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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 17, 2026
From: Representative Andy Josephson
To: Representative Robyn Frier, Co-chair
Representative Maxine Dibert, Co-chair
House Resources Committee
RE: HB 321 Hearing Follow-up Information

This memo and attached information are to help answer some of the many insightful questions we received at the committee's March 4 and 16, 2026 hearings concerning House Bill 321 (Fish and Game Wildlife Refuges).

Overall Bill Purpose: to facilitate the more efficient and effective management of Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Special Areas and to promote better and wider public understanding, use, and appreciation of these areas — fostering stewardship and support of these important wildlife areas while strengthening recreational, subsistence, and economic opportunities for Alaskans.

LDA Purpose Statements: as the attached Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fact sheet details, there are approximately 12 million acres of state-owned land within Legislatively Designated Areas (LDAs) including sanctuaries, critical habitat areas, refuges, ranges, parks, recreation areas, special management areas, forests, public use areas, recreation rivers, and recreational mining areas. These areas are established by the Legislature under the authority of the state's constitution Article VIII, § 7 as "Special Purpose Sites."

Also attached are statutory purpose statements for areas managed by the DFG (i.e. sanctuaries, critical habitat areas, and refuges) and a sampling of statutory purpose statements for DNR managed LDAs. Following is a summary of these purpose statements:

Sanctuaries: these areas are established to protect habitats and populations of a specific species (Pacific walrus and brown bear) with a high emphasis on the scientific, aesthetic, and educational values they provide.

Critical Habitat Areas (CHA) and Refuges: both these designations place a high importance on protecting and preserving wildlife habitat. CHAs generally emphasize the habitat of a specific species or grouping of species (e.g. the Dude Creek CHA purpose statement specifically mentions habitat for lesser sandhill cranes) while refuges emphasize habitats for a broad range of species. Public uses of these areas are allowed provided it does not conflict with the primary purpose.

Ranges: there are two wildlife ranges which place an emphasis on habitat enhancements for a specific species (bison and moose) and allow for multiple use of these areas. Note that DFG does not have land management responsibilities in these areas with the exception of habitat manipulation.

Parks: the overall purpose of the parks system is “to foster the growth and development of a system of parks and recreational facilities and opportunities in the state, for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of its citizens and for the attraction of visitors to the state.” Several park purpose statements include the provision to protect an area’s fish, wildlife, and scenic resources; and public use of those resources.

Recreation Areas: the primary function of these sites is to provide for public recreation of the lands and waters.

Special Management Area: these areas are managed as part of the state park system and have a similar purpose.

Forests: the primary purpose of these areas is timber management that provides for the production, utilization, and replenishment of timber resources while allowing other beneficial uses of public land and resources.

Public Use Areas: protect wildlife habitats so that traditional public uses of fish and wildlife populations may continue and provide for general public recreational opportunities.

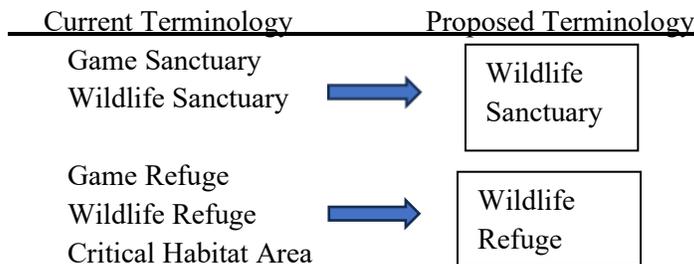
Recreational Rivers: the management, protection, and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis for continued recreation and economic use.

Recreational Mining Area: to provide for a public recreational mining area to permit public recreational activities and to allow other multiple use activities to continue as long as the activities do not detract from the primary purpose.

Name Change and Revised Purpose Statement: this bill brings naming consistency to Alaska's Special Areas — game refuges, wildlife refuges, game sanctuaries, wildlife sanctuaries, and critical habitat areas — by renaming all refuges and critical habitat areas as "Wildlife Refuges" and all sanctuaries as "Wildlife Sanctuaries." Eliminating the designation of "critical habitat area" also avoids confusion with the federal Endangered Species Act's "critical habitat" designation. The term "refuge" signals to the public that these areas remain open to access and use, albeit with restrictions to protect habitats and wildlife populations.

In addition to the name change, consolidating and clarifying the purpose statements of the combined refuges and critical habitat areas standardizes the management framework for these areas; provides managers consistent terminology and statutory intent; and clarifies that a variety of public uses in these areas is appropriate provided they are consistent with maintaining habitats and wildlife populations.

By providing managers and the public consistency in terminology and purpose, while encouraging compatible uses, these changes will help promote awareness, responsible use, and appreciation of these areas resulting in better community and individual stewardship.



Allowed Activities: several questions addressed what restrictions would be placed on areas added to a Special Area because of this bill. Since most of these additions involve lands already managed by DFG and many of the parcels contain deed and grant restrictions requiring their continued purpose of providing wildlife habitat, there should be no changes to activities that are allowed. In fact, Section 6 of this bill strengthens DFG's regulatory ability to manage public uses of these areas and stipulates (or in some case, reconfirms) the statutory purpose of providing public access and allowing consumptive and nonconsumptive activities. **Additionally, all existing easements and access corridors remain in place with the addition of these lands.** Based on our information, DFG generally authorizes traditional access on existing roads and trails, including that for the off-road use of vehicles. The relatively small additions to these Special Areas should not influence those permits and activities.

There was a question concerning access from the terminus of East End Road to the community of Kachemak Selo. Since the trail down the bluff and into this community is located in uplands and above the mean high tide line, it would be unaffected by the limited addition to Kachemak Bay CHA which encompasses only tide and submerged lands below mean high tide. There was also a question concerning access for hunting and fishing in the area in and near the Fox River Flats CHA. While the existing offroad vehicle trail traverses one of the areas being proposed for addition, this trail has been authorized by DFG Special Area permit issued under 5 AAC 95.770 for several decades and no change in this authorization is anticipated. In fact, DFG has recently conducted trail improvements along this route to include ORV bridge upgrades and vegetation clearing. Additionally, DNR has been addressing an application for an RS2477 right-of-way easement for this trail and has made a preliminary decision to grant this easement, further solidifying continued use of the trail.

While there were questions about access and allowed activities along the Funny River within the Kenai River Special Management Area and at Jim Creek in the Knik Public Use Area, we are unaware of specific issues at those sites. These sites are managed by the DNR and are not subject to any provisions of this bill.

Firearms and Access Closure: The intent of Section 7 is to allow DFG to close through the adoption of regulations certain limited areas in a refuge to the discharge of firearms for purposes other than hunting, trapping, and fishing (e.g. target shooting, skeet and trap shooting, etc.) to protect public safety and to avoid creating a hazardous contaminated site from lead accumulation. The intent is that this would only be applied at locations frequented by the public such as access sites, trailheads, picnic sites, etc. Due to past indiscriminate target shooting at refuge access sites, the DFG, Department of Environmental Conservation, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have expended several million dollars to mitigate lead contaminated sites. Continued target shooting leaves the state liable for the public's health and safety at these sites.

Additionally, this section would allow DFG to adopt regulations to close certain areas in a refuge to public access where the public's presence would create a safety hazard to themselves or disrupt facility operations. Of primary concern is the area down range from the Rabbit Creek Shooting Park in the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

Maps: attached are a new series of maps to better illustrate the proposed boundary changes to DFG refuges and CHAs and additions to a McNeil River sanctuary brown bear hunting closure. While the maps simply provide a visual representation of the existing area boundary and the proposed changes, the legal boundary established by the legislature is that contained in the bill language. Following is a list of bill sections and the corresponding map area being referenced including a summary of each area being proposed for boundary changes. Note that several of these boundary adjustments were the subject of previous legislation (HB130 in 2017) which

passed the House on a 35-2 vote, only to eventually fail after being amended in the Senate. As with HB130, no new lands are being purchased in this bill; it would primarily fold existing state-owned lands into the Special Area.

Sections 4, 48: Hunting Closure: three areas adjoining the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary would be closed to brown bear hunting. This includes lands south and east of the sanctuary and which have been closed to brown bear hunting by Board of Game (BOG) regulation for at least 40 years, and to the north in the McNeil River State Game Refuge which has been closed to brown bear hunting by BOG regulation for at least 30 years.

Section 8: Cape Newenham State Game Refuge: two intertidal state-owned areas in the northern portion of Chagvan Bay are not captured by the current legal description for the refuge. During an April 5, 2017 House Resources Committee hearing concerning HB130 (a bill addressing these same changes), DFG testified that this refuge was intended to incorporate the tide and submerged lands of the lagoon in its entirety and the omitted areas were intended for inclusion in the refuge. The omission may have been a result of imperfect mapping of the shoreline in the 1960s and 70s and the additions are to correct the error. These sites are in locations inaccessible to vehicles.

Sections 8, 9,10: Izembek State Game Refuge: there are 11 relatively small intertidal state-owned areas within Izembek and Moffet lagoons that are not captured by the existing legal description. These areas extend into land survey sections not otherwise captured in the existing legal description. During the April 5, 2017 House Resources Committee hearing concerning HB130, DFG testified that this refuge was intended to incorporate the tide and submerged lands of the lagoons in their entirety and the waterbodies of the surrounding federal refuge and the excluded areas may have been a result of imperfect mapping of the shoreline in the 1960s and 70s and the additions are to correct the error. Most of the sites are in locations inaccessible to vehicles and the one site near a roadway would not be conducive to development due to wetlands and federal upland ownership.

Sections 13: Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge: there are five parcels that are state-owned and managed by DFG which are being proposed for inclusion in this refuge. Two parcels at the south end of Potter Marsh are located outside the legislative boundary and are the site of the former Department of Transportation (DOT) vehicle weigh station. These parcels are managed by DFG under an agreement with DOT and are currently undergoing refuge access improvements. One parcel along the Old Seward Highway is within the legislative boundary but since acquisition was subsequent to refuge creation, it requires legislative action to be managed as refuge and contains a deed restriction to maintain its wildlife habitat values. Lastly, two parcels on the north end of the marsh are outside the refuge's legislative boundary but are managed for their habitat values. One was acquired with funds from a federal wetlands grant and private funds and contains a deed restriction to maintain its wildlife habitat values, while the other is a portion of the original Rabbit Creek Shooting

Park parcel that was bisected and isolated by construction of the New Seward Highway and not incorporated into the original refuge boundary.

Section 14: Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge: there are seven areas or parcels of state-owned wetlands managed by DFG that are being proposed for including in the refuge, six of which are within the external refuge boundary and are currently managed for their refuge values. Two of the parcels were acquired with funds provided by federal wetlands grant and other funds, while two others were donated to the state from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. These four parcels contain deed restrictions to maintain their wildlife habitat values. Two areas for inclusion include watercourses (Rabbit Slough and abandoned channels of the Matanuska River) that are within the external refuge boundary but were not originally included in the refuge as the adjoining parcels which are now under state ownership were fixed to the highwater mark of the watercourse. During the April 5, 2017 House Resources Committee hearing concerning HB130, DFG testified that management of the abandoned channels which are excluded from refuge jurisdiction was problematic from a management and public use perspective. The seventh area proposed for inclusion in the refuge includes accreted lands adjoining the refuge boundary within Knik Arm that are now valuable uplands containing wildlife habitat contiguous with the existing refuge.

Section 25, Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge: there is one state-owned parcel within the external refuge boundary of this refuge and managed by DFG. While this parcel was formerly state-owned, it was deeded to the adjoining private landowner due to land accretion. This parcel was then donated to the state and contains a deed restriction that it be managed for its habitat values.

Section 47: Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge: there are five tracts of state-owned land contiguous with the refuge and managed by DFG. Four of these tracts were purchased from the University of Alaska using federal wetlands grants and private donations. Although a state entity, the university as an independent land grant university monetizes their land holdings and rather than develop these parcels, they opted to sell them for the benefit of the refuge. One private parcel was purchased using private funds and donated to the state for eventual inclusion in the refuge. All these parcels contain deed restrictions to preserve their habitat values.

Sections 63, 64, Port Moller CHA: the provision of this bill will remove CHA jurisdiction over Native Corporation and other private lands within the external boundary and will remove the existing exclusion of tide and submerged lands within certain sections. It will also correct an error made in the original enabling legislation that shifted the CHA boundary one entire range resulting in important habitat not being captured by the boundary and which places the community of Nelson Lagoon within the CHA. During the April 5, 2017 House Resources Committee hearing concerning HB130, DFG testified that these boundary changes were necessary to correct an error.

Sections 65, 66: Port Heiden CHA: the provision of this bill will remove CHA jurisdiction over Native Corporation and other private lands within the external boundary.

Section 67: Cinder River CHA: this section will add state-owned lands and tidelands to the CHA to incorporate the Cinder River lagoon and tidelands in their entirety and will remove the existing exclusion of tide and submerged lands within certain sections.

Section 68, 69: Egegik CHA: the provision of this bill will remove CHA jurisdiction over Native Corporation and other private lands within the external boundary. It will also correct an error made in the original enabling legislation that incorporated a non-contiguous half-section of land into the CHA rather than the adjoining continuous half-section. During the April 5, 2017 House Resources Committee hearing concerning HB130, DFG testified that this was an error.

Sections 70, 71: Pilot Point CHA: the provision of this bill will remove CHA jurisdiction over Native Corporation and other private lands within the external boundary and will remove the existing exclusion of tide and submerged lands within certain sections. It will also correct an error made in the original enabling legislation that shifted one section of the CHA lands one entire township, and which is not contiguous with the CHA. During the April 5, 2017 House Resources Committee hearing concerning HB130, DFG testified that this was an error.

Section 73, Fox River Flats CHA: the provisions of this bill will add three areas to the CHA that were omitted in the enabling legislation. During the April 5, 2017 House Resources Committee hearing concerning HB130, DFG testified that this was an error and including these areas would be consistent with the remainder of the CHA.

Section 76, Kachemak Bay CHA: this bill would add one small corner of a section that was not described in the original enabling legislation. During the April 5, 2017 House Resources Committee hearing concerning HB130, DFG testified that this was an inadvertent omission and that access to local communities would not be affected by this addition.

Section 80, Anchor River Fritz Creek CHA: there are 26 state-owned parcels managed by DFG and which contain deed restrictions to maintain their wildlife habitat values along the Anchor River or a tributary that are proposed to incorporate into this CHA. Twenty-three of these parcels are within the Angler's Haven Estates subdivision that were purchased with Exxon Valdez Settlement Funds; while one parcel was purchased with a federal wetlands grant and two others were donated to the state by the Kachemak Habitat Moose, Inc. One additional DNR parcel is contiguous with the existing CHA and these additional lands, and which contains important riverine and bottomland habitat.

Section 86: Dude Creek CHA: this addition would add state-owned and DFG managed lands along the southern and southeasterly boundary of the CHA. These lands were purchased by

The Nature Conservancy using funds from a federal wetlands grant and then donated to the state for inclusion in the CHA and contain deed restrictions to maintain their wildlife habitat values.

Section 90: Tugidak Island CHA: this section does not affect the external boundary of the CHA but expands the area of jurisdiction on state-owned beaches which currently ends at mean high tide. This bill would extend CHA jurisdiction on beaches down to mean lower low water incorporating important marine mammal haulout areas.

Section 98: Homer Airport CHA: this section, added to proposed CS bill version H, would add several parcels of state-owned land managed by DNR and the Department of Transportation, all of which would fall within the existing CHA provisions that allow these parcels to be managed and utilized for aviation purposes, if needed. This section would also add several privately owned parcels acquired by a conservation organization to protect their wildlife habitat values. These parcels would only come under CHA jurisdiction once donated to the state. Lastly, there are two municipal parcels owned by the City of Homer and Kenai Peninsula Borough but those would only come under CHA jurisdiction if approved by the respective municipality.

Please contact me or my staff, Joe Meehan, at 907.465.8108 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.



Fact Sheet: State of Alaska Legislatively Designated Areas

The legislature has designated areas for special uses. Areas designated by the legislature include refuges, sanctuaries, critical habitat areas, ranges, special management areas, forests, parks, recreation areas, preserves, public use areas, recreation rivers, and recreational mining areas. The total acreage of land within the boundaries of these areas (excluding joint state/national refuges) is 11,982,139 acres.

The acreage figures below are only approximations of acreage of all lands, regardless of ownership, within the exterior boundaries of legislatively designated areas. Consult the referenced Alaska Statutes to determine the legal description and special management intent for each area. Many areas also have regulations and plans that govern uses within their boundaries.

State Wildlife Areas

Total Acres (excluding State/National Refuges): 3,427,895

The following legislatively designated areas were established under Title 16, Chapter 20 of the Alaska Statutes to protect and preserve the natural habitat areas and game population or to enhance habitat for particular wildlife species. Most of these areas are managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Sanctuaries				
McNeil River State Game Sanctuary	AS 16.20.160-170	07/18/1967	08/16/1972 01/01/1993 08/08/1995 06/11/1999	124,734
Stan Price State Wildlife Sanctuary	AS 16.20.150	06/15/1990		606
Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary	AS 16.20.090-140	04/13/1960		<u>162,353</u>
				Total: 287,693
Critical Habitat Areas (CHA)				
Anchor River & Fritz Creek CHA	AS 16.20.605	08/28/1985	06/22/1990	18,581
Chilkat River CHA	AS 16.20.585	09/24/1972		4,797
Cinder River CHA	AS 16.20.560	09/24/1972		25,775
Clam Gulch CHA	AS 16.20.595	03/31/1976		4,102
Copper River Delta CHA	AS 16.20.600	09/28/1978		550,667
Dude Creek CHA	AS 16.20.610	05/13/1988		4,082
Egegik CHA	AS 16.20.565	09/24/1972	06/03/2003	8,254
Fox River Flats CHA	AS 16.20.580	09/24/1972		7,197
Homer Airport	AS 16.20.630	08/21/1996		296
Kachemak Bay CHA	AS 16.20.590	05/17/1974	04/14/1993 06/23/2014	229,620
Kalgin Island CHA	AS 16.20.575	09/24/1972		3,491
Pilot Point CHA	AS 16.20.570	09/24/1972		46,550
Port Heiden CHA	AS 16.20.555	09/24/1972		72,148
Port Moller CHA	AS 16.20.550	09/24/1972		131,269
Redoubt Bay CHA	AS 16.20.625	06/15/1989		170,880
Tugidak Island CHA	AS 16.20.615	06/07/1988		158,444
Willow Mountain CHA	AS 16.20.620	05/12/1989		<u>22,540</u>
				Total: 1,458,693

State Wildlife Areas (continued)

	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Acres</u>
<u>Refuges</u>				
Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge	AS 16.20.031	02/27/1988		32,256
Cape Newenham State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(15)	09/24/1972		14,068
Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge	AS 16.20.039	07/18/1979	05/30/1991 08/12/2015	1,772
Goose Bay State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.030(c)	05/30/1975		11,045
Izembek State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(14)	09/24/1972		181,761
McNeil River State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.041	01/01/1993	08/08/1995 06/11/1999	131,104
Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.034	05/01/1976		3,749
Minto Flats State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.037	04/13/1988	09/18/2002 10/24/2004 07/01/2008	497,698
Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.032	05/30/1975	05/31/1985 06/25/2005 08/17/2015	29,056
Susitna Flats State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.036	09/06/1976	07/03/1984 01/01/1986	302,717
Trading Bay State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.038	09/22/1976	01/01/1986	162,693
Yakataga State Game Refuge	AS 16.20.033	08/15/1990 ¹		<u>93,539</u>
				Total: 1,461,458
<u>State Range Areas</u>				
Delta Junction Bison Range Area	AS 16.20.300-320	08/01/1979		88,372
Matanuska Valley Moose Range	AS 16.20.340-360	08/30/1984		<u>131,679</u>
				Total: 220,051
<u>State/National Refuges²</u>				
Aleutian Islands Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(1)	04/13/1960		3,987,539
Arctic National Wildlife Range	AS 16.20.030(a)(17)	09/24/1972		19,848,644
Bering Sea Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(2)	04/13/1960		240,421
Bogoslof Island Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(3)	04/13/1960		1,919
Chamisso Island Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(4)	04/13/1960		6,398
Clarence Rhodes National Wildlife Range	AS 16.20.030(a)(16)	09/24/1972		3,141,807
Forrester Island Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(5)	04/13/1960		30,337
Hazen Bay Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(6)	04/13/1960		15,948
Hazy Islands Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(7)	04/13/1960		5,674
Kenai National Moose Range	AS 16.20.030(a)(8)	04/13/1960		2,102,900
Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(9)	04/13/1960		1,977,098
Nunivak Island Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(10)	04/13/1960		1,664,310
St. Lazaria Island Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(11)	04/13/1960		2,559
Semidi Islands Wildlife Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(12)	04/13/1960		257,000
Tuxedni Refuge	AS 16.20.030(a)(13)	04/13/1960		<u>114,862</u>
				Total: 33,397,416

¹ The Yakataga Special Management Area, created per Section 9, Chapter 143, SLA 1990, expired when the Yakataga Area Plan was approved on 04/03/95.

² Lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System were designated as State Game Refuges under Alaska Statute 16.20.030. Acreages are based on the boundaries of the listed national wildlife refuges at the time of the effective date of the state designation. Boundaries of several federal wildlife refuges have changed since the effective date, but the state refuge boundaries remain unchanged.

State Park Areas**Total Acres: 3,357,393**

The following legislatively designated areas were established under [Title 41, Chapter 21](#) of the Alaska Statutes to foster the growth and development of a system of parks and recreational facilities and opportunities in the state, for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of its citizens and for the attraction of visitors to the state. These areas are managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Acres</u>
<u>Parks</u>				
Afognak Island State Park	AS 41.21.185-189	08/24/1994		49,444
Chilkat State Park	AS 41.21.110-120	05/06/1975 ³	08/07/1997	10,346
Chugach State Park	AS 41.21.120-125	08/06/1970	06/09/1987	501,133
Denali State Park	AS 41.21.150-153	09/21/1970	09/06/1976 08/09/2015	323,428
Fort Rousseau Causeway State Historical Park	AS 41.21.190-194	04/02/2008	03/31/2010	68
Kachemak Bay State Park	AS 41.21.130-134	05/09/1970	09/12/1989	173,429
Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park	AS 41.21.140-143	05/25/1972	09/12/1989	198,397
Point Bridget State Park	AS 41.21.180-183	07/01/1988		2,732
Shuyak Island State Park	AS 41.21.170-178	07/12/1984	08/09/1997	96,145
Wood-Tikchik State Park	AS 41.21.160-167	06/29/1978	12/14/1985	<u>1,547,571</u>
				Total: 2,902,693
<u>Marine Parks</u>				
Bettles Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(1)	07/16/1983		679
Beecher Pass State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(17)	07/01/1986		680
Big Bear/Baby Bear Bays State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(33)	06/14/1990		2,040
Boswell Bay Beaches State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(20)	06/14/1990		3,047
Canoe Passage State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(21)	06/14/1990		2,507
Chilkat Islands State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(7)	07/16/1983		6,929
Dall Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(18)	07/01/1986		960
Decision Point State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(22)	06/14/1990		761
Driftwood Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(23)	06/14/1990		1,480
Entry Cove State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(24)	06/14/1990		1,200
Funter Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(14)	07/01/1986	06/09/2021	1,454
Granite Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(25)	06/14/1990		3,268
Horseshoe Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(9)	07/16/1983		1,196
Jack Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(27)	06/14/1990		1,544
Joe Mace Island State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(15)	07/01/1986		61
Juneau Area Islands State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(34)	09/02/2008		4,267
Kayak Island State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(26)	06/14/1990		5,178
Magoun Islands State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(32)	06/14/1990		2,442
Oliver Inlet State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(2)	07/16/1983		560
Safety Cove State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(28)	06/14/1990		960
Saint James Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(12)	07/16/1983		10,320
Sandspit Point State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(29)	06/14/1990		560
Sawmill Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(3)	07/16/1983		2,320
Security Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(19)	07/01/1986		1,960
Shelter Island State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(11)	07/16/1983	09/02/2008	3,057
Shoup Bay State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(4)	07/16/1983		4,556
South Ester Island State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(5)	07/16/1983		3,320

³ Originally designated as Battery Point State Recreation Area, effective 04/22/1970.

State Park Areas (continued)

	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Acres</u>
<u>Marine Parks (continued)</u>				
Sullivan Island State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(10)	07/16/1983		2,624
Sunny Cove State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(30)	06/14/1990		946
Surprise Cove State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(6)	07/16/1983		2,240
Taku Harbor State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(13)	07/01/1986		1,271
Thoms Place State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(16)	07/01/1986		1,894
Thumb Cove State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(31)	06/14/1990		720
Ziegler Cove State Marine Park	AS 41.21.304(8)	07/16/1983		<u>720</u>
				Total: 77,471

Recreation Areas

Caines Head State Recreation Area	AS 41.21.430-445	05/16/1971	08/17/1975	6,273
Captain Cook State Recreation Area	AS 41.21.410- 426	08/17/1969	08/09/2015	2,030
Chena River State Recreation Area	AS 41.21.470-490	06/18/1967	08/11/1975 07/15/1981	252,820
Nancy Lake State Recreation Area	AS 41.21.450- 466	07/06/1966	04/22/1970 08/09/2015	22,476
Willow Creek State Recreation Area	AS 41.21.491- 496	06/07/1987	04/15/2003 05/27/2005 08/09/2015	<u>3,594</u>
				Total: 287,193

State Preserve

Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve	AS 41.21.610-630	07/01/1982	05/26/1986 10/28/2006	<u>44,959</u>
				Total: 44,959

Special Management Areas (SMA)

Kenai River SMA	AS 41.21.500-514	06/02/1984	06/02/1988 04/15/2003 07/01/2004 05/27/2005 07/23/2009 01/01/2015	<u>45,047</u>
				Total: 45,047

State Forest Areas

	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Total Acres: 2,280,872				
<u>State Forest</u>				
Southeast State Forest	AS 41.17.500	07/01/2010	09/08/2011	48,472
Tanana Valley State Forest	AS 41.17.400	07/23/1983	06/02/1988 05/12/1990 09/27/1996 11/06/2003 07/01/2008	1,811,400
				Total: 1,859,872
<u>Resource Management Area (RMA)</u>				
Haines State Forest RMA	AS 41.15.300-330	07/01/1982	11/06/2003	421,000
				Total: 421,000

Other State Multiple Use Areas**Total Acres: 2,915,979**

The following legislatively designated areas were established under Title 41, Chapter 23 of the Alaska Statutes for special multiple use management of state public land and water resources by the Department of Natural Resources.

	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Acres</u>
<u>Public Use Areas</u>				
Ernie Haugen Public Use Area	AS 41.23.050-080	06/07/1988		935
Goldstream Public Use Area	AS 41.23.140-170	08/12/1990		3,171
Hatcher Pass Public Use Area	AS 41.23.100-130	09/01/1986	06/05/2003	5,169
Jonesville Public Use Area	AS 41.23.280-289	09/05/2018		14,614
Knik River Public Use Area	AS 42.23.180-230	08/28/2006		262,644
Kodiak Narrow Cape Public Use Area	AS 41.23.240-270	10/10/2007		46,902
Nelchina Public Use Area	AS 41.23.010-040	08/28/1985		<u>2,334,713</u>
				Total: 2,653,534
<u>Recreation Rivers (RR)</u>				
Alexander Creek State RR	AS 41.23.500(1)	06/09/1988	04/14/1993	22,960
Kroto & Moose Creek State RR	AS 41.23.500(2)	06/09/1988		74,628
Lake Creek State RR	AS 41.23.500(3)	06/09/1988		64,014
Little Susitna River State RR	AS 41.23.500(4)	06/09/1988		17,464
Talachulitna River State RR	AS 41.23.500(5)	06/09/1988		52,799
Talkeetna River State RR	AS 41.23.500(6)	06/09/1988		<u>30,018</u>
				Total: 261,883
<u>Recreational Mining Area</u>				
Caribou Creek Recreational Mining Area	AS 41.23.600-620	08/14/1990		288
Petersville Recreational Mining Area	AS 41.23.630	05/31/1997	06/18/2014	<u>274</u>
				Total: 562

Summary of Statutory Purpose Statements for Legislatively Designated Areas (LDA)

Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article VIII – Natural Resources; § 7. Special Purpose Sites:

The legislature may provide for the acquisition of sites, objects, and areas of natural beauty or of historic, cultural, recreational, or scientific value. It may reserve them from the public domain and provide for their administration and preservation for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people.

I. Sanctuaries Purpose Statements:

Walrus Islands State Game Sanctuary, AS 16.20.090(b): The purpose of AS 16.20.090 — 16.20.098 is to protect the walruses and other game on the Walrus Islands.

Stan Price State Wildlife Sanctuary, AS 16.20.150(b): The Stan Price State Wildlife Sanctuary is established to provide permanent protection for brown bears, other fish and wildlife populations, and their habitats in the area so that these resources may be preserved for scientific, aesthetic, and educational purposes.

McNeil River State Game Sanctuary, AS 16.20.162(a): The McNeil River State Game Sanctuary is established to

- (1) provide permanent protection for brown bear and other fish and wildlife populations and their habitats, so that these resources may be preserved for scientific, aesthetic, and educational purposes;
- (2) manage human use and activities in a way that is compatible with (1) of this subsection and to maintain and enhance the unique bear viewing opportunities within the sanctuary; and
- (3) provide opportunities that are compatible with (1) of this subsection for wildlife viewing, fisheries enhancement, and fishing, for temporary safe anchorage, and for other activities.

II. Fish and Game Critical Habitat Areas Purpose Statements:

The purpose of AS 16.20.500 — 16.20.690 is to protect and preserve habitat areas especially crucial to the perpetuation of fish and wildlife, and to restrict all other uses not compatible with that primary purpose.

Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area, AS 16.20.610(a): The purpose of the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area is the protection and enhancement of the wet meadow habitat that is the key roosting area for migrating lesser sandhill cranes, for the protection of lesser sandhill cranes, and for the continued public use and enjoyment of the area.

III. Wildlife/Game Refuges Purpose Statements:

The purpose of AS 16.20.010 — 16.20.080 is to protect and preserve the natural habitat and game population in certain designated areas of the state.

Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, AS16.20.031: The following described state-owned land and water is established as the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge and shall be managed as a state game refuge for the protection of waterfowl, shorebirds, salmon, and other fish and wildlife species, and their habitat and for the use and enjoyment of the people of the state:

Yakataga State Game Refuge, AS 16.20.033(b): The Yakataga State Game Refuge is established to protect the

- (1) fish and wildlife habitat and populations, including salmon spawning and rearing habitat and critical goat and moose winter habitat;
- (2) public uses of fish and wildlife and their habitat, particularly commercial, sport, and subsistence fishing, hunting, viewing, photography, and general public recreation in a high quality environment; and
- (3) the use and disposition of other resources when the activities are not inconsistent with (1) and (2) of this subsection.

Susitna Flats State Game Refuge, AS 16.20.036(b): The Susitna Flats State Game Refuge is established to protect the following:

- (1) fish and wildlife habitat and populations, particularly waterfowl nesting, feeding, and migration areas; moose calving areas; spring and fall bear feeding areas; salmon spawning and rearing habitats;
- (2) public uses of fish and wildlife and their habitat, particularly waterfowl, moose, and bear hunting; viewing; photography; and general public recreation in a high quality environment.

Minto Flats State Game Refuge, AS 16.20.037(b): The Minto Flats State Game Refuge is established to

- (1) ensure the protection and enhancement of habitat;
- (2) ensure the conservation of fish and wildlife; and
- (3) guarantee the continuation of hunting, fishing, trapping, and other uses by the public compatible with the protection and enhancement of habitat and the conservation of fish and wildlife.

Trading Bay State Game Refuge, AS 16.20.038(b): The Trading Bay State Game Refuge is established to protect the following:

- (1) fish and wildlife habitat and populations, particularly waterfowl nesting, feeding and migration areas; moose calving areas; spring and fall bear feeding areas; salmon spawning and rearing habitats;
- (2) public uses of fish and wildlife and their habitat, particularly waterfowl, moose and bear hunting; viewing; photography; and general public recreation in a high quality environment.

Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, AS 16.20.039(c): The Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge is established to provide the following:

- (1) protection and enhancement of habitat for migratory birds with special emphasis on waterfowl;
- (2) opportunity to view, photograph, and study various species of plants, wildlife and geological features typical to interior Alaska.

McNeil River State Game Refuge, AS 16.20.041(b): The McNeil River State Game Refuge is established to

- (1) provide permanent protection for brown bear and other fish and wildlife populations and their habitats, so that these resources may be preserved for scientific, aesthetic, and educational purposes;
- (2) manage human use and activities in a way that is compatible with (1) of this subsection and to maintain and enhance the unique bear viewing opportunities in the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary established under AS 16.20.160;
- (3) provide opportunities that are compatible with (1) of this subsection for wildlife viewing, fisheries enhancement, fishing, hunting, and trapping, for temporary safe anchorage, and for other activities.

IV. Wildlife Ranges Purpose Statements:

Delta Bison Range, AS 16.20.310: Game management plan for bison.

- (a) The commissioner shall develop and may amend a game management plan for bison in the area described in AS 16.20.300. After holding public hearings in accordance with AS 44.62.310 — 44.62.319 (Open Meetings Act), the commissioner shall implement the game management plan.
- (b) The game management plan must include, but is not limited to
 - (1) planting grains for bison and planting other wildlife forage;
 - (2) altering existing plant cover to create additional range and year-round habitat for bison and other animal species in the area;
 - (3) tilling to produce forage.
- (c) The commissioner shall develop and amend the game management plan to coordinate, as closely as possible, the game management plan with the activities of the Department of Natural Resources relating to the Big Delta agricultural development project.

Matanuska Valley Moose Range, AS 16.20.340: Purpose of Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

The purpose of AS 16.20.340 — 16.20.360 is to establish the area described in AS 16.20.360 as the Matanuska Valley Moose Range. The primary purposes of the Matanuska Valley Moose Range are to maintain, improve, and enhance moose populations and habitat and other wildlife resources of the area, and to perpetuate public multiple use of the area, including fishing, grazing, forest management, hunting, trapping, mineral and coal entry and development, and other forms of public use of public land not incompatible with the purpose stated in this section.

V. State Parks Purpose Statement:

State Park System, Parks and Recreational Facilities: AS 41.21.010. Purpose. It is the purpose of AS 41.21.010 — 41.21.040 to foster the growth and development of a system of parks and recreational facilities and opportunities in the state, for the general health, welfare, education, and enjoyment of its citizens and for the attraction of visitors to the state.

Wood-Tikchik State Park, 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, § 7 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

Afognak Island State Park, AS 41.21.185: Purpose of AS 41.21.185 — 41.21.189.

(a) The purpose of AS 41.21.185 — 41.21.189 is to establish, subject to valid existing rights including those rights created by the Afognak Island Road Use Agreement executed on July 24, 1991, and as amended from time to time, the state-owned or acquired land and water described in AS 41.21.186 as the Afognak Island State Park. The primary purposes of establishing the Afognak Island State Park are to protect the area's recreational and scenic resources; to protect the area's fish and wildlife habitat; to preserve and enhance the continued use of the area for sport and subsistence hunting and fishing, personal use fishing, trapping, recreational activities, and commercial fishing; and to restore and enhance resources and services injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Alaska Marine Parks, AS 41.21.300: Declaration of purpose.

(a) The purpose of AS 41.21.300 — 41.21.306 is to establish, subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned or acquired land and water described in AS 41.21.304 as marine park units of the Alaska state park system. The primary purposes in establishing the land and water areas described in AS 41.21.304 as marine park units of the Alaska state park system are to

- (1) maintain natural, cultural, and scenic values;
- (2) maintain fish and wildlife resources and lawful existing uses of these resources;
- (3) promote and support recreation and tourism in the state.

Shuyak Island State Park, AS 41.21.170: Declaration of purpose. (a) The purpose of AS 41.21.170 — 41.21.178 is to establish, subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned or acquired land and water described in AS 41.21.172 as the Shuyak Island State Park. In accordance with the covenants and deed restrictions set by the Kodiak Island Borough that support the basic tenets of the Alaska lifestyle, the primary purpose of establishing the Shuyak Island State Park is to preserve, protect, and enhance traditional public access to and use of the area's natural resources for various activities including sport and subsistence hunting, sport, subsistence, and commercial fishing, and trapping.

Point Bridget State Park, AS 41.21.180. Purpose of AS 41.21.180 — 41.21.183.

- (a) The purpose of AS 41.21.180 — 41.21.183 is to establish, subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned or acquired land described in AS 41.21.181 as the Point Bridget State Park. The primary purposes of establishing the Point Bridget State Park are to protect the area's recreational and scenic resources and to preserve and enhance the continued use of the area for hunting and fishing and recreational activities.

Afognak Island State Park, AS 41.21.185. Purpose of AS 41.21.185 — 41.21.189.

- (a) The purpose of AS 41.21.185 — 41.21.189 is to establish, subject to valid existing rights including those rights created by the Afognak Island Road Use Agreement executed on July 24, 1991, and as amended from time to time, the state-owned or acquired land and water described in AS 41.21.186 as the Afognak Island State Park. The primary purposes of establishing the Afognak Island State Park are to protect the area's recreational and scenic resources; to protect the area's fish and wildlife habitat; to preserve and enhance the continued use of the area for sport and subsistence hunting and fishing, personal use fishing, trapping, recreational activities, and commercial fishing; and to restore and enhance resources and services injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Fort Rousseau Causeway State Historical Park, AS 41.21.190. Purpose of AS 41.21.190 — 41.21.194. The purpose of AS 41.21.190 — 41.21.194 is to establish, subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned or acquired land and water described in AS 41.21.191 as the Fort Rousseau Causeway State Historical Park. The primary purposes of establishing the land and water areas described in AS 41.21.191 as the Fort Rousseau Causeway State Historical Park are to promote, support, and preserve public use by maintaining and protecting the area's fish and wildlife habitat, cultural resources, and scenic values.

IV. Recreation Areas Purpose Statement:

Captain Cook State Recreation Area, AS 41.21.410. Purpose of AS 41.21.410 — 41.21.426. The purpose of AS 41.21.410 — 41.21.426 is to empower the governor to restrict state owned land and water described in AS 41.21.415, except as provided in AS 41.21.426, to use as a public recreation area. Under AS 38.05.300, state land, water, or land and water containing more than 640 acres may be closed to multiple purpose use only by act of the legislature. Because the area described in AS 41.21.415 exceeds 640 acres, AS 41.21.410 — 41.21.426 are intended to provide for the closing of the land and water described in AS 41.21.415, as that description is modified by AS 41.21.426, to multiple purpose use in conformity with AS 38.05.300 and its subsequent designation as a special purpose site in accordance with art. VIII, sec. 7, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

Caines Head State Recreation Area, AS 41.21.435. Authority to designate Caines Head State Recreation Area. The governor may designate by proclamation the state-owned land and water and all that acquired in the future by the state, lying within the parcels described in this section, as the Caines Head State Recreation Area. The proclamation may include the entire area or portions of the area at different times, shall reserve the areas included from all uses incompatible with their primary function as public recreation land and water,

and shall assign them to the department for control, development and maintenance. Land covered by (1) — (4) of this section has a total acreage of 1801.11 acres, including approximately 221.11 acres of federal land. Land covered by (5) of this section has a total acreage of approximately 4,160 acres. Land covered by AS 41.21.430 — 41.21.445 is that within the following described parcels:

Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, AS 41.21.450. Purpose of AS 41.21.450 — 41.21.466. The purpose of AS 41.21.450 — 41.21.466 is to restrict state-owned land and water within the boundaries described in AS 41.21.455, except as provided in AS 41.21.466, to use as a public recreation area. Under the provisions of AS 38.05.300, state land, water, or land and water containing more than 640 acres may be closed to multiple purpose use only by act of the legislature. Inasmuch as the area described in AS 41.21.455 exceeds 640 acres, AS 41.21.450 — 41.21.466 are intended to except the area described in AS 41.21.455, as that description is modified by AS 41.21.466, from the provisions of AS 38.05.300.

Sec. 41.21.455. Nancy Lake State Recreation Area established.

- (a) The presently state-owned land and water and all that acquired in the future by the state, lying within the following described boundary, are hereby designated as the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, are reserved from all uses incompatible with their primary function as public recreation land, and are assigned to the department for control, development, and maintenance:

VI. Special Management Areas Purpose Statement:

Kenai River Special Management Area, AS 41.21.500. Purpose of AS 41.21.500 — 41.21.514. The purpose of AS 41.21.500 — 41.21.514 is

- (1) to designate as a unit of the state park system under this chapter the land and water described in AS 41.21.502(a);
- (2) to protect and perpetuate the fishery and wildlife resources and habitat in the unit and adjacent area; and
- (3) to manage recreational uses and development activities in the unit and adjacent area.

VII. State Forest System Purpose Statement:

State forest purposes and management AS 41.17.200

(a) The purpose of AS 41.17.200 — 41.17.230 is to permit the establishment of designated state-owned or acquired land and water areas as state forests. The primary purpose in the establishment of state forests is timber management that provides for the production, utilization, and replenishment of timber resources while allowing other beneficial uses of public land and resources.

