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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 126

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 23, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with AS 24.08.210, I order the following:

*** Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

FINDINGS. As governor, I find that it is in the best interests of efficient administration to transfer the functions of the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council to the Department of Natural Resources. Additionally, with the transfer of these functions, I find that there is no longer a need for the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council and its elimination is in the best interests of efficient administration. This action will provide a single point of responsibility for the development of the Wood-Tikchik State Park's management plan, resulting in increased performance and accountability.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 41.21.164 is amended to read:

Sec. 41.21.164. Management plan. The department [WOOD-TIKCHIK STATE PARK MANAGEMENT COUNCIL] shall develop a management plan for the Wood-Tikchik State Park [PARK WITH THE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT]. The management plan shall be presented at a public meeting before approval and implementation.

*** Sec. 3.** AS 41.21.165 is amended to read:

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 Wood-Tikchik State Park [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 Wood-Tikchik State Park [PARK]. Regulations may not be adopted by either department without prior review at public hearings.

*** Sec. 4.** AS 41.21.163 is repealed.

1 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
2 read:

3 TRANSITION. (a) The terms of the members of the Wood-Tikchik State Park
4 Management Council established under AS 41.21.163 terminate on the effective date of this
5 Order.

6 (b) Litigation, hearings, investigations, and other proceedings pending under a law
7 repealed or amended by this Order, or in connection with a function transferred by this Order,
8 continue in effect and may be completed notwithstanding a transfer, repeal, or amendment
9 provided for in this Order.

10 (c) Contracts, rights, liabilities, and obligations created by or under a law repealed or
11 affected by this Order, and in effect on the effective date of this Order, remain in effect
12 notwithstanding this Order's taking effect.

13 (d) Certificates, orders, and regulations in effect on the effective date of this Order
14 that were issued or adopted under the authority of a law amended or repealed by this Order, or
15 in connection with a function transferred by this Order, remain in effect for the term issued
16 and shall be enforced by the agency to which the function is transferred under this Order until
17 revoked, vacated, or amended by the agency to which the function is transferred.

18 (e) Records, equipment, appropriations, and other property of an agency of the state
19 whose functions are transferred under this Order shall be transferred to implement the
20 provisions of this Order.

21 * **Sec. 6.** This Order takes effect July 1, 2024.

DATED:_____

Mike Dunleavy
Governor