

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 306 (RESOURCES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Offered: 5/6/91
Referred: Finance**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GRUSSENDORF, Navarre, Jacko, Mackie, Davidson, Boyer, Brown, Ellis, Finkelstein, Gruenberg, Koponen, Kubina, Moyer, Ulmer, B.Davis, Donley

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**1 "An Act establishing a McNeil River State Game Refuge and altering the McNeil River
2 State Game Sanctuary; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**5 Sec. 16.20.041. MCNEIL RIVER STATE GAME REFUGE. (a) The following state-
6 owned land and water, including the tidelands but exclusive of marine water and submerged land,
7 lying within the parcels described in this subsection is established as the McNeil River State
8 Game Refuge:**

**9 Township 10 South, Range 29 West, Seward Meridian
10 Section 19: S1/2
11 Section 20: SW1/4
12 Section 29: W1/2
13 Sections 30 - 31
14 Township 10 South, Range 30 West, Seward Meridian**



- 1 Section 3: SW1/4
- 2 Section 4: SE1/4
- 3 Sections 10 - 11
- 4 Sections 14 - 16
- 5 Section 17: E1/2
- 6 Sections 20 - 23
- 7 Sections 25 - 29
- 8 Section 30: SE1/4
- 9 Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2
- 10 Sections 32 - 36
- 11 Township 11 South, Range 29 West, Seward Meridian
- 12 Sections 1 - 35
- 13 Section 36, except Nordyke Island and its tidelands
- 14 Township 11 South, Range 30 West, Seward Meridian
- 15 Sections 1 - 36
- 16 Township 11 South, Range 31 West, Seward Meridian
- 17 Sections 1 - 36
- 18 Township 11 South, Range 32 West, Seward Meridian
- 19 Sections 1 - 36, except land within Katmai National Park and Preserve
- 20 Township 12 South, Range 31 West, Seward Meridian
- 21 Sections 1 - 36
- 22 Township 12 South, Range 32 West, Seward Meridian
- 23 Sections 1 - 36, except land within Katmai National Park and Preserve
- 24 Township 13 South, Range 33 West, Seward Meridian
- 25 Section 1, except land within Katmai National Park and Preserve.
- 26 (b) The McNeil River State Game Refuge is established to
- 27 (1) provide permanent protection for brown bears and other fish and wildlife
- 28 populations and their habitats, so that these resources may be preserved for scientific, aesthetic,
- 29 and educational purposes;
- 30 (2) manage human use and activities in a way that is compatible with (1) of this
- 31 subsection and to maintain and enhance the unique bear viewing opportunities in the McNeil

1 River State Game Sanctuary established under AS 16.20.161;

2 (3) provide opportunities that are compatible with (1) of this subsection for
3 wildlife viewing, fisheries enhancement, fishing, hunting, and trapping, for temporary safe
4 anchorage, and for other activities.

5 (c) The hunting of brown bears within the McNeil River State Game Refuge is
6 prohibited.

7 (d) The department and the Department of Natural Resources

8 (1) may not enter into sales of land or water within the McNeil River State Game
9 Refuge;

10 (2) may enter into leases within the McNeil River State Game Refuge if the
11 commissioner finds that activity conducted under the lease is compatible with the purposes for
12 which the refuge is established.

13 (e) The McNeil River State Game Refuge is closed to mineral entry under
14 AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275.

15 * Sec. 2. AS 16.20.160 is repealed and reenacted to read:

16 Sec. 16.20.160. MCNEIL RIVER STATE GAME SANCTUARY. The following state-
17 owned land and water, including the tidelands but exclusive of marine water and submerged land,
18 lying within the parcels described in this subsection is established as the McNeil River State
19 Game Sanctuary:

20 Township 12 South, Range 29 West, Seward Meridian

21 Sections 1 - 36

22 Township 12 South, Range 30 West, Seward Meridian

23 Sections 1 - 36

24 Township 13 South, Range 29 West, Seward Meridian

25 Sections 5 - 8

26 Sections 17 - 20

27 Sections 29 - 32

28 Township 13 South, Range 30 West, Seward Meridian

29 Sections 1 - 36

30 Township 13 South, Range 31 West, Seward Meridian

31 Sections 1 - 36

1 Township 13 South, Range 32 West, Seward Meridian

2 Sections 1 - 36

3 Township 14 South, Range 32 West, Seward Meridian

4 Sections 1 - 12

5 Sections 15 - 22

6 Sections 27 - 30.

7 * Sec. 3. AS 16.20.170 is repealed and reenacted to read:

8 Sec. 16.20.170. PURPOSE; REGULATIONS. (a) The McNeil River State Game
9 Sanctuary is established to

10 (1) provide permanent protection for brown bears and other fish and wildlife
11 populations and their habitats, so that these resources may be preserved for scientific, aesthetic,
12 and educational purposes;

13 (2) manage human use and activities in a way that is compatible with (1) of this
14 subsection and to maintain and enhance the unique bear viewing opportunities within the
15 sanctuary; and

16 (3) provide opportunities that are compatible with (1) of this subsection for
17 wildlife viewing, fisheries enhancement, and fishing, for temporary safe anchorage, and for other
18 activities.

19 (b) Hunting and trapping within the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary are prohibited.

20 (c) The department and the Department of Natural Resources

21 (1) may not enter into sales of land or water within the McNeil River State Game
22 Sanctuary;

23 (2) may enter into leases within the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary if the
24 commissioner finds that activity conducted under the lease is compatible with the purposes for
25 which the sanctuary is established.

26 (d) The McNeil River State Game Sanctuary is closed to mineral entry under
27 AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275.

28 (e) The boards may adopt regulations governing access, entry, development, construction,
29 fishing, and other uses and activities affecting the natural habitat, fish and wildlife, and public
30 use of the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary.

31 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the date the Paint River fish ladder begins operation. The

- 1 commissioner of fish and game shall certify to the lieutenant governor and the revisor of statutes the date
- 2 the fish ladder beings operation.