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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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 State Park; and
7 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 STATE PARK.

11 Sec. 41.20.410. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of secs.
12 410 - 430 of this chapter is to establish land and water areas described
13 in sec. 415 of this chapter for use as a scenic park, as defined in sec.
14 47(3) of this chapter, to be known as the Wood-Tikchik State Park. The
15 primary purposes in creating the park are to protect the area's recrea-
16 tional and scenic resources and to protect important salmon spawning and
17 nursery waters. Secs. 410 - 430 of this chapter are intended to close
18 the described lands and waters to multiple purpose use in conformity
19 with AS 38.05.300 and to dedicate them as a special purpose site in
20 accordance with art. VIII, sec. 7, of the Constitution of the State of
21 Alaska.

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

27 (1) a tract of land in the Bristol Bay region, State of
28 Alaska, beginning at the monument marking the southeast corner of
29 Township 7 South, Range 54 West, Seward Meridian, said point being the

1 true point of beginning, thence;

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

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

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

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

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

12 (7) northerly to the northeast corner of Section 4, Township
13 1 South, Range 58 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (14) easterly to the northeast corner of Township 5 North,
27 Range 55 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

28 (15) southerly to the southeast corner of Township 5 North,
29 Range 55 West, Seward Meridian, thence;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (c) Land lying within the parcels described in (a) or (b) of this
24 section, upon which there are valid entries, or which is withdrawn for
25 or selected by Native village or regional corporations under secs. 11,
26 12 and 14 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (P.L. 92-203; 85
27 Stat. 688; 43 U.S.C. 1601 et. seq.), is excepted from (a) and (b) of
28 this section; however, if any land excepted under this subsection is
29 subsequently relinquished to the state, it shall be included as part of

1 Wood-Tikchik State Park.

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

15 Sec. 41.20.430. INCOMPATIBLE USES. (a) The land and water areas
16 described in sec. 415 of this chapter are open to mineral entry under
17 provisions of AS 38.05.205 and 38.05.245 and regulations adopted under
18 them and the further requirement that before entry on park lands a
19 mineral permittee or lessee shall file a plan of operations for
20 approval of the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.
21 The plan is subject to any reasonable conditions the commissioner may
22 impose to minimize environmental impact.

23 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations providing for
24 continuation of traditional subsistence use of the area.

25 (c) Development and operation of a hydro-electric site at Lake
26 Elva is not considered an incompatible use and shall be allowed subject
27 to reasonable conditions which may be imposed by the commissioner.

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