

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources, division of parks; effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/28/75

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date

May 4, 1975

The Committee on FINANCE has had HB 374

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

[Signature] Chairman

Introduced: 4/3/75
Referred: Resources and
Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BUCHHOLDT AND MCKINNON

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 374

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act making a special appropriation to the Depart-
7 ment of Natural Resources, division of parks; and
8 providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. The sum of \$60,000 is appropriated from the general fund
11 to the Department of Natural Resources, division of parks, for the purpose
12 of distribution to the Greater Anchorage Area Borough Parks and Recreation
13 Department for the restoration and maintenance of Fish Creek.

14 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.
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FISCAL NOTE

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I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 374

Title: Special appropriation to Dept. of Natural Resources, division of Parks

Requested by: House Finance Committee Date: April 9, 1975

Return Date Requested: _____

Agency: Division of Parks Program: _____

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: _____

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

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OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		60.				
TOTAL	.	60.				

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	.	60.				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

There are no expenses anticipated within the Division of Parks to administer the Act.

See attachments for further information.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: April 9, 1975

PREPARED BY: Kathy Jacobson for

William A. Sacheck, Director
Division of Parks

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

FISCAL NOTE NARRATIVE

HB 374

Fish Creek

The Spenard Service area is very densely populated, particularly in the vicinity of Fish Creek. Housing approximately 19 percent of the total population of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough, Spenard is the third largest community in Alaska, ranking only behind the cities of Anchorage and Fairbanks. Yet Spenard residents suffer from neglect by their local and state governments in regard to the provision of community programs and improvements in their area. An example of this neglect lies in the field of open space and recreational needs. According to the Spenard Service area plan of the Greater Anchorage Area Borough Parks and Recreation Department, Spenard is far lacking in the amount of parkland needed for the population that exists. Efforts are being made to correct this deficiency, but in a highly developed area as Spenard, land costs are high and therefore land acquisition is slow.

Fish creek is the only body of water flowing through Spenard. It is overgrown and polluted from both garbage and leaking sewer pipes which run parallel to its banks. Although pollution exists and it is no longer an anadromous stream, wildlife still exist in its waters. Beaver, muskrat, and ducks reside in Fish Creek. Since it serves as a recreational area, of which the Borough has acquired 12 1/2 acres and has plans to acquire 7 1/2 more, the creek desperately needs restoration. The water is currently not a health hazard, but deep stagnant pools and steep banks are physical hazards which exist and threaten the small children who use the area. The creek bed and waters need cleaning and the channel needs to be improved to eliminate stagnant pools. The banks must be grated to avoid steep areas and some grating must be done to improve the areas where sewer manholes are found.

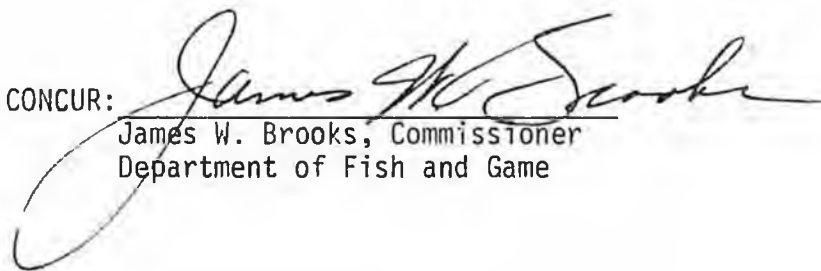
There are currently no development funds for Fish Creek from the Borough. Acquisition is their top priority now, and development will proceed when acquisition is complete. The Greater Anchorage Area Borough Parks and Recreation Department has a proposed development plan which includes bike and ski trails, picnic areas, play fields, tennis courts, footbridges, and a walkway to open up a passageway for school children to their neighborhood school. The Public Works Department of the Borough will be charged with the responsibility of maintaining this recreational area, but there are currently no funds available to restore it.

The amount requested in the Fiscal note is the best cost estimate available from the G.A.A.B. Department of Parks and Recreation. It is proposed that these monies will clean the creek for approximately 1 3/4 miles from tidewater. The proposed project is not just a matter of aesthetics, but one of improving a current recreation area so it

will be free from physical hazards, resulting in a safe play area for the children of Spenard.

It is the hope of Spenard residents that the Fish Creek Linear Park, as proposed by the Borough, will one day be expanded to include the area north to the inlet and south to Spenard Road. Attempts now to restore Fish Creek and it's environs and make it a safe recreational area are important so that Fish Creek can be better utilized by the residents and the needs for expansion can be better assessed.

CONCUR:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. Brooks". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

James W. Brooks, Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game