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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 759

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Willow Creek State Recreation  
7 Area; 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 16. WILLOW CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA.

11 Sec. 41.20.506. PURPOSE. (a) The purpose of AS 41.20.506 -  
12 41.20.512 is to dedicate the land and water described in AS 41.20.507(c)  
13 to use as a public recreation area and to protect and enhance the recrea-  
14 tional, natural, cultural, scenic, and wildlife resources of the Willow  
15 Creek State Recreation Area and the fishery resources of Willow Creek.

16 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, the Department of Natural  
17 Resources may dispose of land under AS 38.08 within the Willow Creek  
18 State Recreation Area for recreational use.

19 (c) Under the provisions of AS 38.05.300, state land, water, or  
20 land and water containing more than 640 acres may be closed to multiple  
21 purpose use only by act of the legislature. Inasmuch as the area  
22 described in AS 41.20.507(c) exceeds 640 acres, AS 41.20.506 - 41.20.512  
23 are intended to except the area described from the provisions of AS 38.-  
24 05.300.

25 Sec. 41.20.507. ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT. (a) The land and  
26 water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired in  
27 the future by the state lying within the parcels described in (c) of  
28 this section are designated as the Willow Creek State Recreation Area,  
29 reserved from all uses incompatible with the uses stated in AS 41.20.-

1 506(a) and (b) and assigned to the Department of Natural Resources for  
2 control, development, and maintenance.

3 (b) The Department of Natural Resources may agree to manage land  
4 owned by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough that is within the parcels  
5 described in (c) of this section and that is transferred by ordinance or  
6 resolution of the borough to the department for management as a part of  
7 the Willow Creek State Recreation Area.

8 (c) The state land and water presently owned, the state land and  
9 water acquired in the future, and the land and water owned by the  
10 Matanuska-Susitna Borough and transferred to the Department of Natural  
11 Resources for management under (b) of this section that are within the  
12 parcels described in this subsection are designated as the Willow Creek  
13 State Recreation Area, with a total acreage of approximately 3,440  
14 acres:

15 Township 19 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

16 Section 6 NW1/4

17 Township 19 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

18 Sections 1 and 2

19 Section 3 N1/2

20 Township 20 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

21 Section 31 S1/2 S1/2 West of Parks Highway

22 Township 20 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

23 Section 36 S1/2

24 Section 35

25 Section 34

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27 (d) The commissioner of natural resources shall develop a master  
28 plan for the use and development of the Willow Creek State Recreation  
29 Area in cooperation with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Depart-  
ment of Fish and Game.

1 (e) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the manage-  
2 ment of the fishery and wildlife resources in the Willow Creek State  
3 Recreation Area consistent with the purposes of AS 41.20.506(a) and  
4 shall consult with the commissioner of natural resources before adopting  
5 regulations governing the fishery and wildlife resources of the Willow  
6 Creek State Recreation Area.

7 Sec. 41.20.508. INCOMPATIBLE USES PROHIBITED. Within the bound-  
8 aries of the Willow Creek State Recreation Area the commissioner of  
9 natural resources may prohibit uses of state land or borough land  
10 managed by the state under AS 41.20.507(b) if the uses are incompatible  
11 with the purposes of the recreation area under AS 41.20.506(a) and (b).

12 Sec. 41.20.512. PURCHASE AUTHORIZED. The commissioner of natural  
13 resources may not acquire title to real property within the parcels  
14 described in AS 41.20.507(c) except by purchase in the name of the  
15 state.

16 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.  
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