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The Honorable Leslie E. Swanson
Representative
House of Representatives
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State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Swanson:

The Alaska Division of Lands does have an existing authority that will provide assistance to the fur trappers. Within the Director's authority as provided in AS 38.05.330 and as interpreted in 11 AAC 58.210, permits for temporary use of State land may be negotiated permitting temporary occupancy of State lands with limitations as proposed in your house bill.

Permits can be offered to trappers that exhibit evidence of a legitimate trap line that has been used for a period of at least two years and is presently being used. The permit would include special stipulations as follows:

1. Duration not to exceed five years.
2. Use of a site described may be used for the erection of a cabin not to exceed dimensions exceeding 12' x 12'.
3. Permit is not transferrable or assignable.
4. No preference right to lease or purchase the subject lands inures with this permit.
5. The annual rent is \$100.00.
6. The permit may be terminated upon 30-days written notice for failure to comply with the terms of the permit.

This type of permitting is used for all legitimate applications for land use where the State does not wish to provide any permanent tenure. Actually, the idea of the special land use permit is to legitimize a person's occupancy of State lands, providing him with a document to show other persons that he does have authorization for the described use, and allows the State to keep a handle on use of State lands.

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Please feel free to contact me if further discussion and clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

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