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Chapter No.: 198

Prime Sponsor: Salazar

Catch Title: Gray wolf damage compensation eligibility.

Subject: Providing eligibility for compensation for damage caused by gray wolves in specified areas.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Existing law provides for compensation payments from the state to any landowner, lessee or agent whose property is being damaged by big or trophy game animals or game birds of this State.
- This act expands the described areas in which property owners are eligible for compensation payment for damage caused by gray wolves.
- The act also provides that owners are eligible for compensation payments for damage caused by gray wolves in areas of land designated by the Game and Fish Commission in rule which are adjacent to the described areas.
- The act requires the Game and Fish Commission to establish in rule a process for persons to requests areas of land adjacent to the described areas to be designated as an area where property owners are eligible for compensation payments for damage caused by gray wolves. The rules shall provide that:
 - The adjacent area of land be outside the described area;
 - The adjacent area of land be a part of a contiguous tract of land a portion of which is currently located within the boundaries of the described area;
 - The adjacent area of land is privately owned;
 - The private landowner of the adjacent area of land consents to the designation; and
 - The designation of the adjacent area of land does not subtract from or diminish the described area.

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