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D. Wildlife Conflict Prevention and Habitat Protection Areas

1. Intent and Purpose

Wildlife is a part of Anchorage’s unique environment and provides memorable experiences for residents and visitors. Most wildlife in Anchorage lives in the municipality’s large parks. However, additional habitats are protected under this Title because some important habitats are outside parks. Problems involving wildlife will be minimized if: (1) large wildlife can move through habitat corridors among parks and between parks and the coast, and (2) important habitats that wildlife depends on for food and shelter exist in developed areas. The standards in this section will minimize problems with wildlife. These problems include: (1) conflicts between people and wildlife, with the risk of serious injury or property damage, and (2) disappearance of wildlife from the city.

2. Conflict Prevention Habitat Areas for Bears and Moose

1.a. Applicability

This subsection shall apply within 200 feet on either side of the ordinary high water of the following streams: Eklutna River (downstream from the Old Glenn Highway), Thunderbird Creek, Peters Creek and its tributaries, Fire Creek (downstream from the Glenn Highway), Eagle River, South Fork of Eagle River (below the falls), Ship Creek (upstream from Reeve Blvd.), Chester Creek, Campbell Creek (~~upstream from Lake Otis Parkway~~), Rabbit Creek, Little Rabbit Creek, Little Survival Creek, Potter Creek, Indian Creek, Bird Creek, Portage Creek, and the coastal bluff and coastal flats between Potter Marsh and Kincaid Park.

2.b. Standards

Within the areas identified in subsection D-~~1~~.2.a above, the following mandatory standards shall apply:

- a.i.** No landfills, transfer stations, schools, or new campgrounds are allowed; existing campgrounds shall be managed with strict bear-avoidance standards.
- b.ii.** Any commercial, institutional, or industrial development shall store edible garbage in bearproof containers, and shall not store food outside.
- c.iii.** Roads and driveways are allowed only if there is no feasible and prudent alternative; roads or driveways will be designed with consultation with the state department of fish and game.

~~d~~.iv. Stream crossings, either by roads, driveways, or trails, shall be designed to facilitate wildlife passage along the stream, and minimize wildlife-human conflicts.

v. No fences within 10 feet of the stream are allowed.

~~3~~.c. Guidelines

Within the areas identified in subsection ~~D-1~~.2.a above, the following voluntary guidelines apply:

~~a~~.i. Fences are discouraged.

~~b~~.ii. New buildings are encouraged to be sited outside these areas.

~~e~~.iii. Trails should be sited outside these areas, and/or with consultation with the state department of fish and game.

~~d~~.iv. All outdoor trash receptacles should be bearproof.

~~e~~.v. Bird feeders should be empty between April 15 and October 15.

~~f~~.vi. Food, including pet food and bird seed, should be stored indoors and/or in bearproof containers.

~~g~~.vii. Bee hives, vegetable gardens, fruit trees and berry bushes, and composting ~~is~~are discouraged in this area.

~~h~~.viii. Pet runs and livestock should not be kept in this area or should be penned with an electric fence.

3. Conflict Prevention Habitat Areas for Moose

a. Applicability

This subsection shall apply to the following areas: wetlands in Klatt Bog, and wetlands in the Far North Bicentennial Park, as designated under the *Anchorage Wetlands Management Plan*.

b. Guidelines

Within the area identified in subsection ~~D~~.3.a above, the following voluntary guidelines apply:

i. Patches of public or private open space containing undisturbed natural woods (trees and bushes) and/or natural wetlands should be retained during development of these areas.

- ii. **Contiguous natural open patches will be useable by moose if they are at least 300 feet in the smallest dimension.**
- iii. **Fences are discouraged within moose habitat patches.**
- iv. **Trails should be sited outside these areas, and/or with consultation with the state department of fish and game.**
- v. **Pet runs and livestock should not be kept in these areas.**

c. Credit for open space

Natural open space retained under this section may be credited as described under 21.07.030(B)(4)(a).

4. Conflict Prevention Shelter Areas for Moose

a. Intent and Purpose

Moose when moving through developed areas seek temporary refuge in patches of natural woodland. If moose cannot “de-stress” in small habitat patches, they become nervous and aggressive, leading to conflict with people.

b. Applicability

This subsection shall apply to all wetlands and patches of natural woods (trees and bushes).

c. Guidelines

Within the area identified in subsection D.4.b above, the following voluntary guidelines apply:

- i. **Patches of wildlife shelter habitat in public or private open space are encouraged to be retained in some developments.**
- iii. **Shelter patches will be useable by moose if they are at least 100 feet in the smallest dimension.**
- ii. **Retention of a natural wooded patch is encouraged if neither of the following exists within one half mile in each direction:**
 - (a) another patch as described in (c)(i-ii) above; or
 - (b) a more extensive natural wooded space, such as a park or undeveloped area.
- iv. **Fences are discouraged within moose habitat patches.**

v. Trails should be sited outside these areas, and/or with consultation with the state department of fish and game.

vi. Pet runs and livestock should not be kept in these areas.

d. Credit for open space

Natural open space retained under this section may be credited as described under 21.07.030(B)(4)(a).

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