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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 68

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Bald Eagle Council Grounds State  
7 Park."

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 15. BALD EAGLE COUNCIL GROUNDS STATE PARK.

11 Sec. 41.20.480. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of secs.  
12 480 - 495 of this chapter is to empower the governor to establish the  
13 state-owned land and water described in sec. 485 of this chapter as a  
14 state park to be known as the Bald Eagle Council Grounds State Park.  
15 The primary purposes in creating the park are to protect and interpret  
16 the area's critical salmon and bald eagle habitat and to protect the  
17 area's recreational and scenic resources. If the governor establishes  
18 the park, the land and water described in sec. 485 of this chapter are  
19 closed to multiple-purpose use in conformity with AS 38.05.300 and are  
20 dedicated as a special purpose site in accordance with art. VIII, sec.  
21 7 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

22 Sec. 41.20.485. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER RESTRICTED TO  
23 USE AS A STATE PARK. The governor may designate by proclamation the  
24 state-owned and state-acquired land and water lying within the following  
25 parcel comprising 4,800 acres, more or less, as the Bald Eagle Council  
26 Grounds State Park: beginning at a point identical with the north  
27 corners common to Sections 1 and 2, T29S, R56E, C.R.M.; thence west a  
28 distance of 500 feet along the north line of Section 2, T29S, R56E,  
29 C.R.M.; thence south along a line parallel to the west line of Section

1 2, T29S, R56E, C.R.M., a distance of approximately one mile to the  
2 south lines of that Section 2; thence east a distance of approximately  
3 500 feet to the SE corner of Section 2, T29S, R56E, C.R.M.; thence  
4 south along the east lines of Section 11, T29S, R56W, C.R.M. crossing  
5 the Tsirku River, to the first point of intersection with a meander  
6 line 500 feet upland from the line of mean high water on the south  
7 bank of the Tsirku River; thence easterly along that meander line to  
8 its first point of intersection with the western boundary or the  
9 northerly extension of the western boundary of the U.S. Survey 786;  
10 thence to the NW corner of the U.S. Survey 786; thence east 2,640 feet  
11 to the NE corner of U.S. Survey 786; thence south along the east  
12 boundary of U.S. Survey 786 to its intersection with the section line  
13 common to Sections 17 and 20, T29S, R57E, C.R.M.; thence east along  
14 that section line to its first point of intersection with a meander  
15 line running 500 feet upland from the mean high water mark on the west  
16 bank of the Chilkat River; thence meandering in a southeasterly direc-  
17 tion along a line 500 feet upland from the mean high water mark on the  
18 southeast bank of the Chilkat River to its first point of intersection  
19 with the section line common to Sections 21 and 28, T29S, R57E, C.R.M.;  
20 thence east along that section line to the corner common to Sections  
21 21, 22, 27 and 28, T29S, R57E, C.R.M.; thence north along section  
22 lines to the point of intersection with the Haines Highway right-of-  
23 way; thence northwesterly along the southwest boundary of that highway  
24 right-of-way to the point of intersection with the north boundary of  
25 Section 6, T29S, R57E, C.R. M.; thence west along section lines to the  
26 point identical with the north corners common to Sections 1 and 2,  
27 T29S, R56E, C.R.M., that point being the true point of beginning.

28 Sec. 41.20.490. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. The land  
29 and water described in sec. 485 of this chapter are assigned to the

1 Department of Natural Resources for control, development and mainte-  
2 nance as a state park. The Department of Fish and Game is responsible  
3 for the management of fish and wildlife resources within the Bald  
4 Eagle Council Grounds State Park. Nothing in secs. 480 - 495 of this  
5 chapter is intended to change the status of the land described in sec.  
6 485 of this chapter as a critical habitat area under AS 16.20.220 -  
7 16.20.270. The Department of Natural Resources shall consult with the  
8 Department of Fish and Game before the adoption of regulations governing  
9 the public use of the Bald Eagle Council Grounds State Park.

10 Sec. 41.20.495. INCOMPATIBLE USE PROHIBITED. (a) The land and  
11 water described in sec. 485 of this chapter are closed to mineral  
12 entry.

13 (b) The commissioner shall designate by regulation incompatible  
14 uses within the boundaries of the Bald Eagle Council Grounds State  
15 Park in accordance with sec. 480 of this chapter and those incompatible  
16 uses designated are prohibited or restricted as provided by regulation.

17 (c) A general development and management plan shall be developed  
18 for the Bald Eagle Council Grounds State Park by the Division of  
19 Parks. Any developments recommended within the lands described in sec.  
20 485 of this chapter may not be implemented unless approved by the com-  
21 missioner of fish and game.

22 \* Sec. 2. CHANGE OF PARK NAME. Within one year after the effective  
23 date of this Act the Department of Natural Resources may change the name of  
24 the Bald Eagle Council Grounds State Park to any name provided by the  
25 Village Council of the Village of Klukwan. If such a name change is made,  
26 the department shall notify the revisor of statutes, and the revisor shall  
27 request the publisher of the Alaska Statutes to make the appropriate change  
28 in the statutes.  
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