

HB

887

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

3/15/78

FURTHER: FINANCE

Date: April 17, 1978

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had HB 887  
"An Act making a special appropriation to the Dept. of Natural Resources to acquire land for establishment of the Funny River State Wayside; eff. date."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee reports it back as follows)

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_  new title       same title

- AND attaches a Letter of Intent                       New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- and recommends it be referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Chairman

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. House Bill No. 887

Title Special appropriation to DNR for land acquisition for a Funny River Wayside

Requested by House Resources Committee

Date 3/15/78

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Division of Parks, Department of Natural Resources

Program Category Affected Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Parks and Recreation

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4
200 TRAVEL	0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
300 CONTRACTUAL	0	1.0	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.3
400 COMMODITIES	0	0.5	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6
500 EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	110.0	0	285.7	0	0	0
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	110.0	1.7	291.4	6.4	7.1	7.8

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	110.0	1.7	148.6	6.4	7.1	7.8
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	142.8	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART TIME	0	0	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/2
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

It is assumed that the bill will only result in acquisition of the 13.89 acres of private land. Actual opening and operation of the area for public recreation would be dependent upon a future allocation for development of the area. This development would include a boat ramp, parking, toilet facilities, trails, water well, picnic sites, and several tent camping sites. The cost of this development is estimated to be 225.0 dollars and presumably would occur in 1979 or 1980.

It is expected that 50-50 matching funds would be available in 1979 from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Assuming that development funds will be appropriated by the legislature in 1979, maintenance costs will be reasonably low thereafter due to the provision of low maintenance facilities. Maintenance and operation cost projections also assume that the area will not be open to the public until it is developed. To open the area in an undeveloped condition would lead to high maintenance costs due to random use patterns which would develop.

IV. DATE 4/5/78

PREPARED BY Terry A. McWilliams, Director  
AGENCY Division of Parks, Dept. of Natural Resources  
PHONE 465-2421 (Anchorage: 274-4676)

Original: Legislative Finance

**MEMORANDUM**  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF LAND & WATER MANAGEMENTTO: NEIL C. JOHANSEN  
Chief of Planning  
Division of Parks

DATE: December 23, 1977

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM:

*DL*  
DENNIS L. LATTERY C.R.A.  
Appraiser

SUBJECT: Letter of opinion of value

As requested this is to provide you with an estimate of the market value of a parcel of land located at the confluence of the Funny River and Kenai Rivers described to me as:

Tract Six, Addition No. Two, Heistand Subdivision  
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Government Lots 12 & 13, Section 28, T5N,  
R9W, S.M. (Total 13.89 acres)

You will understand that I have not had the benefit of a field inspection of this property nor the comparable sales used to support this estimate. Because of this I am obliged to provide you with a probable range of values rather than a simple "ball park" figure. I will note that I have appraised a number of parcels in this area in the past, including both backlands and river fronting properties, and that I am reasonably familiar with market thinking in the vicinity.

On a basis of five reasonably current sales in this area, including a 47 acre river fronting tract very near the subject, a range in value of \$7,500.00 to \$8,300.00 per acre is indicated to this property.

I hope this is sufficient for your needs.

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# MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME


11/14/77

TO: [

Russ Redick  
Regional Supervisor  
SF - Anchorage

DATE : November 8, 1977

FROM:

Sid Logan   
Area Management Biologist  
SF - Soldotna

SUBJECT: Kenai-Funny River  
Confluence Land Purchase

This memo is in reference to your request of November 2 concerning the desirability of the state acquiring the McFarland property located at the Funny-Kenai River confluence. We believe the purchase of this parcel would be beneficial to recreational angling public for the following reasons:

1. This site is located 10 miles east of Soldotna adjacent to the Funny River Road. This is a good gravel all weather road which provides for easy access from the Soldotna-Kenai areas. Also, it would be more readily accessible to the Anchorage population center when a bridge is eventually constructed across the Kenai River near Naptowne connecting it with the Sterling Highway.

2. This 14 acre parcel has approximately 1,000 feet of frontage on the Kenai River which would be available as shoreline access to the angling public. Most of the land above and below this site is either private or generally not accessible from the road system. The site also has excellent potential for the construction of a boat ramp or harbor in the sheltered Funny River.

3. This will be the only developed public access site on the south bank of the Kenai River except for the Soldotna City Campground. It will also be located approximately in the center of a 16 mile section of the Kenai River which is only lightly utilized due to the lack of readily accessible developed public access. During the 1977 king salmon fishery this area received only 9.1 percent of the total effort although it comprises 47.1 percent of the stream area open to fishing.

4. The Kenai River is the most popular salmon fishery in the state of Alaska so the demand for improved public access is very high. Total angler effort on king salmon during June and July has increased by 252 percent over a four year period from 23,600 man-days in 1974 to 83,000 man-days in 1977. Effort on silver salmon during August and September was 36,000 man-days in 1976.

