

Sec. ~~AS 41.21.160~~. Purpose of [AS 41.21.160](#) ~~41.21.167~~.

The purpose of [AS 41.21.160](#) ~~41.21.167~~ is to establish the state-owned land and water areas described in [AS 41.21.161](#) as the Wood-Tikchik State Park. The primary purposes of creating the Wood-Tikchik State Park are to protect the area's fish and wildlife breeding and support systems and to preserve the continued use of the area for subsistence and recreational activities. The state park is also created to protect the area's recreational and scenic resources. [AS 41.21.160](#) ~~41.21.167~~ are intended to close the described land and water to multiple-purpose use in conformity with [AS 38.05.300](#) and to dedicate it as a special purpose site in accordance with art. VIII, Sec. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

Sec. 41.21.161. Wood-Tikchik State Park established.

(a) The state-owned or acquired land and water lying within the following parcel, containing approximately 1,428,320 acres, is designated as the Wood-Tikchik State Park: beginning at the SE corner of T7S, R54W, S.M., which is the true point of beginning; thence westerly to the NE corner of T8S, R58W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner of T8S, R58W, S.M.; thence westerly to the SW corner of T8S, R58W, S.M.; thence northerly to the NW corner of T5S, R58W, S.M.; thence westerly to the SW corner of Section 34, T4S, R58W, S.M.; thence northerly to the NE corner of Section 4, T1S, R58W, S.M.; thence westerly to the SW corner of T1N, R57W, S.M.; thence northerly to the NW corner of T2N, R57W, S.M.; thence easterly to the NE corner of T2N, R57W, S.M.; thence northerly to the NW corner of T4N, R56W, S.M.; thence easterly to the SW corner of T5N, R55W, S.M.; thence northerly to the NW corner of T5N, R55W, S.M.; thence easterly to the NE corner of T5N, R55W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner of T5N, R55W, S.M.; thence easterly to the NE corner of T4N, R54W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner of T4N, R54W, S.M.; thence easterly to the NE corner of T3N, R53W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner of T3N, R53W, S.M.; thence easterly to the NE corner of T2N, R52W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SW corner of T1N, R51W, S.M.; thence easterly to the NE corner of T1S, R52W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner of T2S, R52W, S.M.; thence easterly to the NE corner of T3S, R51W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner of T3S, R51W, S.M.; thence westerly to the NE corner of T4S, R53W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner of T4S, R53W, S.M.; thence westerly to the NE corner of T5S, R54W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner of T7S, R54W, S.M., which point is the true point of beginning.

(b) All or part of the state-owned or acquired land and water within the following adjacent parcel, containing approximately 126,720 acres may be added to the Wood-Tikchik State Park by proclamation of the governor: beginning at the SE corner of T7S, R54W, S.M., which point is the true point of beginning; thence southerly to the SE corner of T8S, R54W, S.M.; thence westerly to the NE corner of T9S, R55W, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner of the NE quarter of T9S, R55W, S.M.; thence westerly to the SW corner of the NW quarter of T9S, R57W, S.M.; thence northerly to the NW corner of T9S, R57W, S.M.; thence westerly to the SE corner of T8S, R58W, S.M.; thence northerly to the NE corner of T8S, R58W, S.M.; thence easterly to the SE corner of T7S, R54W, S.M., which point is the true point of beginning.

(c) Land lying within the parcels described in (a) or (b) of this section upon which there are valid entries or that is withdrawn for or selected by Native village or regional corporations under 43 U.S.C. 1610, 1611 and 1613 (P.L. 92-203, Sec. 11, 12 and 14 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act), is excepted from (a) and (b) of this section. However, if any land excepted under this subsection is subsequently relinquished to the state, it shall be included as part of the Wood-Tikchik State Park.

Sec. 41.21.162. Designation of management responsibility.

The land and water described in [AS 41.21.161](#) is assigned to the department for control, maintenance, and development consistent with the purposes and provisions of this chapter. The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the management of fish and game resources in the Wood-Tikchik State Park, consistent with the purposes and provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 41.21.163. Management Council created.

A seven-member Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council is created and shall be appointed by the governor. Management council members may, subject to appropriations, receive the same per diem and travel expenses authorized for members of state boards. The governor shall appoint one member of the council from three nominations submitted to the governor by each of the following:

- (1) the village council of Koliganek;
- (2) the village council of New Stuyahok;
- (3) the village council of Aleknagik;
- (4) the city council of Dillingham;
- (5) the Bristol Bay Native Association, Inc.;
- (6) the commissioner of natural resources;
- (7) the commissioner of fish and game.

Sec. 41.21.164. Management plan.

The Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council shall develop a management plan for the park with the advice and assistance of the department. The management plan shall be presented at a public meeting before approval and implementation.

Sec. 41.21.165. Regulations.

The department shall consult with Department of Fish and Game and the management council before adoption of regulations governing the public use of the park. The Department of Fish and

Game shall consult with the department and the management council before adoption of regulations governing fish and wildlife management in the park. Regulations may not be adopted by either department without prior review at public hearings.

Sec. 41.21.166. Fish and wildlife breeding areas.

The fish and wildlife habitat breeding areas in the Wood-Tikchik State Park shall be managed to sustain the fish and wildlife resources of the park in perpetuity.

Sec. 41.21.167. Incompatible uses.

(a) The land and water areas described in [AS 41.21.161](#) are not open to mineral entry under [AS 38.05.135](#) - 38.05.275.

(b) The regulations adopted under [AS 41.21.165](#) shall recognize that the current practice of traditional subsistence and recreational activities includes the use of small outboard motors and snow machines. Reasonable access by aircraft for recreational purposes shall be permitted.

(c) Development and operation of a hydroelectric site at Lake Elva or Grant Lake is not considered an incompatible use.

(d) Development and operation of campsites on or adjacent to major spawning and breeding areas are incompatible uses unless it can be shown by a preponderance of evidence that the fishery and wildlife habitat and breeding areas will not be adversely affected to a significant degree by the development and operation.