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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 SS HOUSE BILL NO. 57

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Wood-Tikchik Bicentennial State
7 Park; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 41.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 12. WOOD-TIKCHIK BICENTENNIAL STATE PARK.

11 Sec. 41.20.410. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of secs. 410
12 430 of this chapter is to restrict lands and waters described in sec. 415
13 of this chapter for use as a scenic park, as defined in sec. 47(3) of
14 this chapter, to be known as the Wood-Tikchik Bicentennial State Park.
15 The primary purposes in creating the park are to protect and develop
16 the area's recreational and scenic resources; to protect important
17 salmon spawning and nursery waters; and, by reserving a scenically
18 unexcelled area for the enjoyment of future generations of Alaskans,
19 to provide a fitting memorial celebrating the 200th anniversary of the
20 creation of the United States of America. Secs. 410 - 430 of this
21 chapter are intended to close the described lands and waters to multiple
22 purpose use in conformity with AS 38.05.300 and to dedicate them as a
23 special purpose site in accordance with art. VIII, sec. 7, of the
24 Constitution of the State of Alaska.

25 Sec. 41.20.415. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER RESTRICTED TO USE
26 AS A STATE PARK. (a) The lands and waters lying within the following
27 parcels, containing approximately 1,428,320 acres of land and water,
28 including private parcels, are designated as the Wood-Tikchik Bicentennial
29 State Park:

1 (1) a tract of land in the Bristol Bay region, State of Alaska,
2 beginning at the monument marking the southeast corner of Township 7 South,
3 Range 54 West, Seward Meridian, said point being the true point of
4 beginning, thence;

5 (2) westerly to the northeast corner of Township 8 South, Range
6 58 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

7 (3) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 8 South,
8 Range 58 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

9 (4) westerly to the southwest corner of Township 8 South,
10 Range 58 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

11 (5) northerly to the northwest corner of Township 5 South,
12 Range 58 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

13 (6) westerly to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township
14 South, Range 58 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

15 (7) northerly to the northeast corner of Section 4, Township
16 1 South, Range 58 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

17 (8) westerly to the southwest corner of Township 1 North,
18 Range 57 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

19 (9) northerly to the northwest corner of Township 2 North,
20 Range 57 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

21 (10) easterly to the northeast corner of Township 2 North,
22 Range 57 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

23 (11) northerly to the northwest corner of Township 4 North,
24 Range 56 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

25 (12) easterly to the southwest corner of Township 5 North,
26 Range 55 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

27 (13) northerly to the northwest corner of Township 5 North,
28 Range 55 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

29 (14) easterly to the northeast corner of Township 5 North,

1 Range 55 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
2 (15) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 5 North,
3 Range 55 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
4 (16) easterly to the northeast corner of Township 4 North,
5 Range 54 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
6 (17) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 4 North,
7 Range 54 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
8 (18) easterly to the northeast corner of Township 3 North,
9 Range 53 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
10 (19) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 3 North,
11 Range 53 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
12 (20) easterly to the northeast corner of Township 2 North,
13 Range 52 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
14 (21) southerly to the southwest corner of Township 1 North,
15 Range 51 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
16 (22) easterly to the northeast corner of Township 1 South,
17 Range 52 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
18 (23) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 2 South,
19 Range 52 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
20 (24) easterly to the northeast corner of Township 3 South,
21 Range 51 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
22 (25) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 3 South,
23 Range 51 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
24 (26) westerly to the northeast corner of Township 4 South,
25 Range 53 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
26 (27) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 4 South,
27 Range 53 West, Seward Meridian, thence;
28 (28) westerly to the northeast corner of Township 5 South,
29 Range 53 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

1 (29) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 7 South,
2 Range 54 West, Seward Meridian, which point is the true point of
3 beginning.

4 (b) All or part of the following adjacent parcel, containing
5 approximately 126,720 acres, including private parcels, may be added to
6 the Wood-Tikchik Bicentennial State Park by proclamation of the
7 governor:

8 (1) a tract of land beginning at the monument marking the
9 southeast corner of Township 7 South, Range 54 West, Seward Meridian,
10 said point being the true point of beginning, thence;

11 (2) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 8 South,
12 Range 54 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

13 (3) westerly to the northeast corner of Township 9 South,
14 Range 55 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

15 (4) southerly to the southeast corner of the northeast quarter
16 of Township 9 South, Range 55 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

17 (5) westerly to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter
18 of Township 9 South, Range 57 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

19 (6) northerly to the northwest corner of Township 9 South,
20 Range 57 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

21 (7) westerly to the southeast corner of Township 8 South,
22 Range 58 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

23 (8) northerly to the northeast corner of Township 8 South,
24 Range 58 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

25 (9) easterly to the southeast corner of Township 7 South,
26 Range 54 West, Seward Meridian, which is the true point of beginning.

27 (c) Land lying within the parcels described in (a) or (b) of
28 this section, upon which there are valid entries or upon which there
29 are valid applications for leases filed under AS 38.05 before

1 January 1, 1974, or which is withdrawn for or selected by Native
2 village or regional corporations under secs. 11, 12 and 14 of the
3 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (P.L. 92-203; 85 Stat. 688; 43
4 U.S.C. 1601 et. seq.), is excepted from (a) and (b) of this section;
5 however, if any land excepted under this subsection is subsequently
6 relinquished to the state, it shall be included as part of Wood-
7 Tikchik Bicentennial State Park.

8 Sec. 41.20.420. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT CRITERIA. The lands
9 and waters described in sec. 415 of this chapter are assigned to the
10 Department of Natural Resources for control, development and mainte-
11 nance. The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the manage-
12 ment of fish and game resources in the Wood-Tikchik Bicentennial State
13 Park and shall consult with the Department of Natural Resources in the
14 adoption of regulations for fish and game management. The Department
15 of Natural Resources shall consult with the Department of Fish and
16 Game in promulgation of regulations concerning public use of the area.
17 The high quality sport fishing that exists in the area shall be managed
18 to sustain it in perpetuity. Nothing in secs. 410 - 430 of this
19 chapter may be construed as discouraging the provision of fishery
20 habitat facilities or the operation of fisheries management programs.

21 Sec. 41.20.430. INCOMPATIBLE USES. The lands and waters described
22 in sec. 415 of this chapter are closed to mineral entry. The commis-
23 sioner shall, in adopting regulations under sec. 20 of this chapter,
24 make provision for the issuance of prospecting permits and mineral
25 leases. The regulations shall also provide for continuation of any
26 traditional subsistence use of the area.

27 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1976.
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