

SCI Alaska Chapter
Eagle River, AK 99577
Cell (907) 903-8329
Tel: (907) 980-9018
www.aksafariclub.org



March 28, 2021

32nd Alaska Legislature
Senate Resources Committee
Attn: Senator Josh Revak, Chair

Re: SCI-AK Support for Senate Bill 101 - ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FEDERAL MGT AREAS.

Dear Senator Revak and honorable members of the Senate Resources Committee,

Founded in 1971, Safari Club International is the country's leading hunter rights advocate and additionally promotes worldwide wildlife conservation. SCI's approximately 50,000 members and 200 Chapters represent all 50 of the United States as well as 106 other countries. SCI-AK, founded in 1977, is nationally and internationally recognized for its contributions in support of SCI's four major mission areas: Advocacy, Conservation, Education, and Humanitarian Services.

The Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas (CACFA) was created after the 1980 passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). It successfully gave a voice to Alaskans negotiating ANILCA's complex management rules and regulations until 1999 — when state funding was eliminated. The Commission was re-established in 2007. CACFA is responsible for identifying and reducing potential negative impacts on Alaska and its citizens from federal actions on any of the over 200 million acres of federal land in the state, and is tasked with considering, researching, and holding hearings on consistency with federal law and congressional intent on management, operation, planning, development, and additions to federal management areas in the state (AS 41.37.220(a)).

Alaska is facing unprecedented pressure from the federal government to control access and resources on lands that are rightfully under the purview of the state's residents (and therefore their state government). One continuing concern previously addressed by CACFA are the many land use plans from the various Alaskan parks, preserves and refuges. These documents have far reaching impacts on all Alaskans in the form of restrictions on travel (boat, ATV, snowmobile use, etc.), hunting, fishing and the general use of the land and water. They are often long and very complex documents that would intimidate the average Alaskan. CACFA had both the time and resources to evaluate and comment on these very complex documents.

We thank the Senate Resources committee for introducing SB 101 and offer our full support for this valuable piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Jeff Garness

SCI Alaska Chapter President

E-mail: president@aksafariclub.org

Cell: (907) 244-9612

*Safari Club International Alaska Chapter
First for Hunters - First for Wildlife*