# TELEGRAM

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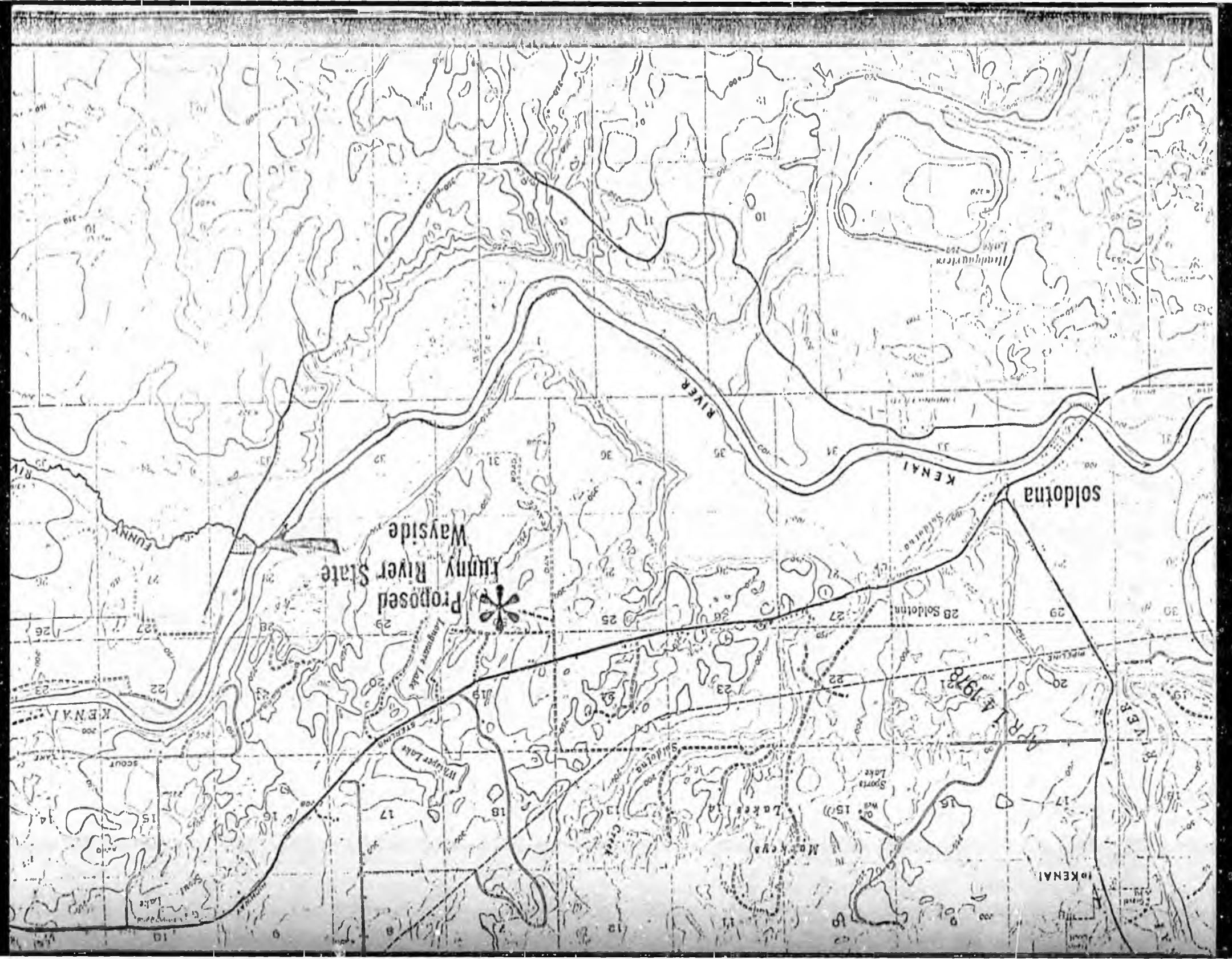
MSG REP HUGH MALONE

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PLEASE CHECK WITH REPRESENTATIVE HUGH MALONE AND CO-  
SPONSOR A BILL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE FUNNY RIVER  
PROPERTY BEFORE FILING DEADLINE. THIS EXTREMELY  
IMPORTANT KENAI RIVER ACCESS WILL PROVE TO BE A VERY  
HIGH USE PUBLIC RECREATIONAL AREA AND IF NOT  
FUNDED DURING THIS SESSION WILL BE LOST TO FUTURE  
GENERATIONS OF ALASKANS FOREVER.

SAN E MCCOWELL PRESIDENT ISAAC WALTON LEAGUE.





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Proposed Funny River State Wayside

size of parcel: 13.89 acres

Appraised value:\$110,000 (based on Alaska Division of Lands estimate of value)

Development potential: (prepared by Alaska Division of Parks)

While the site is capable of supporting a wide variety of recreational uses and development, the following appear most appropriate for the expected user groups and character of the site:

parking area for 40 vehicles  
toilets (fiber-glass vault type)  
single lane boat launch  
water well  
fishing trails along rivers

8 picnic sites  
10 tent camping sites  
interpretive display (salmon)  
signs, road work, misc.

Development costs: 1978 dollars 195,600  
1980 dollars 285,700

(note:these figures are based on the above facilities. 1980 dollars are used as this is the Division of Parks estimate as to when the construction of facilities could be undertaken)

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MAR 29 1978

William Schrier  
P.O. Box 1051  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

March 27, 1978

Rep. Hugh Malone  
House of Representatives  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Hugh;

The south side of the upper Kenai needs an access point and House Bill 887 should provide this. I hope that the House and Senate will expedite this bill to provide funds to acquire this land.

I hope you will accept my letter to Senator Tillion for your use in the House.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

Bill Schrier