

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

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered: 5/8/91
Referred: Rules**

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

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 bear 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 16.20.160;

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

5 (c) The Board of Game shall determine whether hunting of brown bears within the
6 McNeil River State Game Refuge should be 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 * Sec. 2. AS 16.20.160 is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

18 Township 12 South, Range 29 West, Seward Meridian

19 Sections 1 - 36

20 Township 12 South, Range 30 West, Seward Meridian

21 Sections 1 - 36

22 Township 13 South, Range 29 West, Seward Meridian

23 Sections 5 - 8

24 Sections 17 - 20

25 Sections 29 - 32

26 Township 13 South, Range 30 West, Seward Meridian

27 Sections 1 - 36

28 Township 13 South, Range 31 West, Seward Meridian

29 Sections 1 - 36

30 Township 13 South, Range 32 West, Seward Meridian

31 Sections 1 - 36

1 **Township 14 South, Range 32 West, Seward Meridian**
2 **Sections 1 - 12**
3 **Sections 15 - 22**
4 **Sections 27 - 30.**

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 AS 16.20.170 is repealed and reenacted to read:**

6 **Sec. 16.20.170. PURPOSE; REGULATIONS. (a) The McNeil River State Game**
7 **Sanctuary is established to**

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

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

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

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

18 **(c) The department and the Department of Natural Resources**

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

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

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

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

29 * **Sec. 4. This Act takes effect on the date the Paint River fish ladder begins operation. The**
30 **commissioner of fish and game shall certify to the revisor of statutes the date the fish ladder begins**
31 **operation.**