

CHAPTER 284

NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE BILL 00-1483

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also SENATORS Wattenberg, Chlouber, Dennis, Hernandez, and Tebedo.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN BY THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE, AND,
IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A PREDATOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Article 1 of title 33, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

33-1-123. Division - predator management plan - predator management advisory committee - creation - repeal. (1) THE DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP, AND THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT, A PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2001.

(2) THE PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL FOCUS PRIMARILY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF BEARS, COYOTES, AND MOUNTAIN LIONS. SUCH MANAGEMENT PLAN SHALL SPECIFY ACCEPTABLE POPULATIONS OF SUCH PREDATORS REGIONALLY AND INDICATE STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PREDATORS.

(3) (a) IN ORDER FOR THE DIVISION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH SUFFICIENT INPUT FROM PERSONS IMPACTED BY THE PLAN, THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A PREDATOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, TWO OF WHICH SHALL BE FROM THE WESTERN SLOPE, WHO REPRESENT THE FOLLOWING POPULATIONS:

(I) FARMING AND RANCHING COMMUNITIES;

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

- (II) SPORTING GROUPS;
- (III) WILDLIFE ORGANIZATIONS;
- (IV) THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY;
- (V) ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;
- (VI) THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE; AND
- (VII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(b) THE PREDATOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE CO-CHAIRLED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(c) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL SERVE AS RESOURCES FOR THE PREDATOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(4) THE PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PREDATOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT BEFORE IT IS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.

(5) THE DIVISION SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENERGY COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2001, AND THE PLAN SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED BY MARCH 1, 2001.

(6) (a) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001.

(b) PRIOR TO SAID REPEAL, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE REVIEWED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-3-1203 (3), C.R.S.

SECTION 2. 2-3-1203 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees. (3) The following dates are the dates for which the statutory authorization for the designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

(n) JULY 1, 2001: THE PREDATOR MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 33-1-123, C.R.S.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the wildlife cash fund created in section 33-1-112, Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of natural resources, for allocation to the division of wildlife, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), or

so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 30, 2000