(b) In managing a state forest, the commissioner shall, consistent with the primary purpose of a state forest under (a) of this section, restrict the public use of the land and its resources, including timber, fish and wildlife, and minerals, only when necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(c) A carbon offset project under AS 38.95.400 — 38.95.499 may be undertaken on land identified in AS 41.17.200 — 41.17.230.

VIII. Public Use Areas Purpose Statement:

Nelchina Public Use Area, AS 41.23.010. Purpose of AS 41.23.010 — 41.23.040.

The purpose of AS 41.23.010 — 41.23.040 is to establish the area described in AS 41.23.040 as the Nelchina Public Use Area. The Nelchina Public Use Area is established to

- (1) protect and maintain fish and wildlife habitat, particularly caribou calving areas, trumpeter swan nesting areas, and other important habitats for moose, Dall sheep, and brown bear so that traditional public uses of fish and wildlife populations may continue;
- (2) perpetuate and enhance public enjoyment of fish and wildlife and their habitat including fishing, hunting, trapping, viewing, and photography;
- (3) perpetuate and enhance general public recreation in a quality environment;
- (4) perpetuate and enhance additional public uses described in the Susitna Area Plan;
- (5) allow additional public uses of the area in a manner compatible with the purposes specified in (1) — (4) of this section.

Ernie Haugen Public Use Area, AS 41.23.050. Purpose of AS 41.23.050 — 41.23.080.

The purpose of AS 41.23.050 — 41.23.080 is to establish the area described in AS 41.23.080 as the Ernie Haugen Public Use Area. The Ernie Haugen Public Use Area is established to

- (1) protect and maintain fish and wildlife habitat so that traditional public uses may continue;
- (2) perpetuate and enhance public enjoyment of fishing, hunting, trapping, viewing, and photography;
- (3) perpetuate and enhance general public recreation in a quality environment; and
- (4) allow additional public uses of the area, including personal use wood cutting, when determined compatible with the purposes specified in (1) — (3) of this section.

Knik River Public Use Area, AS 41.23.180. The purpose of AS 41.23.180 — 41.23.230 is to establish the area described in AS 41.23.230 as the Knik River Public Use Area. The Knik River Public Use Area is established to

- (1) perpetuate and enhance
 - (A) general public recreation;
 - (B) public enjoyment of fish and wildlife;
- (2) protect and maintain migratory waterfowl nesting areas; habitats for moose, Dall sheep, and brown bear; and other fish and wildlife habitat so that traditional public use of fish and wildlife populations may continue;
- (3) provide an area for the public to enjoy the full spectrum of public uses, including maintenance and enhancement of off-road motorized vehicle and nonmotorized recreational opportunities;
- (4) allow
 - (A) continued motorized access for miners and owners of private property in the Knik River Public Use Area; and

(B) additional public uses of the area determined by the commissioner to be compatible with this section.

IX. Recreation Rivers Purpose Statement:

Recreation Rivers Established, AS 41.23.400. Purposes.

- (a) The purpose of AS 41.23.400 — 41.23.510 is to establish as recreation rivers the land and water now owned by the state and the land and water acquired in the future by the state that lies within the recreation rivers and the river corridors described in AS 41.23.500.
- (b) The primary purpose for the establishment of the six recreation rivers is the maintenance and enhancement of the land and water described in AS 41.23.500 for recreation.
- (c) The primary purposes for the management of the six recreation rivers are
 - (1) the management, protection, and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis;
 - (2) continued recreation and economic use, including the uses described in (3) and (4) of this subsection, and enjoyment by the public and individuals of recreational activities that include hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing, while ensuring the scenic and natural integrity of the recreation river;
 - (3) multiple use management of upland activities within the recreation river corridor to ensure that mitigation measures to alleviate potential adverse effects on water quality and stream flow will take place; and
 - (4) accommodation of access for resource uses, including recreation and tourism, within or adjacent to the river corridor.

X. Recreational Mining Areas Purpose Statement:

Caribou Creek Recreational Mining Area, AS 41.23.600. Purpose.

The purpose of AS 41.23.600 — 41.23.620 is to establish the area described in AS 41.23.620 as the Caribou Creek Recreational Mining Area. The Caribou Creek Recreational Mining Area is established to provide for a public recreational mining area to permit public recreational activities and to allow other multiple use activities to continue as long as the activities do not detract from the primary purpose for the establishment of the Caribou Creek Recreational Mining Area.

McNeil River State Game Refuge and Sanctuary



LAND STATUS Legend

- McNeil River SGR and SGS Boundary (Including the tideland but exclusive of marine water and submerged land)
- National Park and Preserve Boundaries
- Public Easement (Fish Ladder ROW)
- RST 375 Paint River Trail
- Cabin
- Wildlife Observation Areas
- Trails
- Mining Claim

Land Status

State Lands

- State
- DNR Kamishak Special Use Area
- Cook Inlet Aquaculture Assoc. Lease Area

Municipal Lands

- Municipal Entitlement

Federal Lands

- Katmai National Park and Preserve
- BLM

Private Lands

- Bristol Bay Native Corporation

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Refuge - proposed brown bear hunt closure

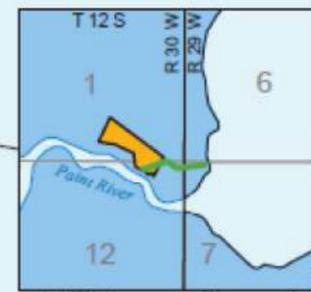
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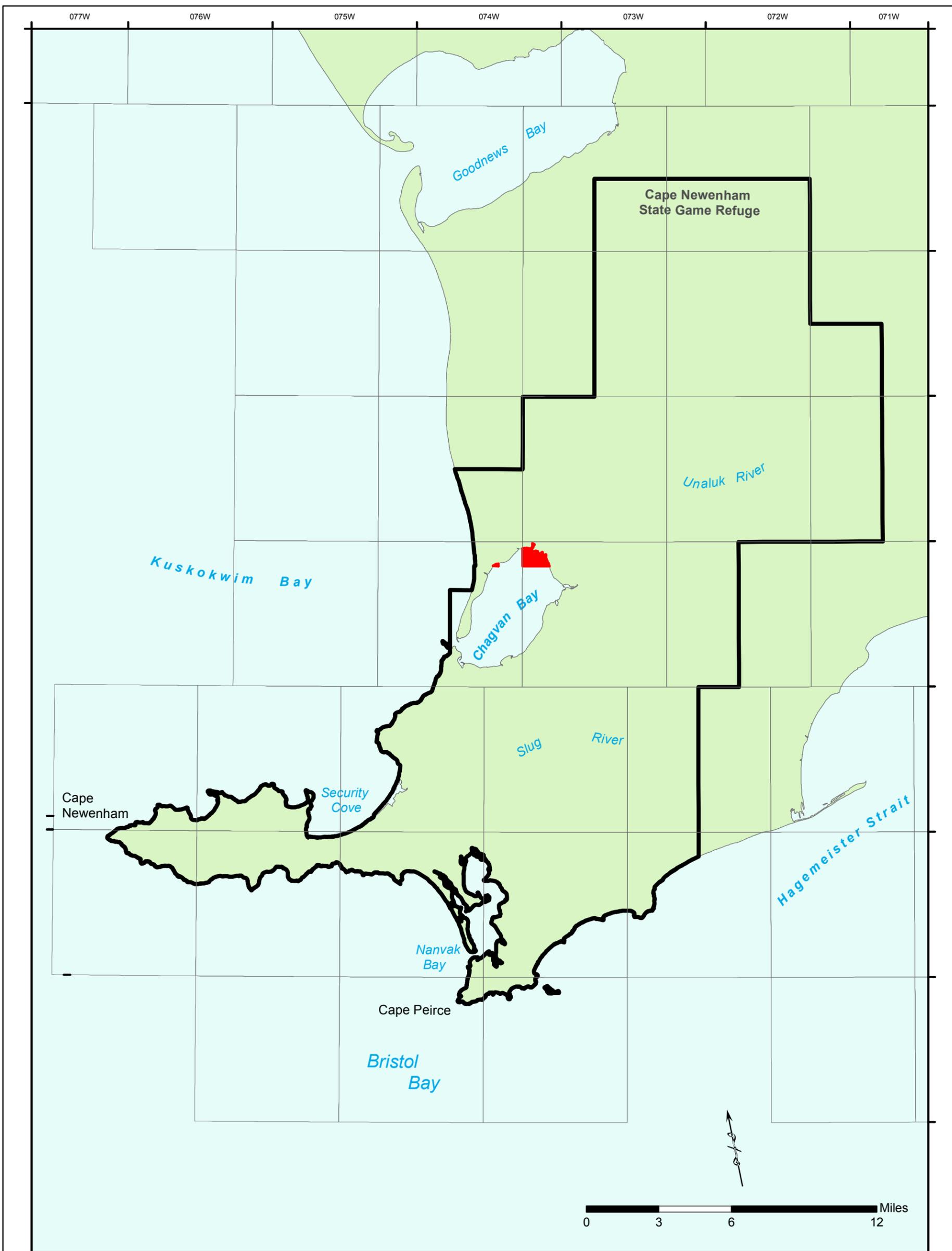
Kamishak Lands - proposed brown bear hunt closure

Nordyke Island and its tidelands are excluded from McNeil River State Game Refuge.

Kamishak Bay

The State of Alaska has management jurisdiction on all state lands within the boundary of the Katmai National Park and Preserve





Cape Newenham State Game Refuge

Legend

-  Cape Newenham SGR Boundary
-  Excluded areas to be incorporated



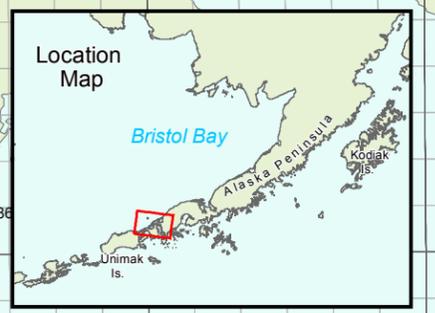
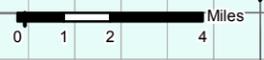
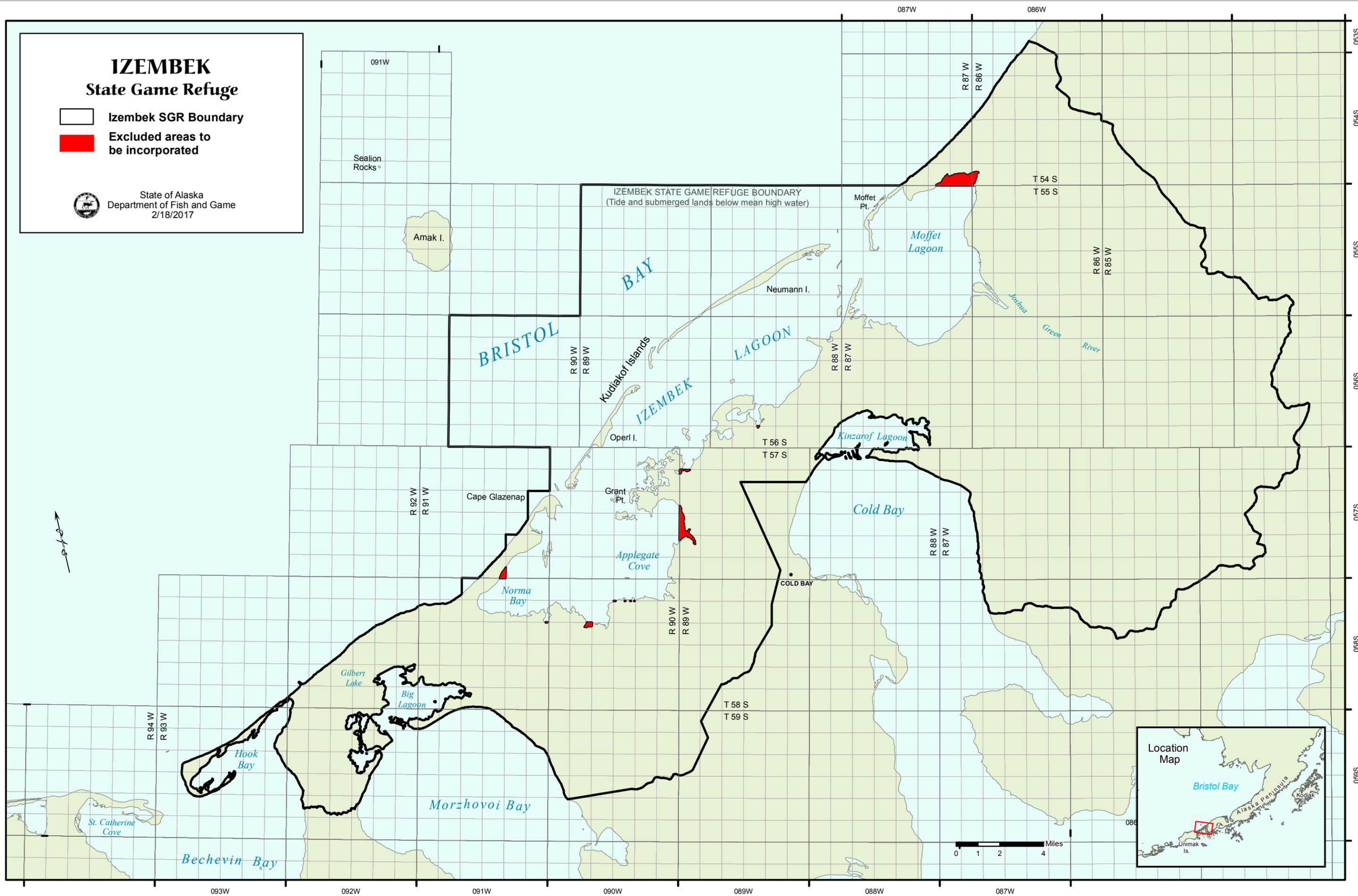
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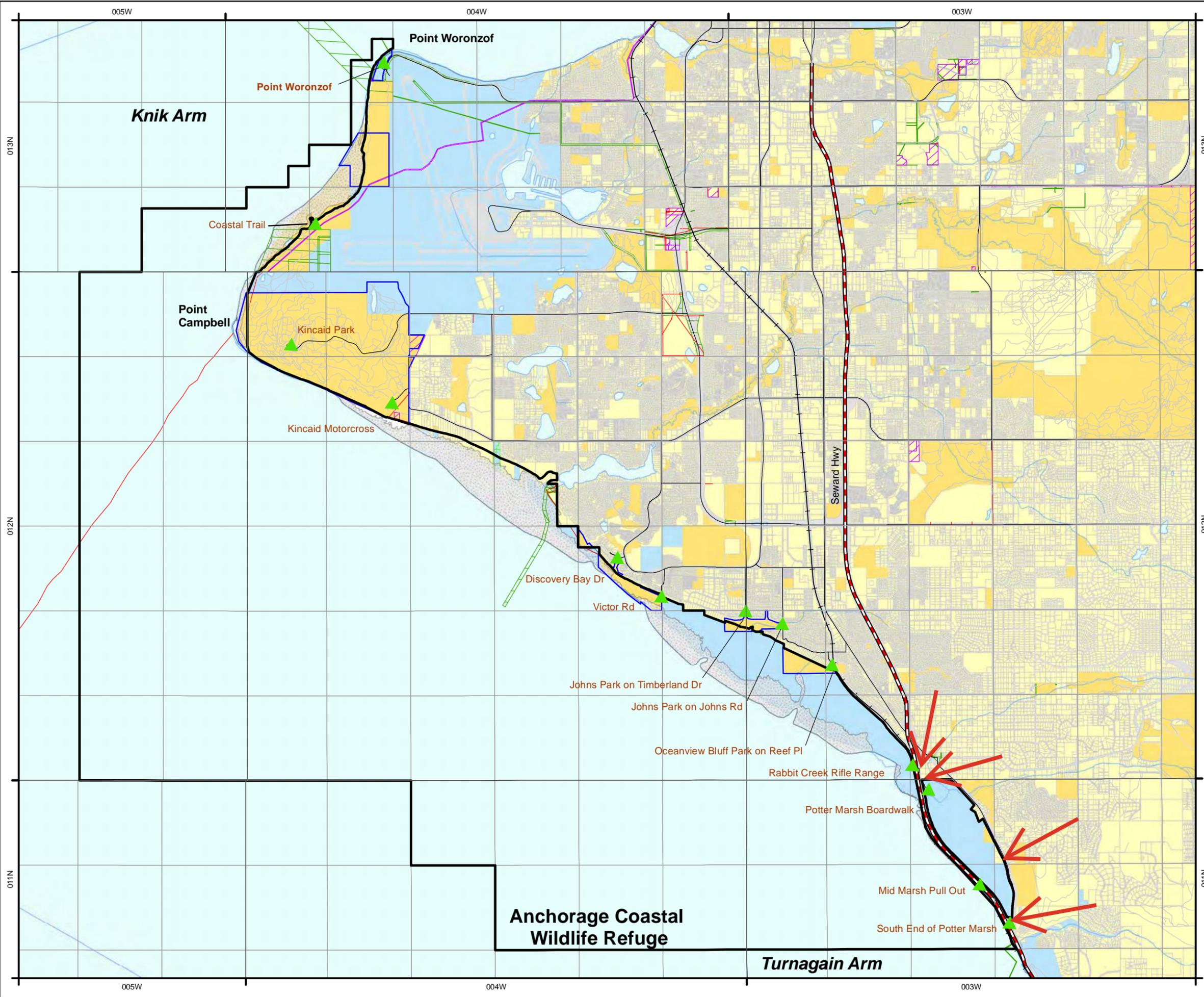
-  Izembek SGR Boundary
-  Excluded areas to be incorporated



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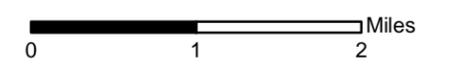


Refuge Boundary

- Access Points
- Permit/Lease
- Permit/Lease
- Easement

- State
- MHT
- LSH
- MOA Parks
- Municipal
- Private
- Native

State parcels to be added



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Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Turnagain Arm

Knik Arm

Point Woronzof

Point Campbell

Kincaid Park

Kincaid Motorcross

Discovery Bay Dr

Victor Rd

Johns Park on Timberland Dr

Johns Park on Johns Rd

Oceanview Bluff Park on Reef Pl

Rabbit Creek Rifle Range

Potter Marsh Boardwalk

Mid Marsh Pull Out

South End of Potter Marsh

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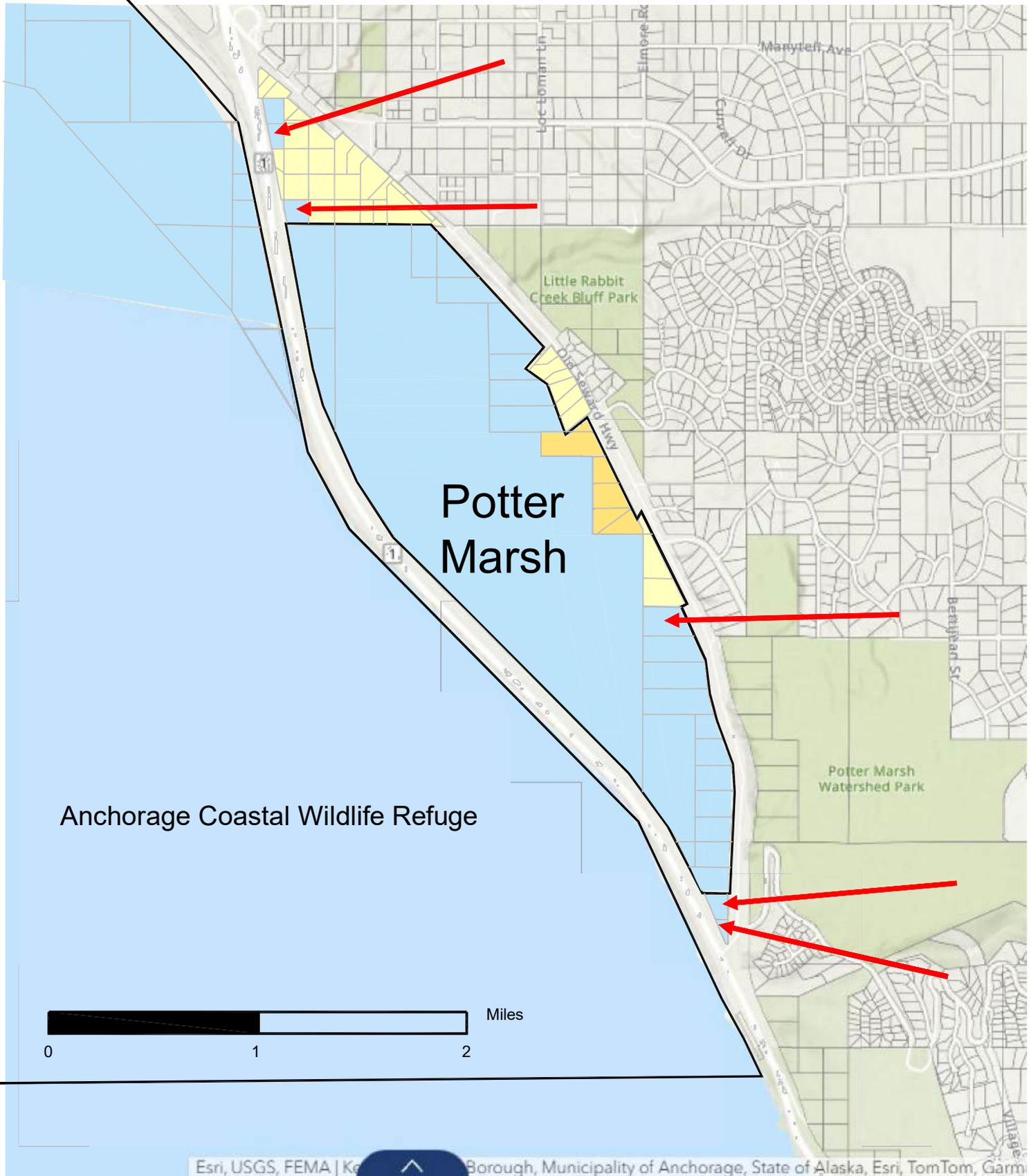
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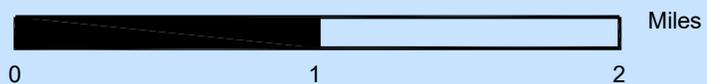
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Potter Marsh - part of Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge



Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Potter Marsh



Esri, USGS, FEMA | Municipality of Anchorage, State of Alaska, Esri, TomTom, Garmin

Legend

- Other Lands
- Private
- Municipality of Anchorage

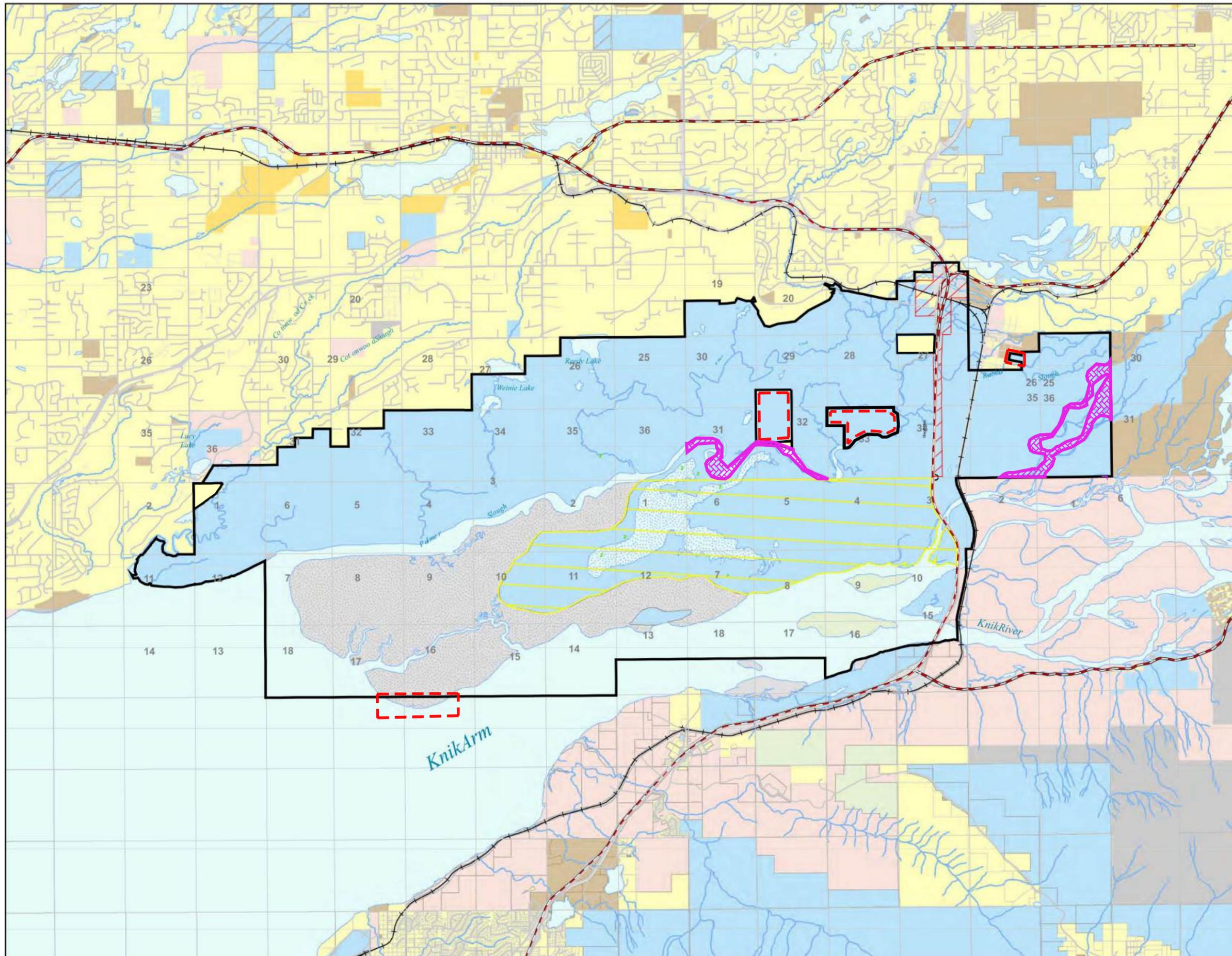
- State Lands
- State of Alaska

- Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge Boundary
- State Property to be added to Refuge

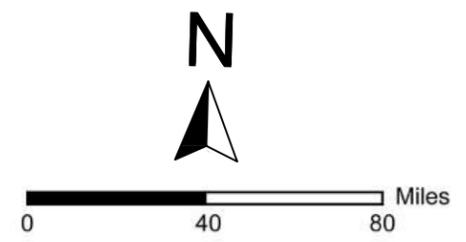
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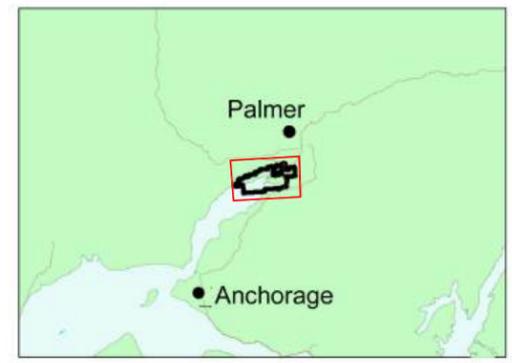
Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge



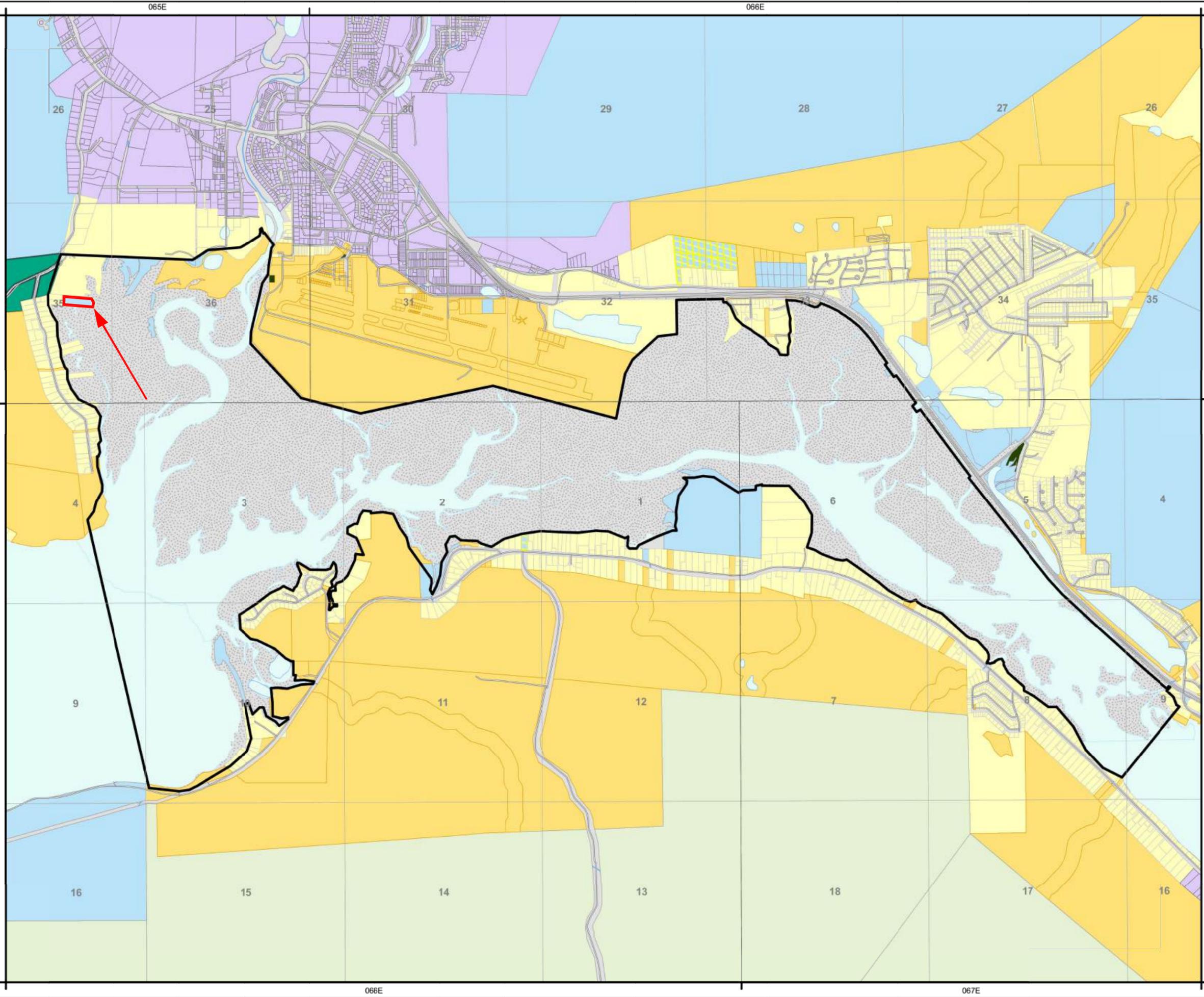
-  State Game Refuge Boundary
16.20.032(A)
-  Transportation and Utility Corridor
16.20.032(E)
Excluded from refuge jurisdiction
-  State Land to be Added to Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge
-  excluded areas to be incorporated to Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge
-  Cabin
- State Lands**
 -  State
 -  State Selected
 -  Tidelands
- Federal Lands**
 -  Federal
- Other Lands**
 -  Native Corporation
 -  Private
 -  Borough



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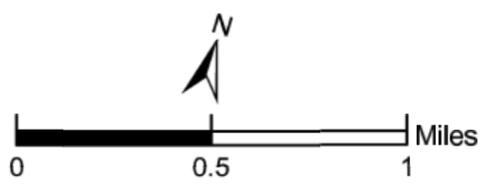


Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge



- SGR Boundary
- Federal**
 - BLM
 - USCG
 - FAA
- State**
 - State
 - MHT
- Other**
 - CBJ
 - Native
 - Private
 - Wetlands
 - Unverified
- State Land to be Added to Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge

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Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge

 Creamer's Field Boundary

Federal Lands

 BLM

State Lands

 State of Alaska

 University of Alaska

 ADF&G Management Rights

Other Lands

 Private

 City of Fairbanks

 Fairbanks North Star Borough

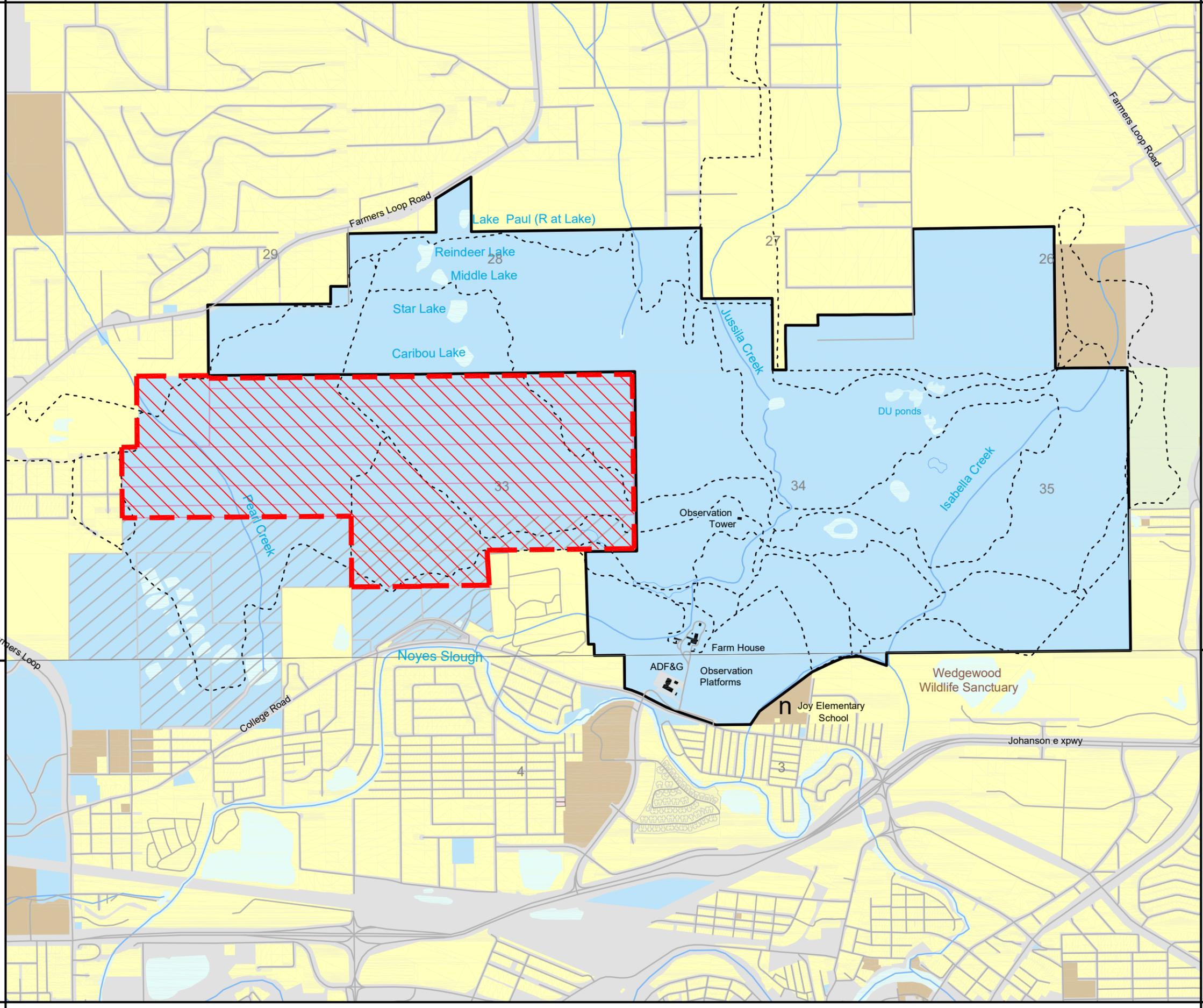
 Trail

 State Land to be Added to Creamer's Field Boundary

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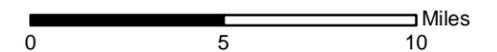
Map 30 Port Moller Critical Habitat Area Land Status

Legend

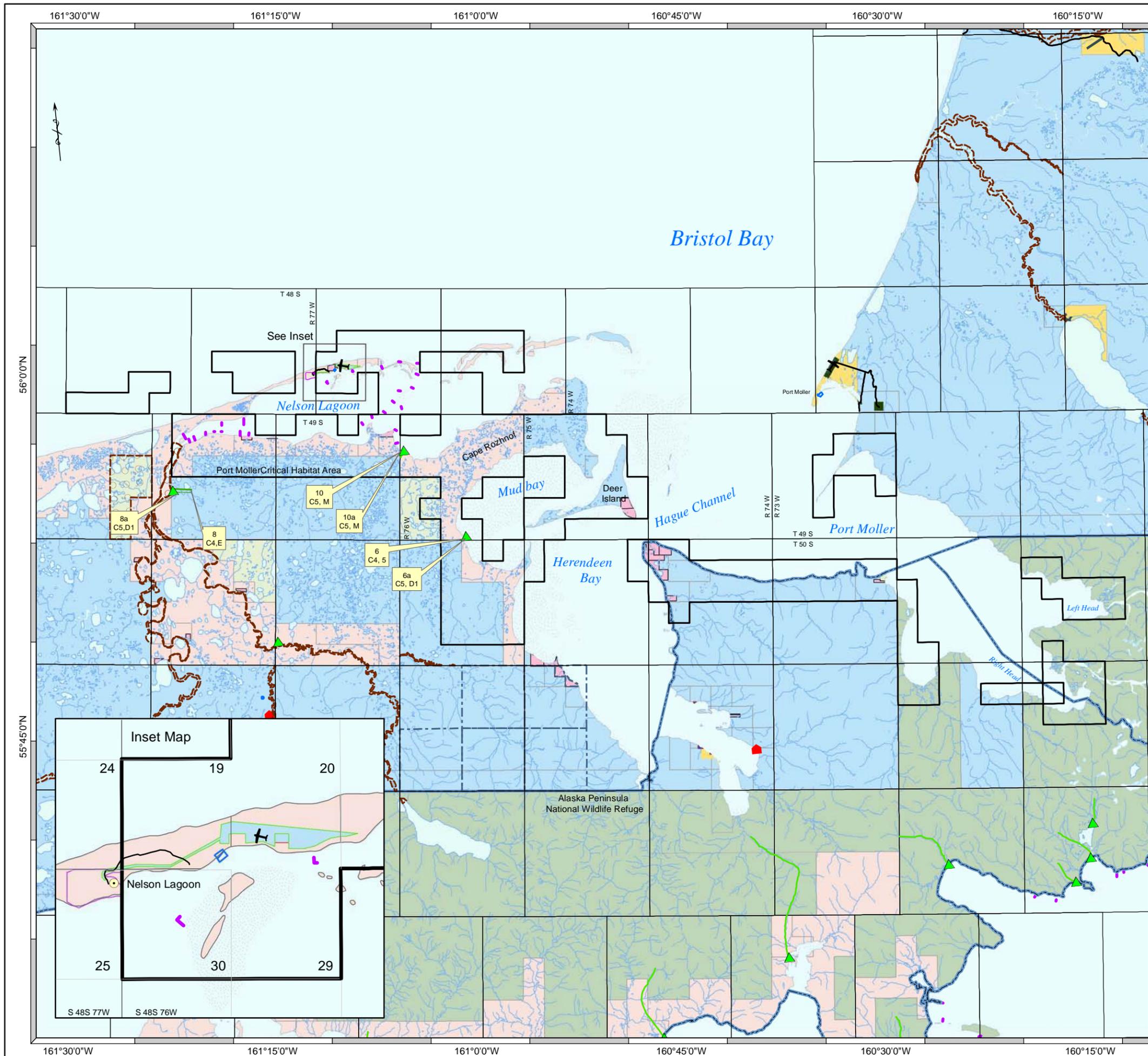
-  Port Moller CHA Boundary
-  National Wildlife Refuge Boundary
- Mineral Estate**
-  Mineral Closing Order
-  O&G LSE

- Land Estate**
-  State Land
-  State TA or Pat.
-  LSH 300,301
-  OSL 987
-  RSU
- Federal Land**
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-  USFWS
-  Military
- Private Land**
-  Municipal
-  Private
-  Native Allotment
-  Native

