

HB

374

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/3/75

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4-28-75

The Committee on RESOURCES 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>Walter Anderson</u>	<u>Steve Hoagshberger</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____	recommends:
_____	recommends: <u>to be</u>
_____	recommends: <u>to be</u>
_____	recommends:
_____	recommends:

Walter B. Anderson, Chairman

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

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.	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. Scheck, 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 graded to avoid steep areas and some grating must be done to improve the areas where sewer anholes are found.

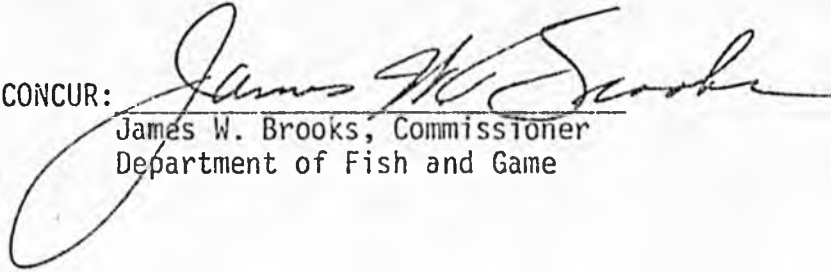
There are currently no development funds for Fish Creek from the Borough. Acquisition is their top priority now, and development will proceed when acquisition is complete. The Greater Anchorage Area Borough Parks and Recreation Department has a proposed development plan which includes bike and ski trails, 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", written over a horizontal line.

James W. Brooks, Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game