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House District 38
Kuskokwim & Johnson Rivers
Kuskokwim Bay & Nelson Island

Akiachak
Akiak
Atmautluak
Bethel
Chefornak
Eek
Goodnews Bay
Kasigluk
Kipnuk
Kongiganak
Kwethluk
Kwigillingok
Lower Kalskag
Mekoryuk
Mertarvik
Napakiak
Napaskiak
Newtok
Nightmute
Nunapitchuk
Oscarville
Platinum
Quinhagak
Toksook Bay
Tuluksak
Tununak
Tuntutuliak
Upper Kalskag

Sectional Analysis Holitna River Reserve SSHB 227 – Version K

Section 16.20.700. Purpose

States that the purpose of establishing a fish and game reserve is to promote sustainable levels of human consumption of fish and game.

Section 16.20.710. Regulations

Gives authority to the Board of Game or Board of Fish (whichever is more appropriate) to adopt regulations designed to conserve fish and game; and to carry out the purpose as set forth in sections 16.20.700 and 16.20.720.

Section 16.20.720 (a)

All present and future state-owned land and water within the Holitna and Hoholitna River watersheds is designated as part of the Reserve.

Section 16.20.720 (b)

The Reserve is established to ensure:

1. Management and protection of fish and game populations and habitat to perpetuate subsistence use, commercial use, and other consumptive uses;
2. Management techniques that promote maximum use with sustained yield to maintain historical harvest levels with human consumptive use as a priority;
3. Maintenance of fish and game populations to provide for high levels of human consumptive use (within limits set by Fish and Game Boards);
4. Allowance for scientific research elucidating the effectiveness of management activities in this section in providing for current and future human harvest needs.

Section 16.20.720 (c)

The Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game shall manage fish and game resources within the Reserve to provide for high levels of human harvest and, subject to priorities among intensively managed areas for which these entities set policy, shall:

1. Control predation and adjust predator and prey population ratios thru appropriate means;
2. Conduct management actions designed to further the purposes of this section so long as the appropriate board has not found such actions to be ineffective at maintaining fish and game populations commonly harvested for food by humans;

3. Consider scientific evidence augmented by local environmental knowledge when evaluating management activities.

Section 16.20.720 (d)

The Department of Natural Resources may acquire privately owned land within the Reserve by purchase or exchange, but not thru eminent domain.

Section 16.20.720 (e)

Public access to the Reserve may be regulated by DNR, in consultation with DFG, as necessary to meet the purposes of this section and to protect access to, and development of, other resources within the Reserve.

Section 16.20.720 (f)

Access corridors established by DNR, in consultation with DFG and a private property owner, shall guarantee access to and from private property within the Reserve.

Section 16.20.720 (g)

Entry into the Reserve to explore or develop nonrenewable resources must be approved by DNR, in consultation with DFG, and such activities must be compatible with the purpose of this section.

Section 16.20.720 (h)

Except as otherwise provided in this section, DFG and DNR shall exercise their respective authority over the Reserve thru a management plan prepared by DFG in consultation with DNR.

Section 16.20.720 (i)

Reserve boundaries are defined as including all the sections (listed beneath their respective township and range designations) on the last eight pages of this bill.