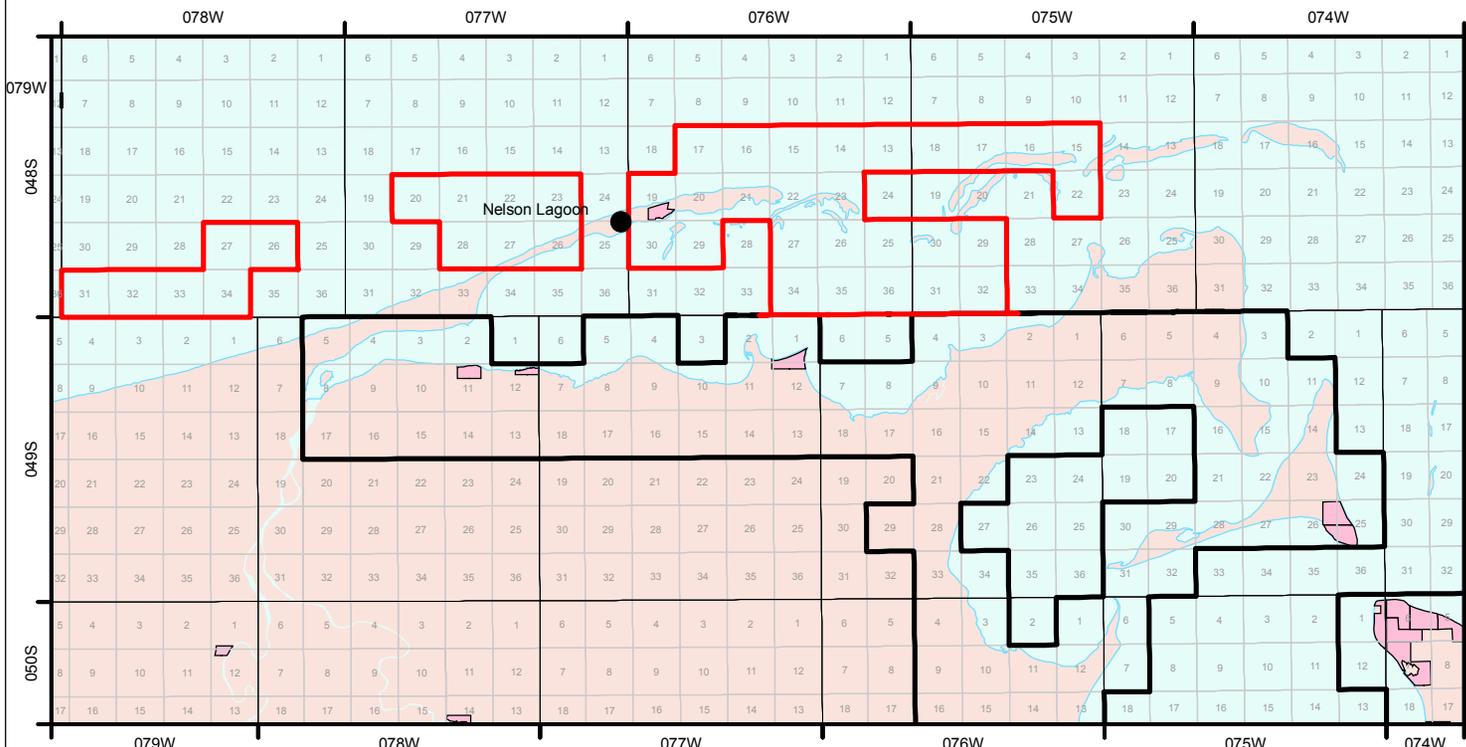
- Water Estate**
-  Shore Fisheries
-  Tidal Conveyance
-  Trespass Cabin
-  Landing Strip
-  Roads
- 17(b) Easements**
-  Site
-  Trail



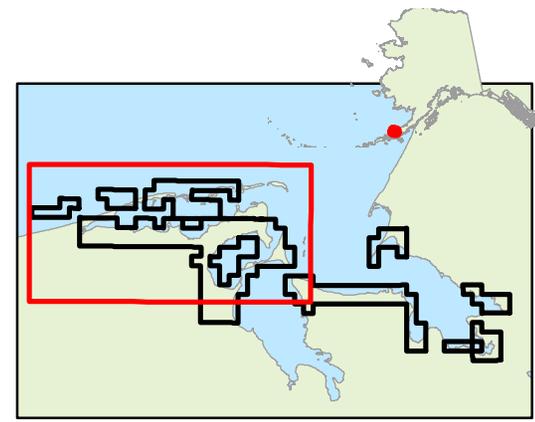
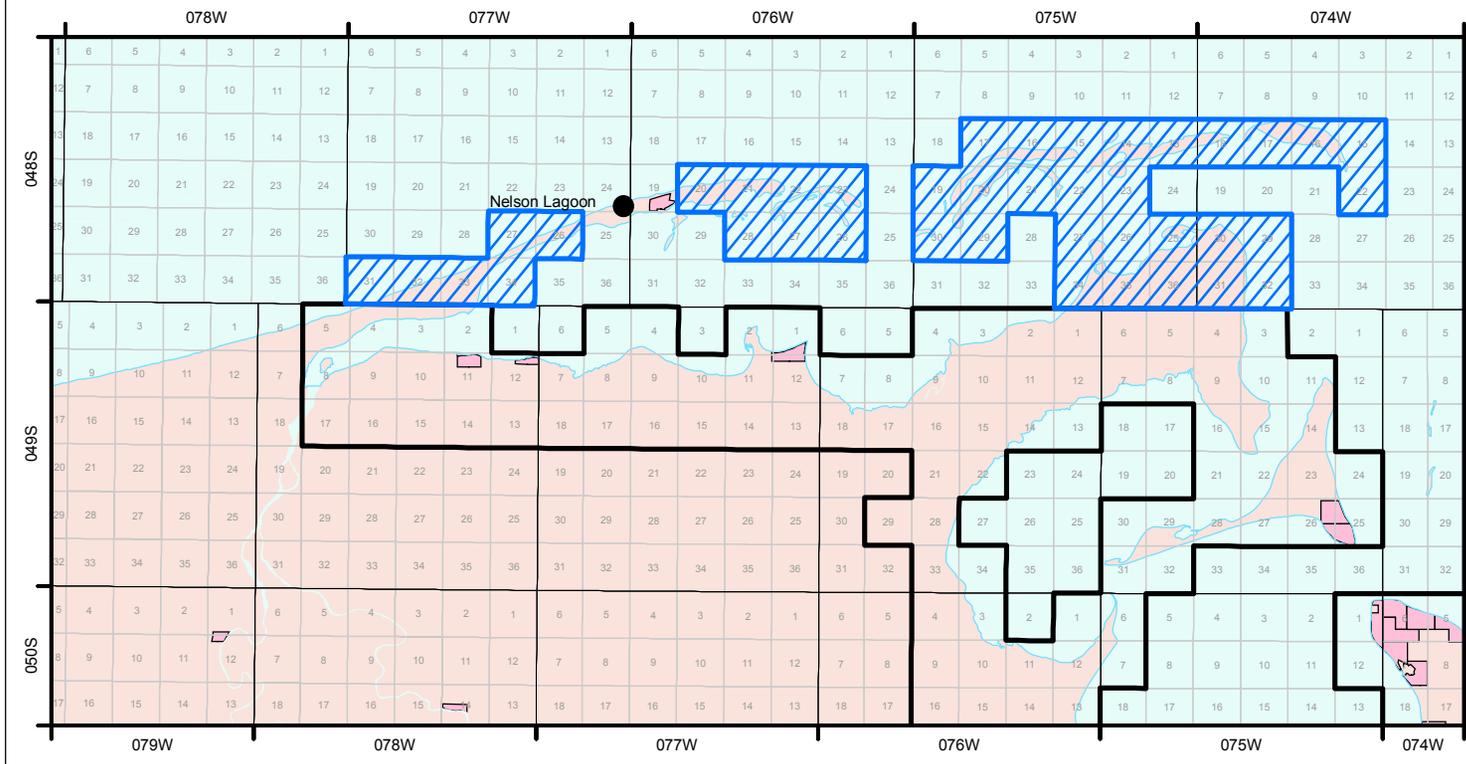
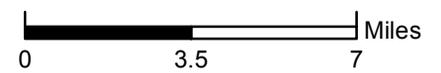
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Port Moller Critical Habitat Boundary



- Existing Boundary
 - Incorrect Boundary
 - Fixed Boundary
- Land Status**
- Federal
 - Native Corp
 - Private
 - State
 - Native Allotment



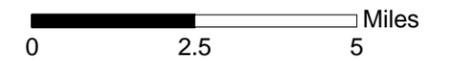
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Map 23 Port Heiden Critical Habitat Area Land Status

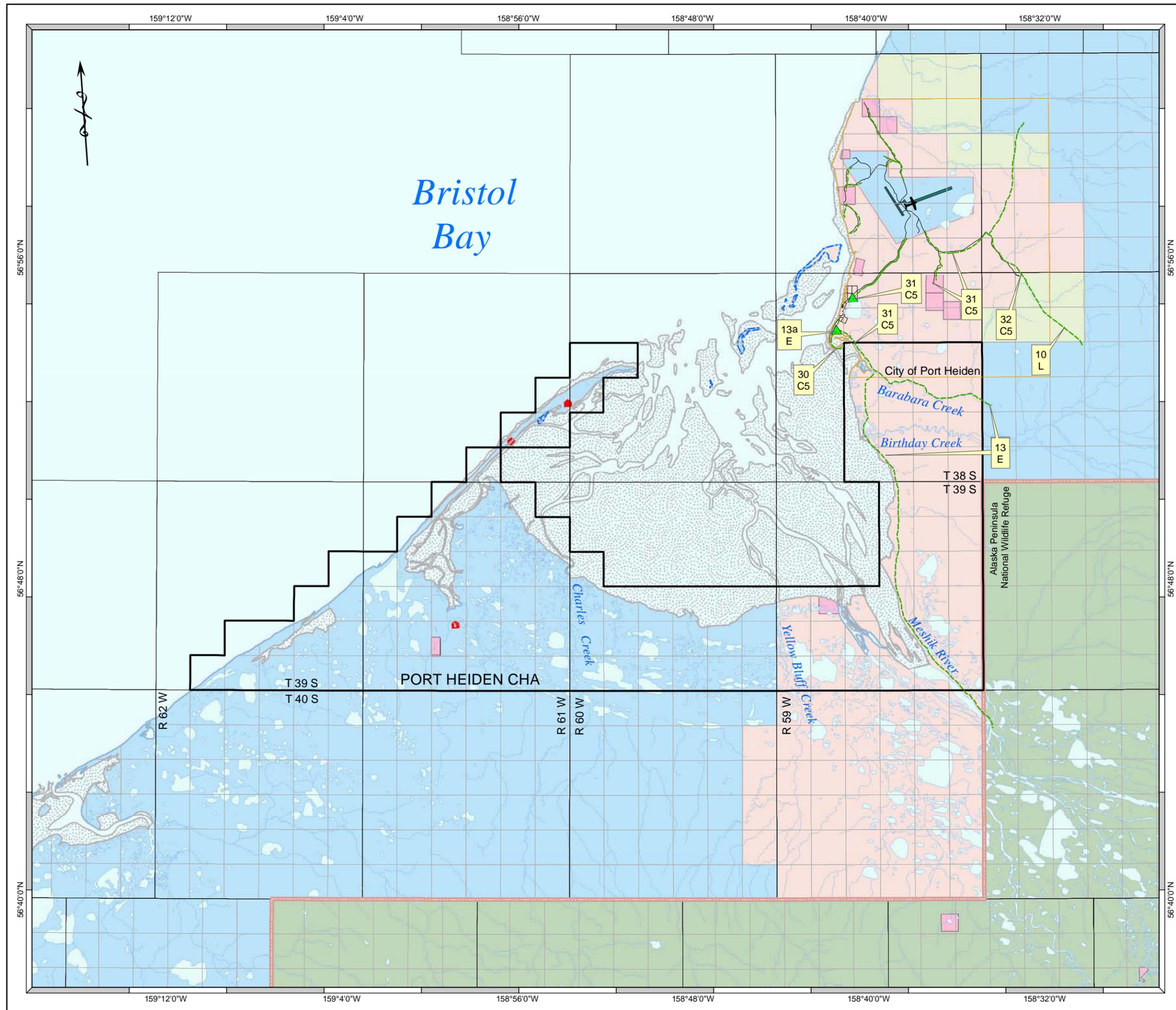
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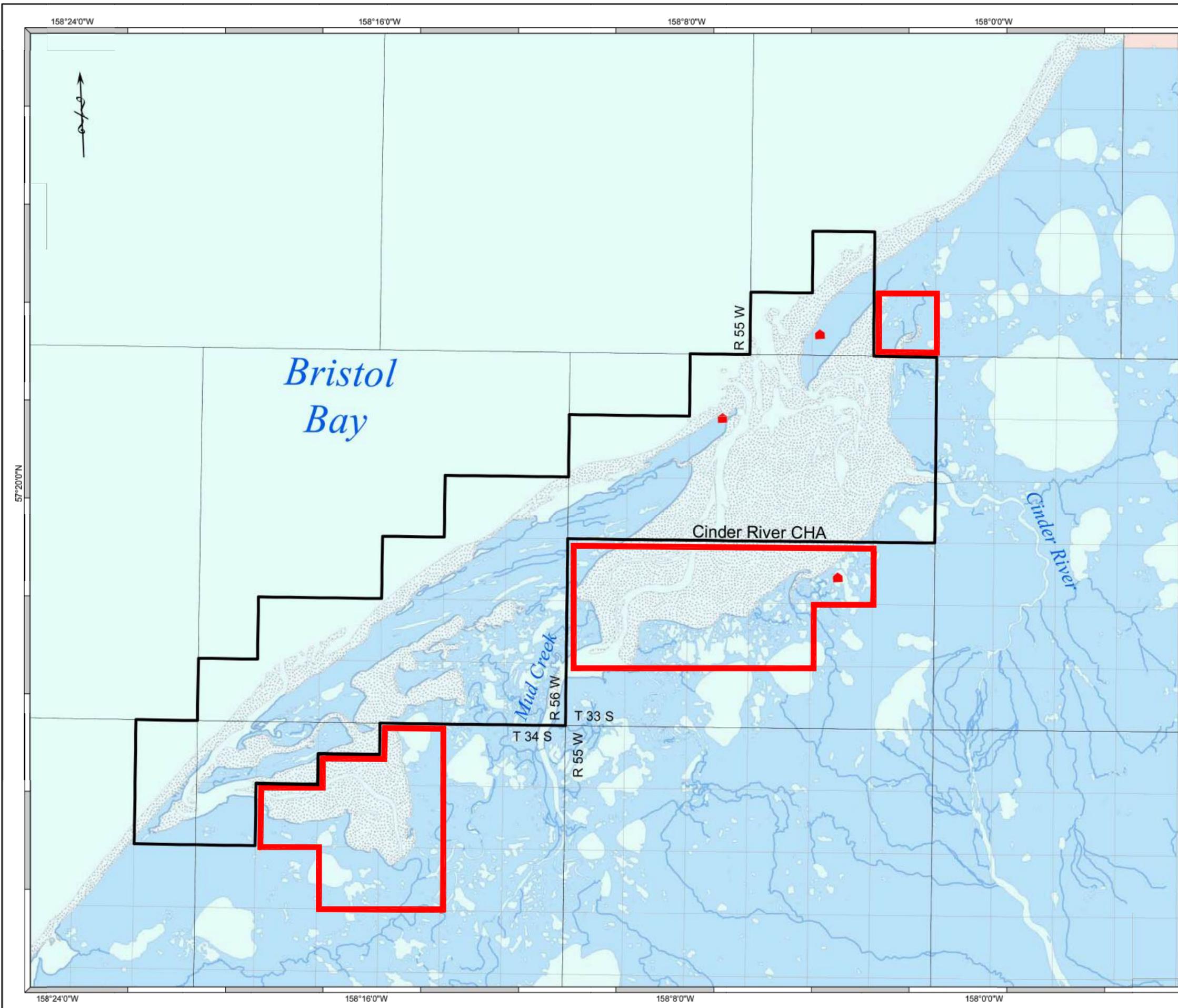
- Port Heiden CHA Boundary
- National Wildlife Refuge Boundary
- Lands within Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Boundary
- City Boundary

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Land Estate | Trespass Cabin |
| State Land | Landing Strip |
| State TA or Pat. | Roads |
| OSL 331 | 17(b) Easements |
| Federal Land | Site |
| BLM | Trail |
| USFWS | |
| Military | |
| Private Land | |
| Native Lot | |
| Native | |



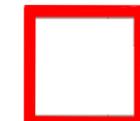
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Cinder River Critical Habitat Area Land Status

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-  Cinder River CHA Boundary
- Land Estate
 -  State TA or Pat.
-  Trespass Cabin
-  State land to be added



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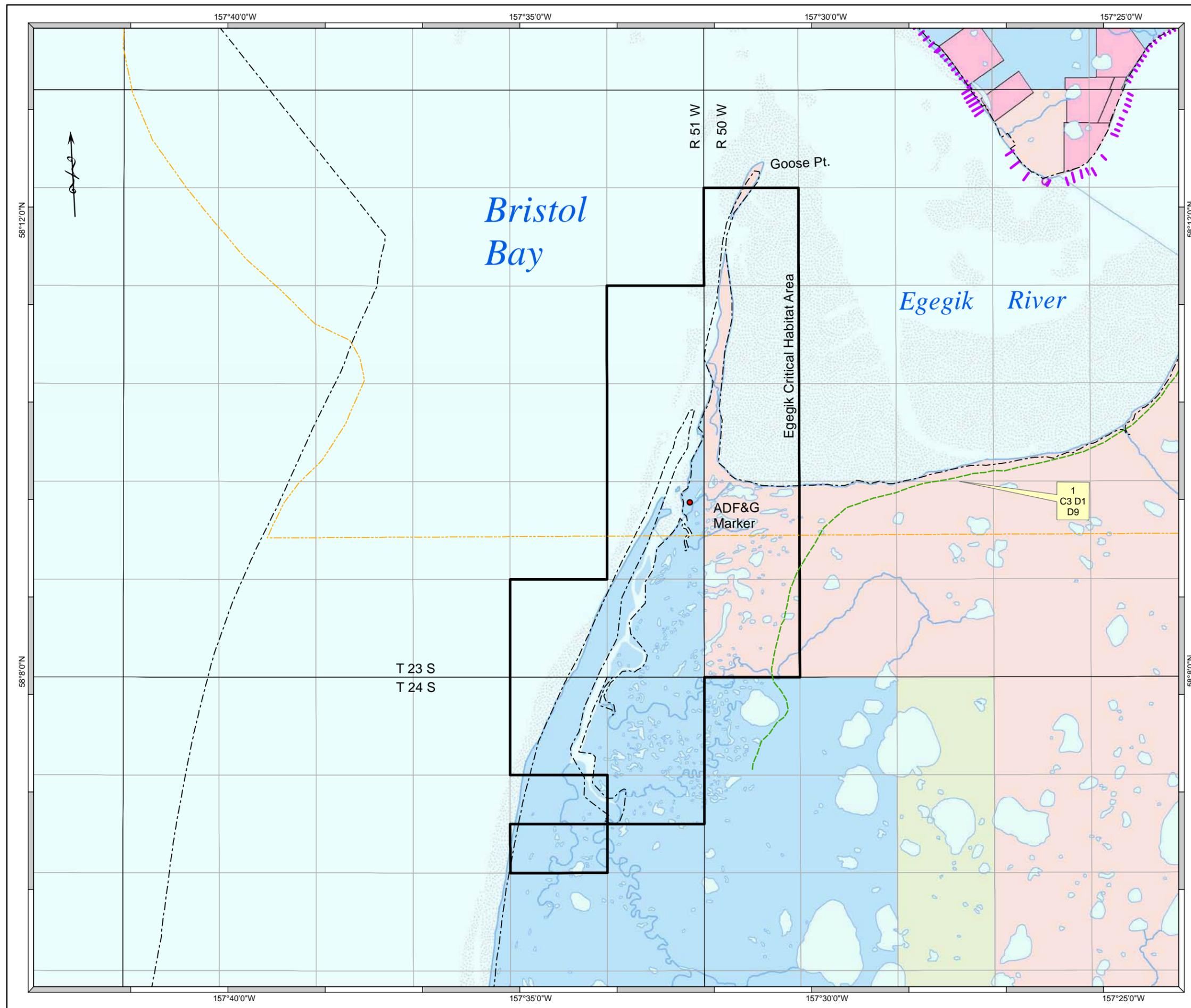
Map 2 Egegik Critical Habitat Area Land Status

Legend

- Egegik CHA Boundary
- Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve Boundary
- City Boundary
- 17(b) Easements
- Trail
- Water Estate**
- Shore Fisheries Lease
- Land Estate**
- State Land**
- State TA or Pat.
- Federal Land**
- BLM
- Private Land**
- Private
- Native Allotment
- Native

