

Introduced: 2/18/82  
Referred: Resources

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 812

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Nelchina Public Use Area."

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

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

9 ARTICLE 16. NELCHINA PUBLIC USE AREA.

10 Sec. 41.20.520. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 41.20.520 -- 41.20.540  
11 is to establish the area described in AS 41.20.530 as the Nelchina Pub-  
12 lic Use Area. The primary purpose of the Nelchina Public Use Area is to  
13 maintain the fish and wildlife resources of the area and to perpetuate  
14 multiple use of the area, including but not limited to fishing, hunting,  
15 trapping, mineral entry, and other forms of public use of public land.

16 Sec. 41.20.530. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER. The state-owned  
17 land and water, vacant and unappropriated, and all that acquired in the  
18 future by the state, lying within the boundary described below, are  
19 designated as the Nelchina Public Use Area, are reserved from all uses  
20 incompatible with their primary function as public use lands, and are  
21 assigned to the Department of Natural Resources for control, develop-  
22 ment, and maintenance:

23 (1) Township 21 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all  
24 sections,

25 (2) Township 21 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all  
26 sections,

27 (3) Township 21 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all  
28 sections,

29 (4) Township 21 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all

- 1 sections,  
2 (5) Township 21 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, all  
3 sections;  
4 (6) Township 22 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, all  
5 sections;  
6 (7) Township 22 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all  
7 sections;  
8 (8) Township 22 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all  
9 sections;  
10 (9) Township 22 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all  
11 sections;  
12 (10) Township 22 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, all  
13 sections;  
14 (11) Township 22 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian, all  
15 sections;  
16 (12) Township 22 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian, all  
17 sections;  
18 (13) Township 23 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all  
19 sections;  
20 (14) Township 23 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all  
21 sections;  
22 (15) Township 23 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all  
23 sections;  
24 (16) Township 23 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all  
25 sections;  
26 (17) Township 23 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, all  
27 sections;  
28 (18) Township 23 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian, all  
29 sections;

- 1           (19) Township 23 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian, all  
2 sections;
- 3           (20) Township 3 North, Range 11 West, Copper River Meridian,  
4 all sections;
- 5           (21) Township 3 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian,  
6 all sections;
- 7           (22) Township 3 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian,  
8 all sections;
- 9           (23) Township 24 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all  
10 sections;
- 11          (24) Township 24 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all  
12 sections;
- 13          (25) Township 24 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all  
14 sections;
- 15          (26) Township 24 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all  
16 sections;
- 17          (27) Township 24 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, all  
18 sections;
- 19          (28) Township 24 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian, all  
20 sections;
- 21          (29) Township 24 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian, all  
22 sections;
- 23          (30) Township 4 North, Range 11 West, Copper River Meridian,  
24 all sections;
- 25          (31) Township 4 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian,  
26 all sections;
- 27          (32) Township 4 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian,  
28 all sections;
- 29          (33) Township 25 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian, all

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29

sections;

(34) Township 25 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(35) Township 25 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(36) Township 25 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(37) Township 25 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(38) Township 25 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(39) Township 25 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(40) Township 25 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(41) Township 25 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(42) Township 5 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian,

all sections;

(43) Township 5 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian,

all sections;

(44) Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(45) Township 26 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(46) Township 26 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

(47) Township 26 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all

sections;

- 1 (48) Township 26 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all  
2 sections;
- 3 (49) Township 26 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all  
4 sections;
- 5 (50) Township 26 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all  
6 sections;
- 7 (51) Township 26 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, all  
8 sections;
- 9 (52) Township 26 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian, all  
10 sections;
- 11 (53) Township 26 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian, all  
12 sections;
- 13 (54) Township 6 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian,  
14 all sections;
- 15 (55) Township 6 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian,  
16 all sections;
- 17 (56) Township 27 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian, all  
18 sections;
- 19 (57) Township 27 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian, all  
20 sections;
- 21 (58) Township 27 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian, all  
22 sections;
- 23 (59) Township 27 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all  
24 sections;
- 25 (60) Township 27 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all  
26 sections;
- 27 (61) Township 27 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all  
28 sections;
- 29 (62) Township 27 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all

