally taken game animals.
- Creates a new \$25 dollar small game hunting license.
- Sets a uniform application fee for certain hunting permits, drawings and stamps at \$7.50.
- Creates a higher degree of accountability for the use of fish and game funds.
- Mandates that no fish and game policy will be implemented without a public hearing process.
- Applies the "reasonable person" legal standard to decisions by the Board of Game when issuing regulations regarding intensive game management.
- Makes a new fee structure for hunting and trapping licenses and tags and requires the increases to be used to maximize game for human consumption.
- Establishes predator control regulations for bear populations where the Board of Game has decided that bear predation is impacting game populations and where a reduction in bear populations would help the problem.
- Creates a new "deferral fee" for bear and wolf permits issued for areas adjacent to national parks or state wildlife sanctuaries. Allows permit holder to take the permit "off the table" by paying to the fish and game fund the maximum market value the hunt would otherwise have provided to the state economy.

Benefits:

- Brings several positive, productive changes to the state's fish and game management system that will provide more fish and game opportunities for all Alaskans.

Background:

- SB 170 implements several changes to the management of fish and game resources that create even more opportunities for Alaskans to put food on the family dinner table.