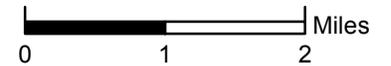


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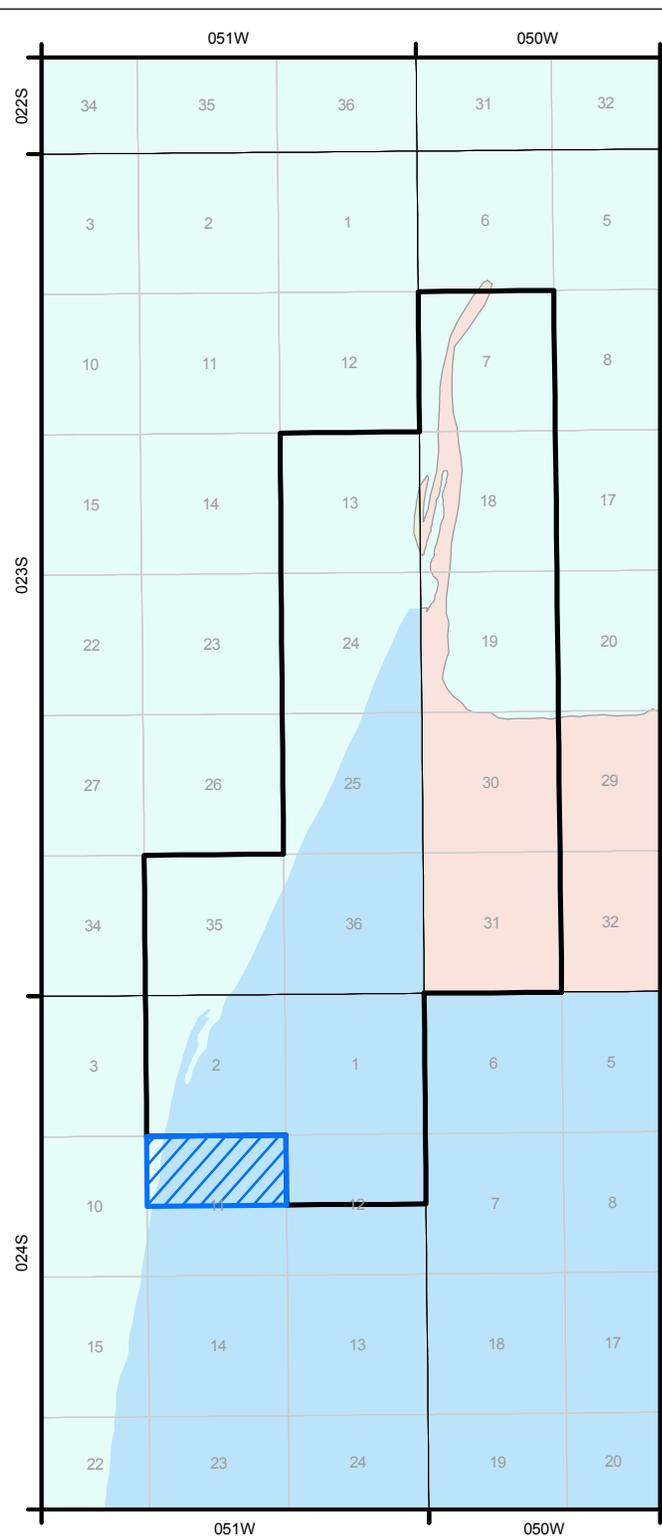
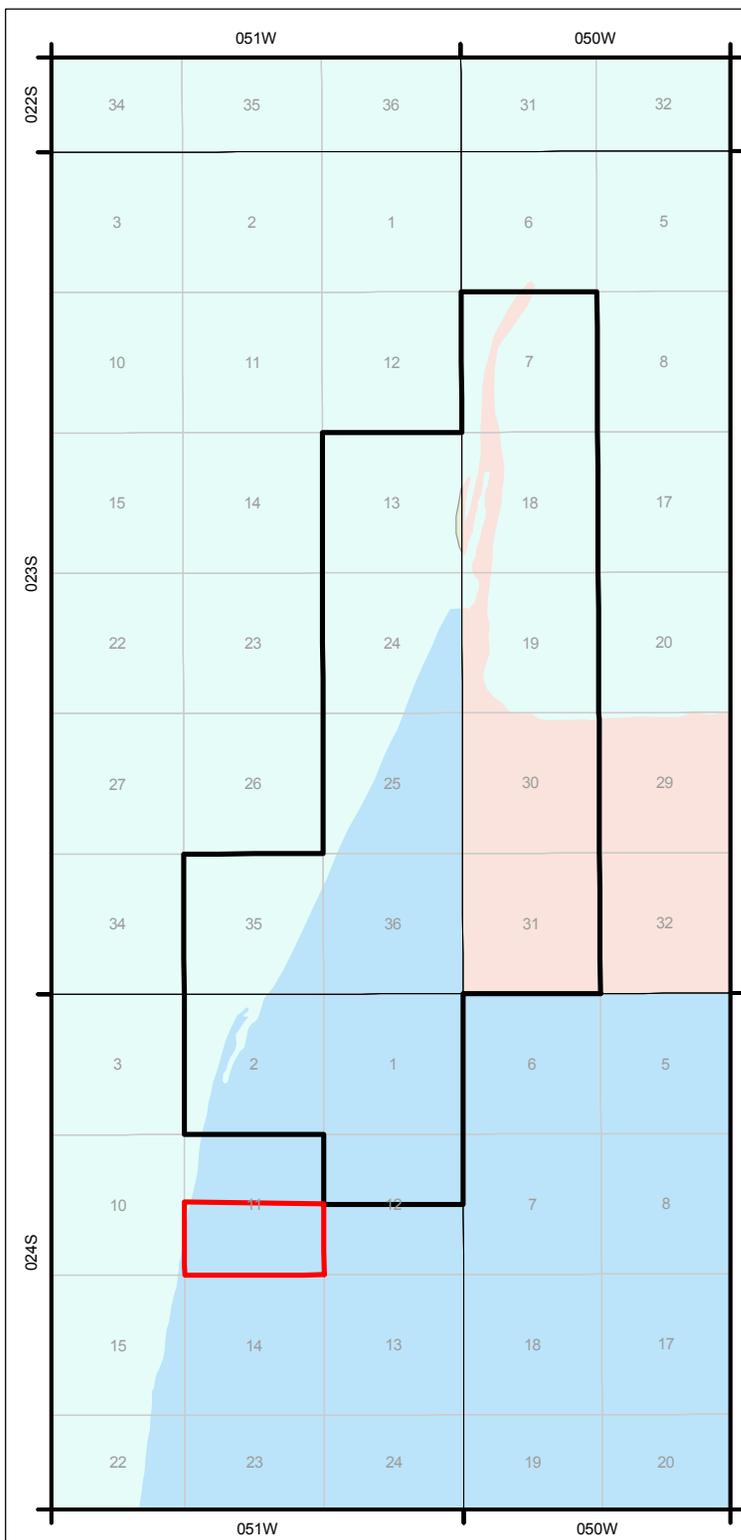


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-  Existing Boundary
 -  Incorrect Boundary
 -  Fixed Boundary
- Land Status**
-  Federal
 -  Native Corp
 -  State

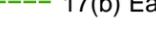
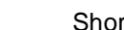
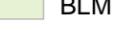


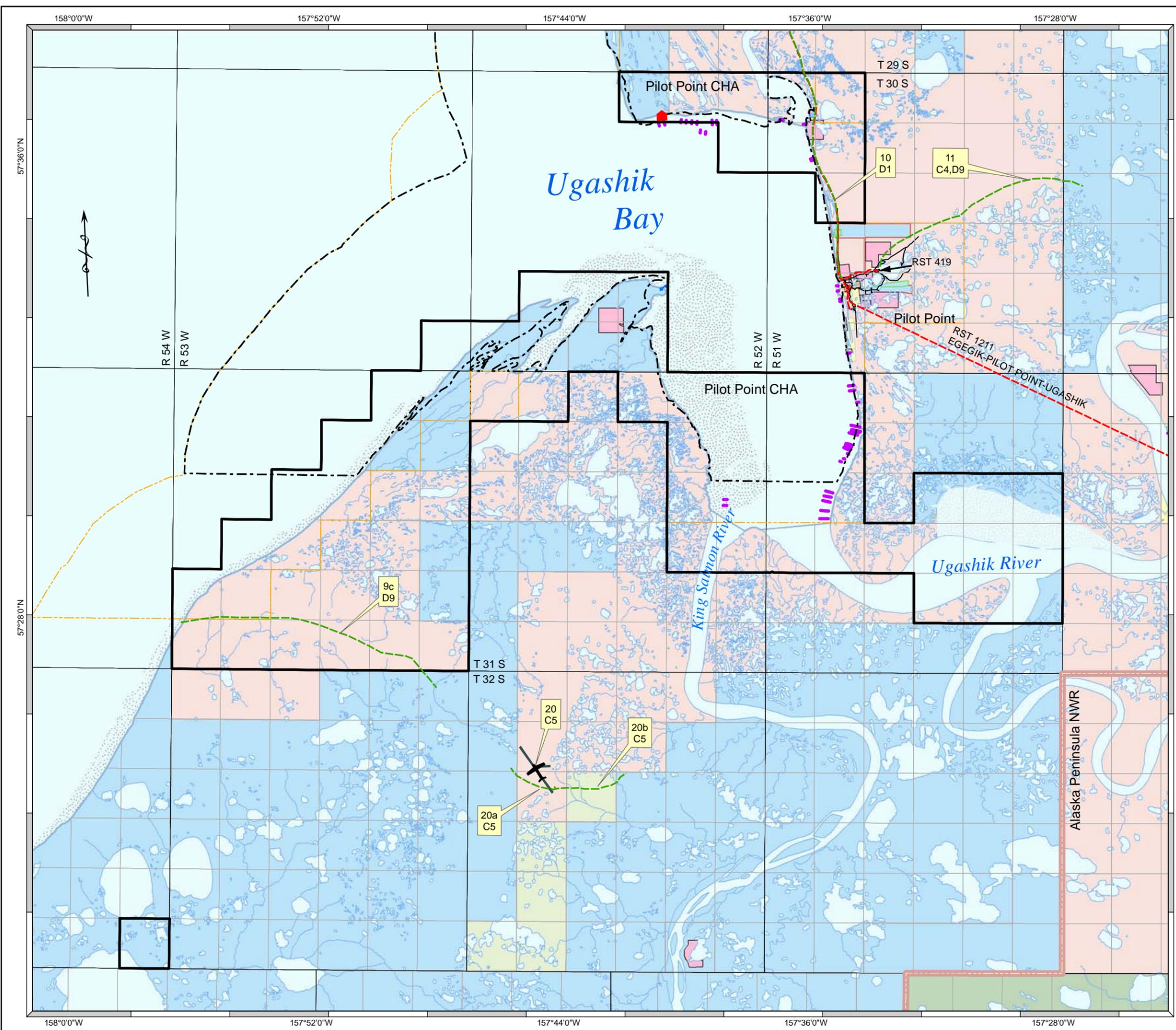
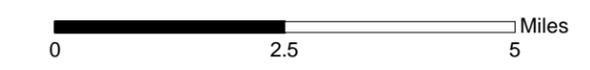
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Map 9 Pilot Point Critical Habitat Area Land Status

Legend

-  Pilot Point CHA Boundary
 -  National Wildlife Refuge Boundary
 -  Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve Boundary
 -  City Boundary
 -  Trespass Cabin
 -  Landing Strip
 -  Roads
 -  RS 2477
 -  17(b) Easement
-
- | Land Estate | |
|---|-----------------------|
| State Land | |
|  | State TA or Pat. |
|  | OSL |
|  | LSH |
|  | Permit or Lease |
|  | Shore Fisheries Lease |
| Federal Land | |
|  | USFWS |
|  | BLM |
| Private Land | |
|  | Private |
|  | Native Allotment |
|  | Native |
|  | Borough |

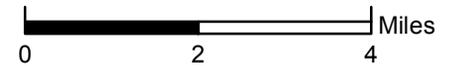


Pilot Point Critical Habitat Boundary

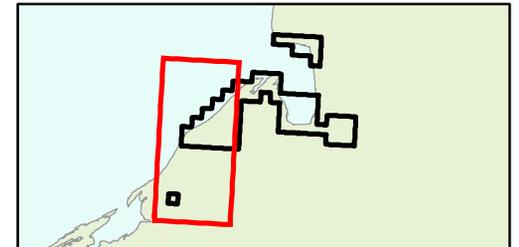
-  Existing Boundary
-  Incorrect Boundary
-  Fixed Boundary

Land Status

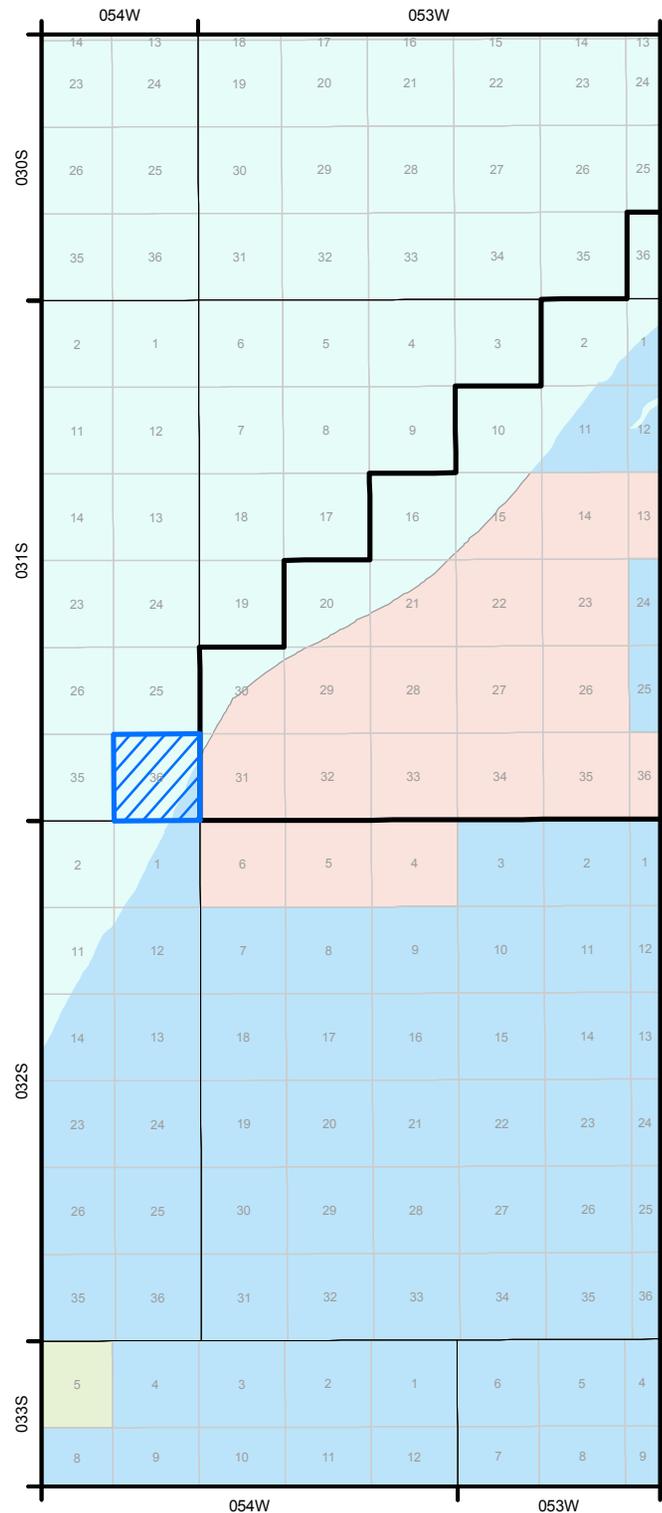
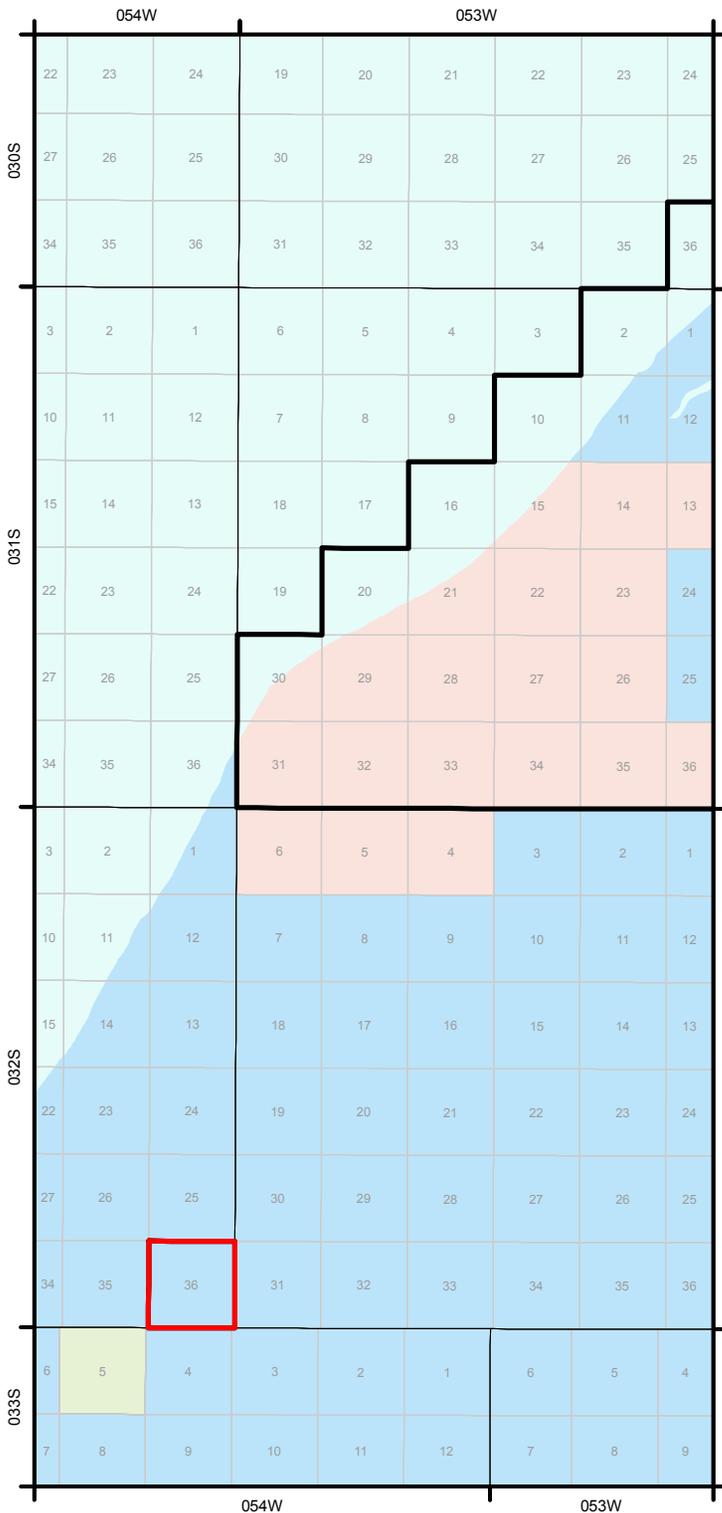
-  Native Corp
-  State