- 1 sections;  
2 (63) Township 27 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, all  
3 sections;  
4 (64) Township 27 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian, all  
5 sections;  
6 (65) Township 27 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian, all  
7 sections;  
8 (66) Township 7 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian,  
9 all sections;  
10 (67) Township 7 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian,  
11 all sections;  
12 (68) Township 28 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian, all  
13 sections;  
14 (69) Township 28 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian, all  
15 sections;  
16 (70) Township 28 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian, all  
17 sections;  
18 (71) Township 28 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all  
19 sections;  
20 (72) Township 28 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all  
21 sections;  
22 (73) Township 28 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all  
23 sections;  
24 (74) Township 28 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all  
25 sections;  
26 (75) Township 28 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, all  
27 sections;  
28 (76) Township 28 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian, all  
29 sections;

- 1                   (77) Township 28 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian, all  
2 sections;
- 3                   (78) Township 8 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian,  
4 all sections;
- 5                   (79) Township 8 North, Range 9 West, Copper River Meridian,  
6 all sections;
- 7                   (80) Township 29 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian, all  
8 sections;
- 9                   (81) Township 29 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian, all  
10 sections;
- 11                   (82) Township 29 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian, all  
12 sections;
- 13                   (83) Township 29 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all  
14 sections;
- 15                   (84) Township 29 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all  
16 sections;
- 17                   (85) Township 29 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all  
18 sections;
- 19                   (86) Township 29 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all  
20 sections;
- 21                   (87) Portions of Township 29 North, Range 10 East, Seward  
22 Meridian, lying south of Susitna River;
- 23                   (88) Township 29 North, Range 11 East, Seward Meridian, all  
24 sections;
- 25                   (89) Township 29 North, Range 12 East, Seward Meridian, all  
26 sections;
- 27                   (90) Township 9 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian,  
28 all sections;
- 29                   (91) Portions of Township 9 North, Range 9 West, Copper River

1 Meridian, lying west of the Tyone River;

2 (92) Township 30 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian, all  
3 sections;

4 (93) Township 30 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian, all  
5 sections;

6 (94) Township 30 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian, all  
7 sections;

8 (95) Township 30 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all  
9 sections;

10 (96) Township 30 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian, all  
11 sections;

12 (97) Township 30 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian, all  
13 sections;

14 (98) Township 30 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian, all  
15 sections;

16 (99) Portions of Township 30 North, Range 10 East, Seward  
17 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

18 (100) Portions of Township 30 North, Range 11 East, Seward  
19 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

20 (101) Portions of Township 30 North, Range 12 East, Seward  
21 Meridian, lying southeast of the Susitna River and south of the Tyone  
22 River;

23 (102) Portions of Township 10 North, Range 10 West, Copper  
24 River Meridian, lying south of the Tyone River;

25 (103) Portions of Township 10 North, Range 9 West, Copper River  
26 Meridian, lying southwest of the Tyone River;

27 (104) Portions of Township 31 North, Range 3 East, Seward  
28 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

29 (105) Portions of Township 31 North, Range 4 East, Seward

1 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

2 (106) Township 31 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian, all  
3 sections;

4 (107) Township 31 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, all  
5 sections;

6 (108) Portions of Township 31 North, Range 7 East, Seward  
7 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

8 (109) Portions of Township 31 North, Range 8 East, Seward  
9 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

10 (110) Portions of Township 31 North, Range 9 East, Seward  
11 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

12 (111) Portions of Township 32 North, Range 4 East, Seward  
13 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

14 (112) Portions of Township 32 North, Range 5 East, Seward  
15 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

16 (113) Portions of Township 32 North, Range 6 East, Seward  
17 Meridian, lying south of the Susitna River;

18 (114) Portions of Township 32 North, Range 7 East, Seward  
19 Meridian, lying South of the Susitna River.

20 Sec. 41.20.540. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. (a)  
21 The Department of Natural Resources may, after consultation with the  
22 Department of Fish and Game, adopt regulations governing the public use  
23 of the area. The regulations must provide for multiple use by the pub-  
24 lic, as defined in AS 38.04.910(4), and shall include provisions for,  
25 among other uses, public fishing, hunting, trapping, and recreation.

26 (b) Portions of the area important for fish and wildlife habitat,  
27 breeding, and migration must be managed to sustain fish and wildlife re-  
28 sources in perpetuity, according to the principle of sustained yield.

29 (c) The area shall be open to mineral entry, under such reasonable

1 regulations as the Department of Natural Resources may adopt.

2 (d) The Department of Natural Resources shall, after consultation  
3 with the Department of Fish and Game, develop a land use plan which de-  
4 scribes appropriate uses and mitigating measures for the area consistent  
5 with the purposes stated in AS 41.20.520.  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29