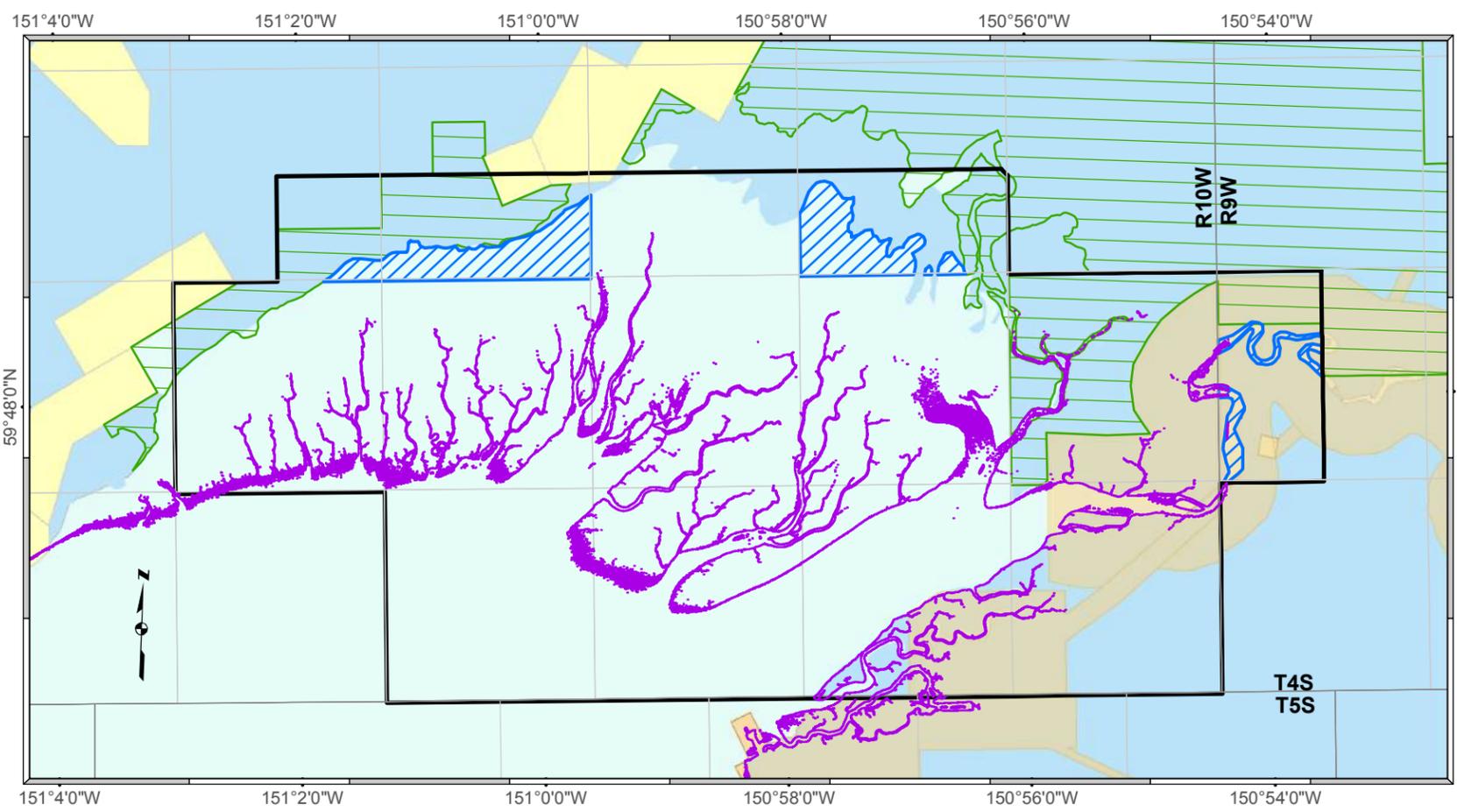
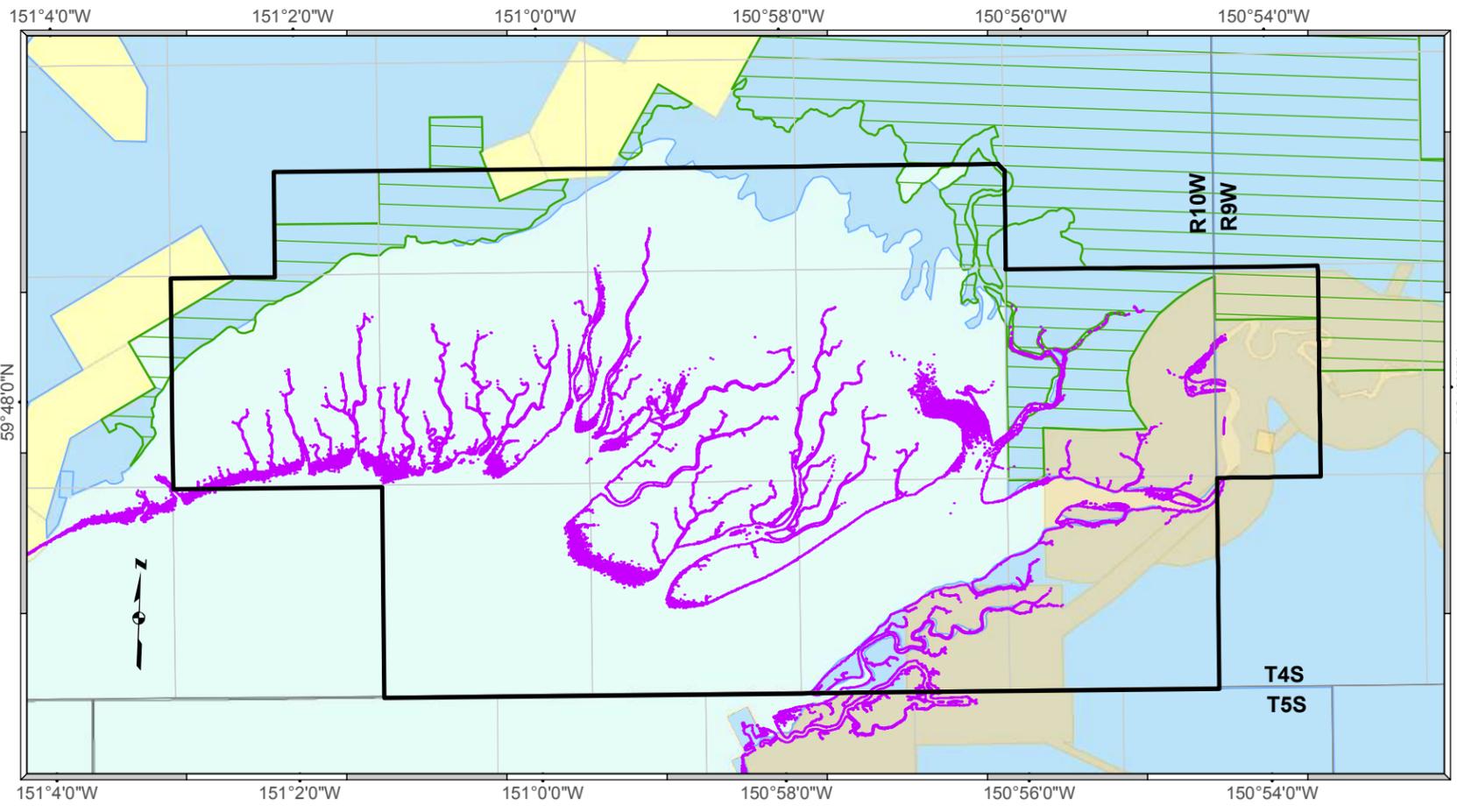


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Fox River Flats Critical Habitat Area

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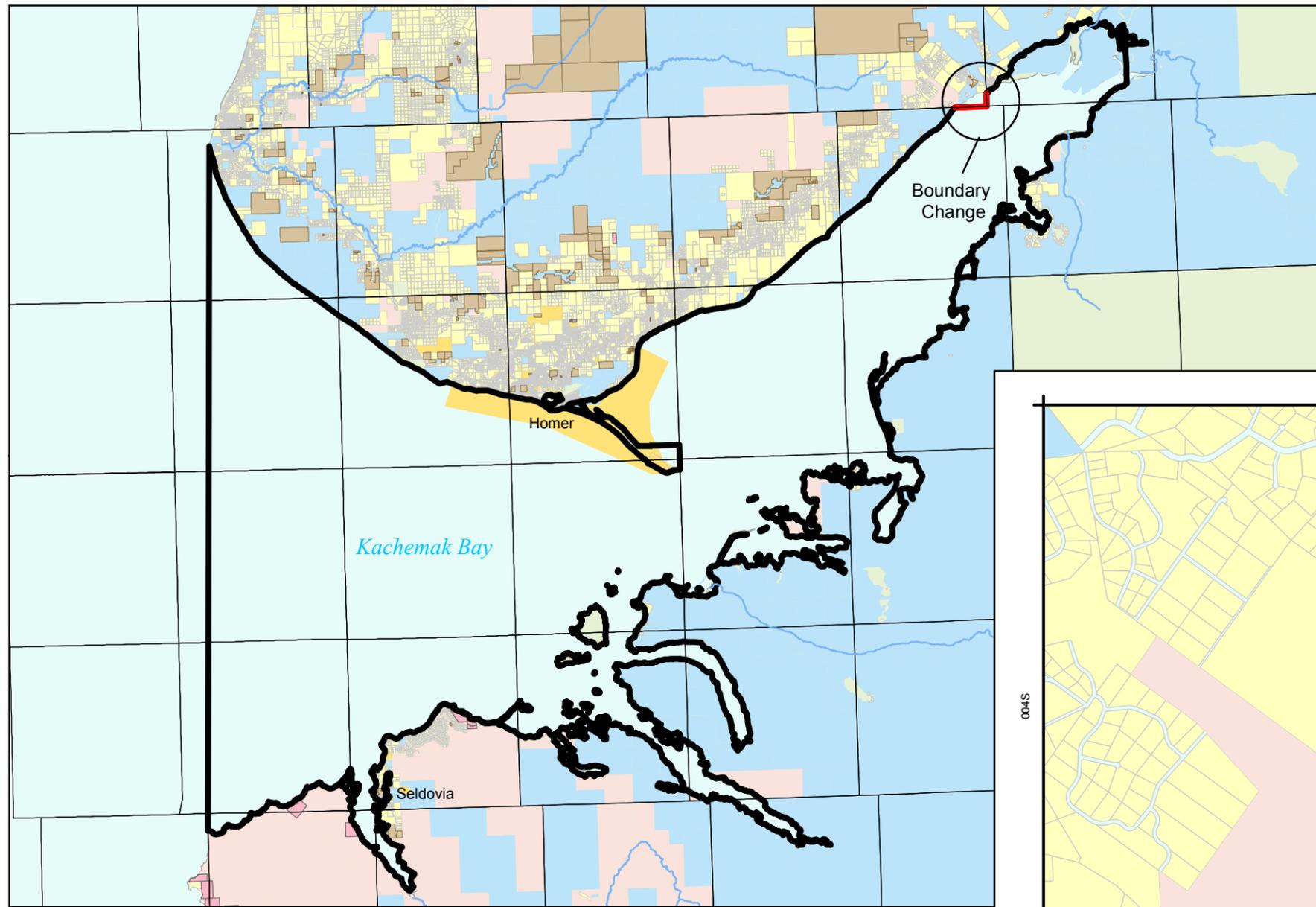
- Statutory CHA Boundary
 - Potential areas of tide and submerged lands for inclusion in the CHA
- Land Estate**
- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| State Lands | Private Lands |
| State | Private |
| Grazing Lease | |
| P & C Lease | |
- Federal Lands**
- BLM
- 17.6 ft Tidal Contour at 1 meter intervals (mean high tide)

Location Maps



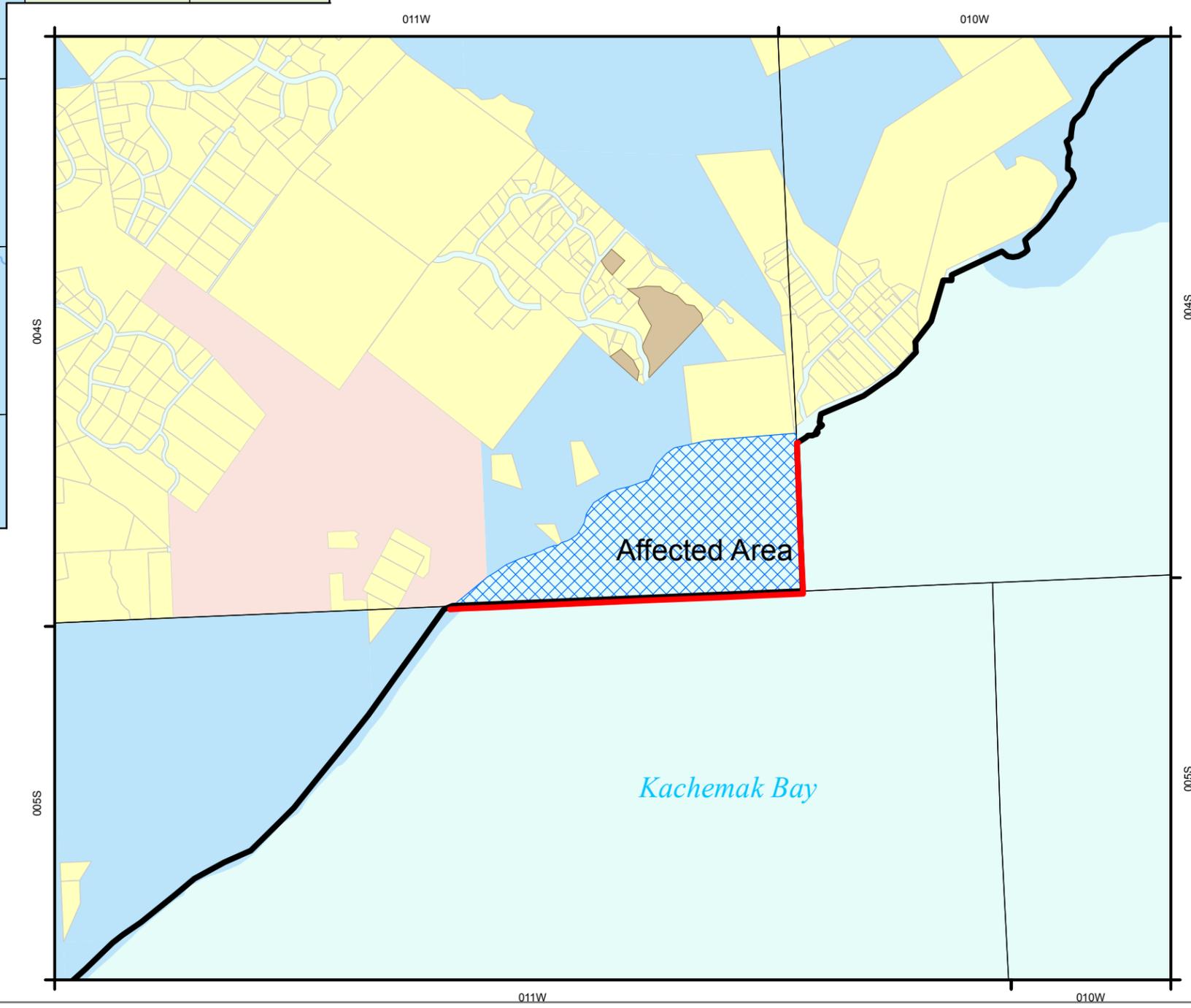
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Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area



- Existing CHA Boundary
- Incorrect CHA Boundary
- Corrected Area

- | State Lands | Other Lands |
|-------------|-------------|
| BLM | Private |
| State | Municipal |
| | Borough |
| | Native |



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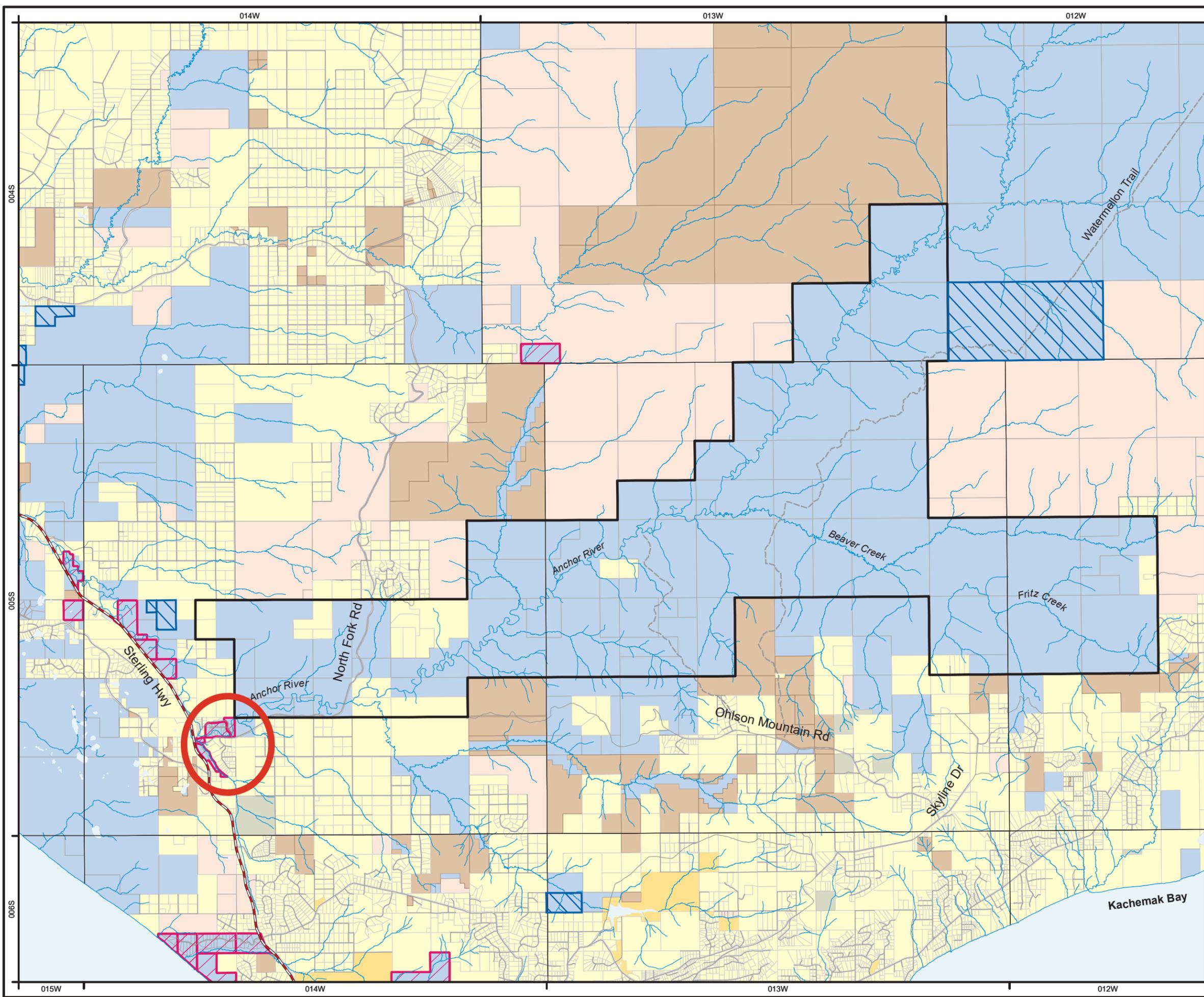


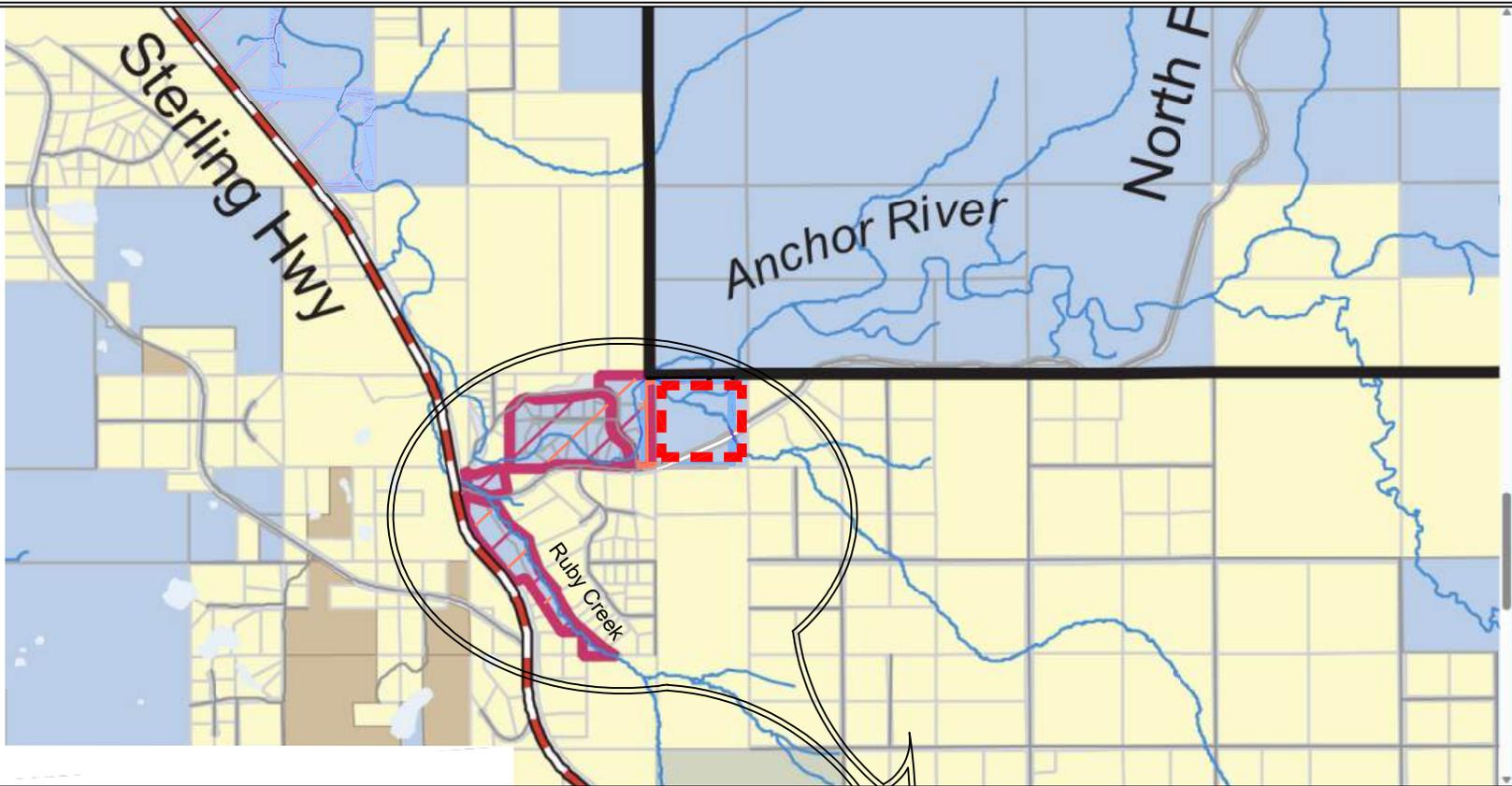
Anchor River / Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area

-  CHA Boundary
-  State
-  Native
-  Municipal
-  Borough
-  Private
-  Municipal Entitlement
-  Management Agreement

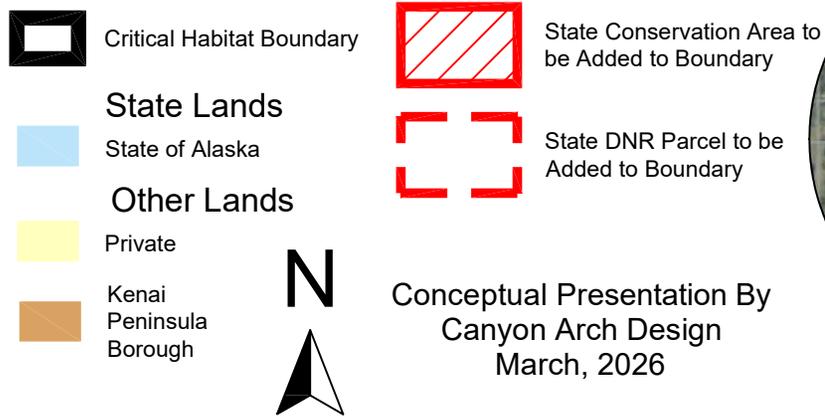


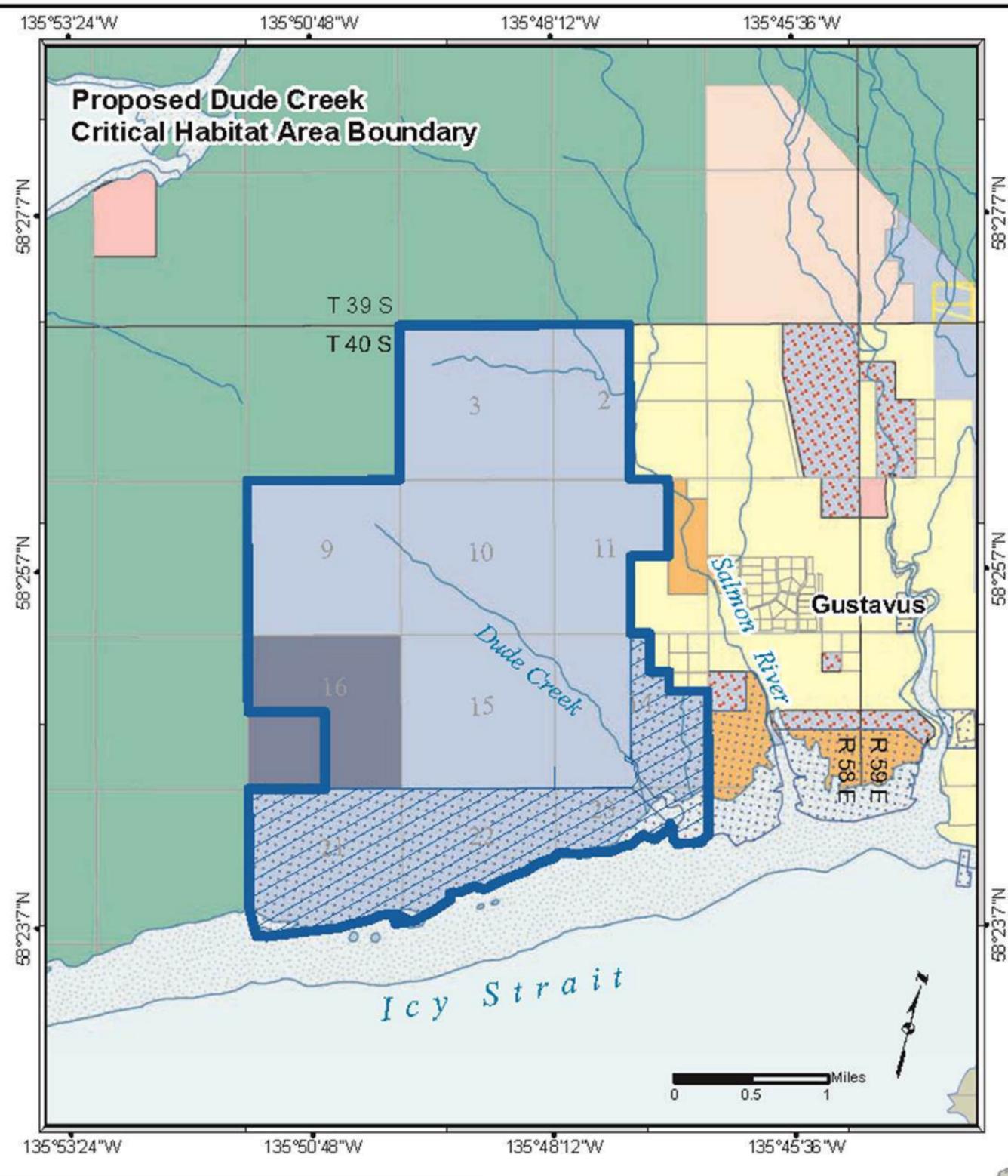
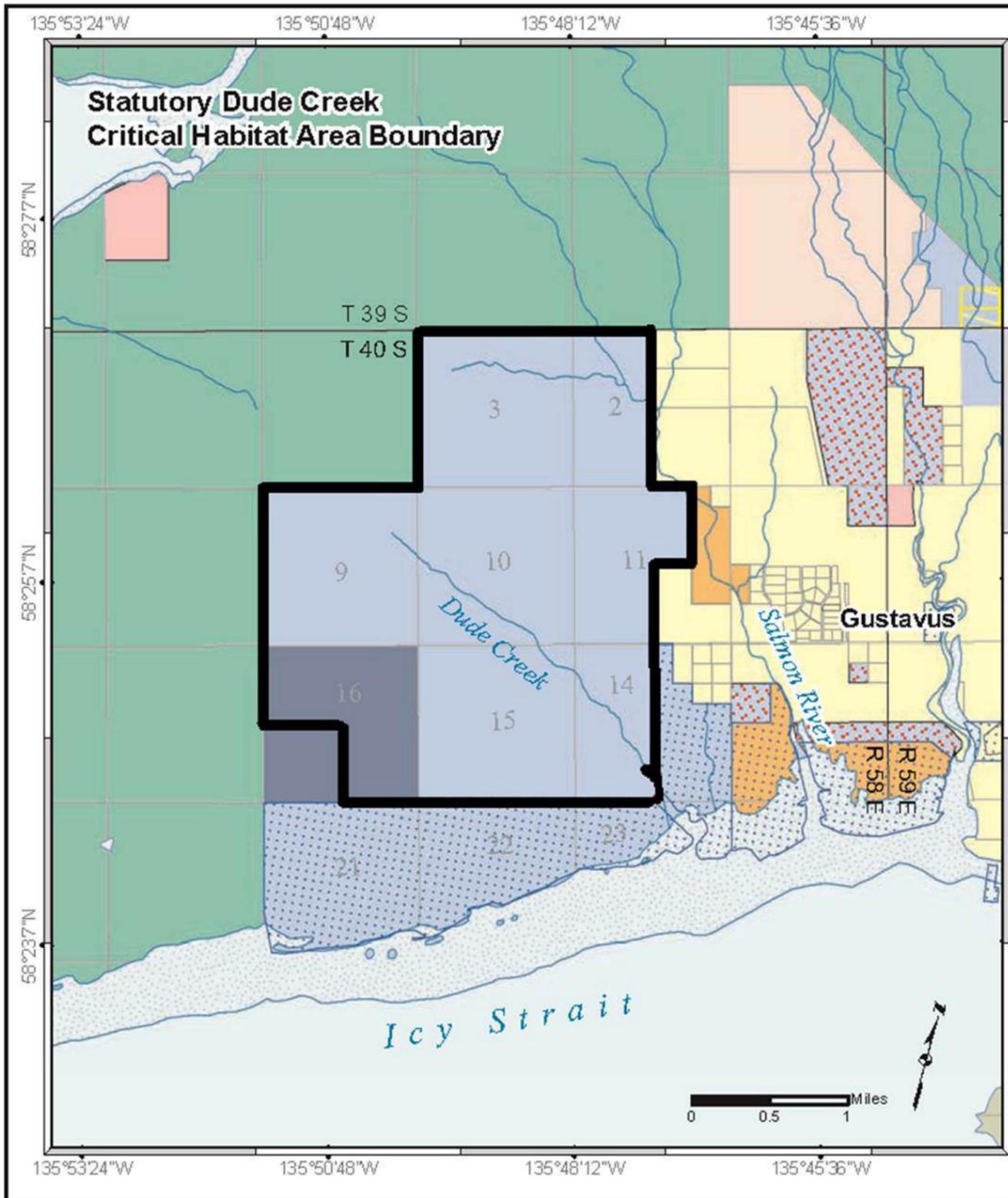
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Anchor River / Fritz Creek State Critical Habitat Area





Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area

- Federal Lands**
- National Park Service
 - USFWS
- State Lands**
- State
 - Mental Health
 - School Trust
 - Management Rights

- Private Lands**
- Native
 - Native Allotment
 - Private
 - The Nature Conservancy

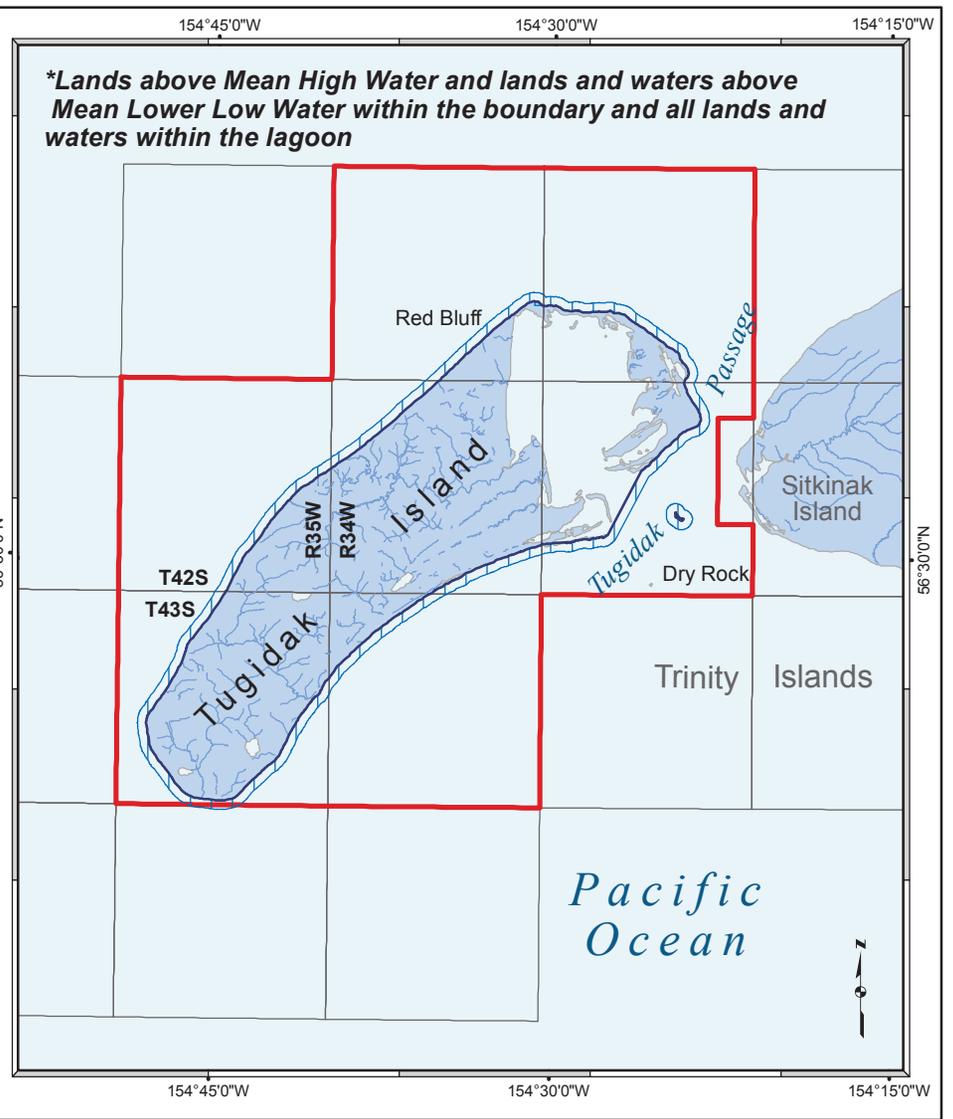
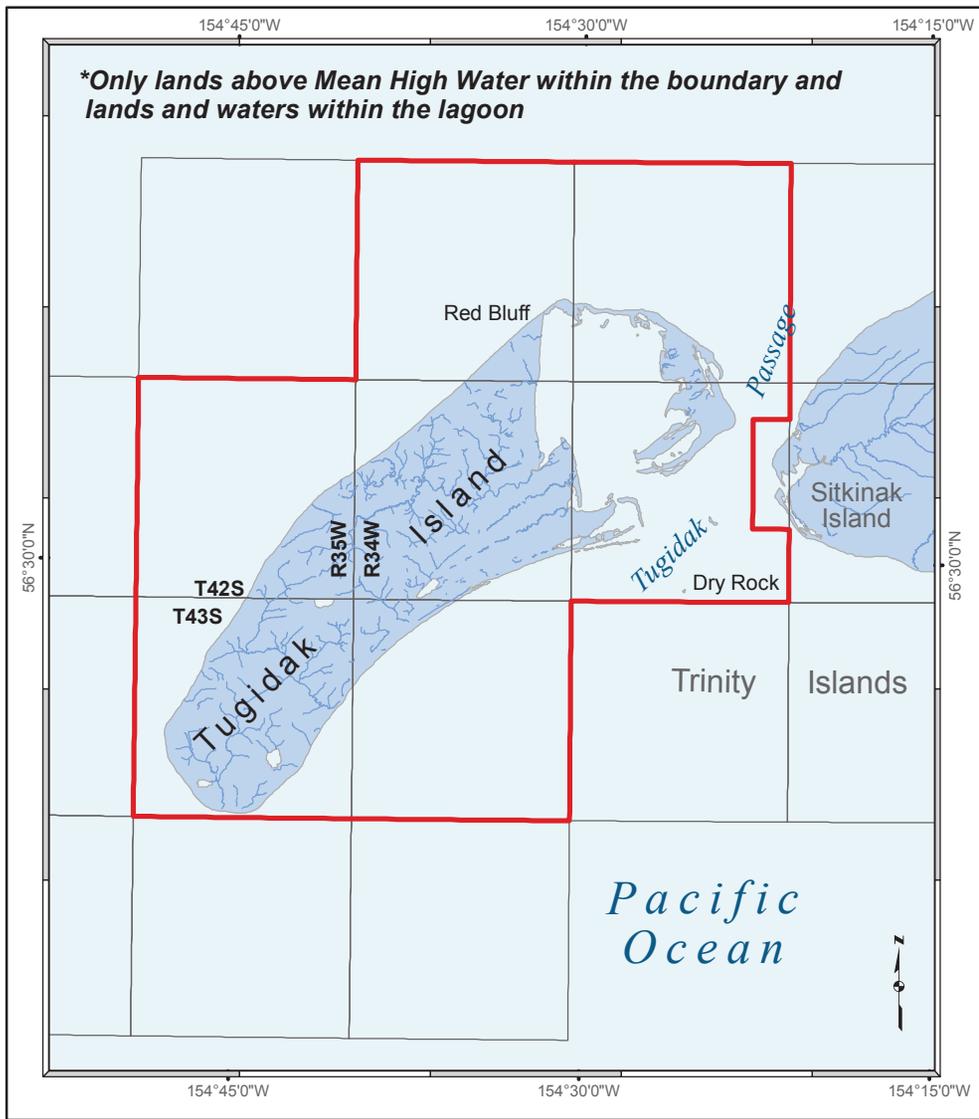
- Statutory CHA Boundary
- Proposed Dude Creek CHA Boundary
- Affected Lands

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Proposed Tugidak Island Critical Habitat Area Boundary Legend

State Lands

State

Statutory CHA Boundary

Affected Lands
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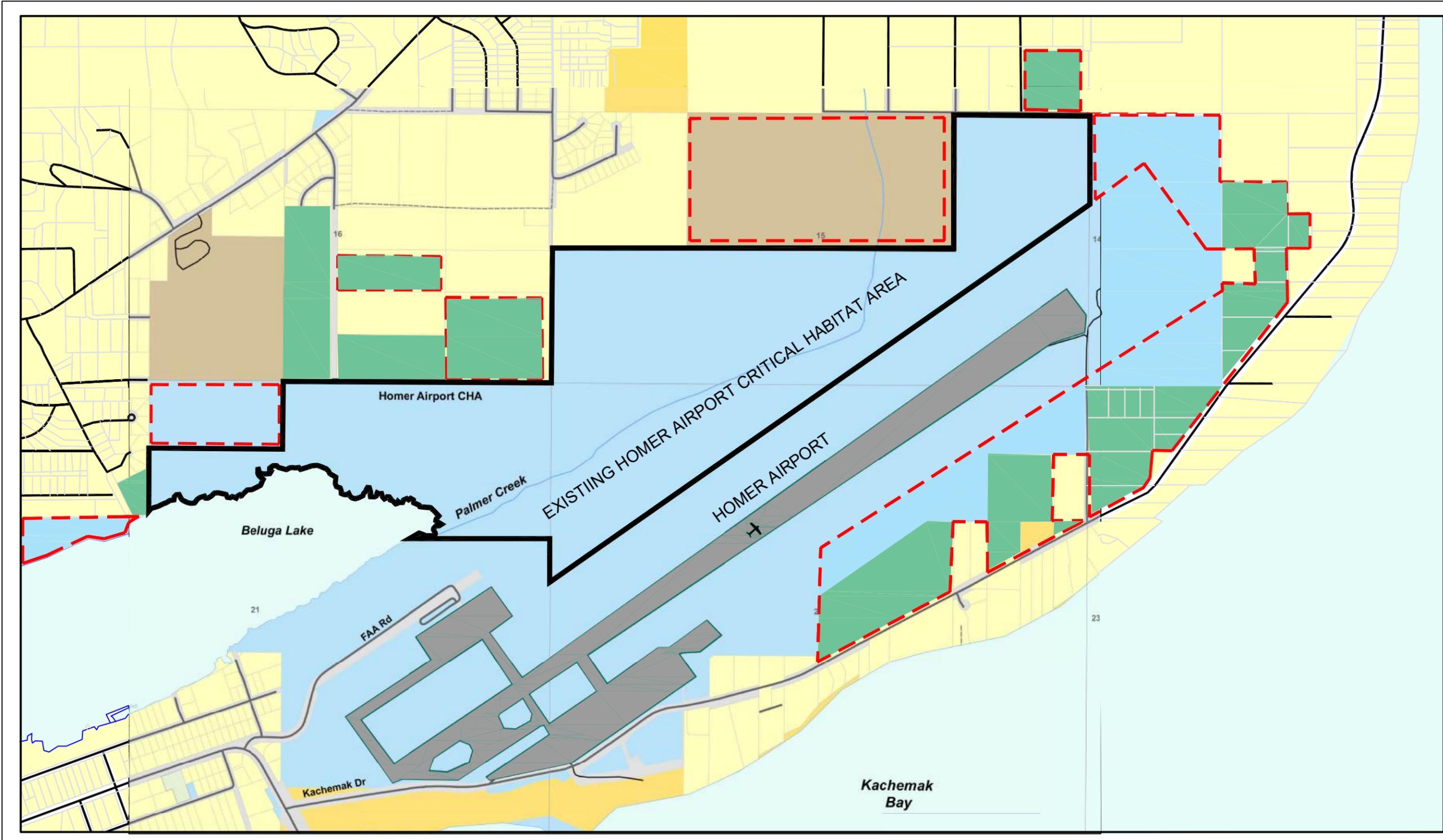


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Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area

-  CHA Boundary
- State Lands**
-  BLM
-  State of Alaska
- Other Lands**
-  Private
-  Municipal
-  Borough
-  Private Conservation Land

 Proposed Additions to Beluga Wetlands Wildlife Refuge

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