

HB

399

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF PARKS

JAY S. HAMMOED, GOVERNOR

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March 6, 1980

The Honorable Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Representative Anderson:

Responding to a current proposal for providing special funding to facilitate the work of the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council, I offer the following remarks.

Recognition by the Legislature of the need to prepare a management plan for Wood-Tikchik is readily apparent. First, unlike the designation of other State park and recreation areas, in creating Wood-Tikchik State Park the Legislature specifically identified management direction for the park, including the high priority to be placed on protecting the area's fish and wildlife breeding and support systems and preserving the continued use of the area for subsistence and recreational activities. The Legislature took an additional step in providing for the development of a management plan by creating the Management Council, consisting of area residents as well as State agency members, and charged the Council with responsibility for preparing a management plan for the park. The Legislature took still further action by appropriating 15,000 for FY79 to set the Council in action.

The significant natural qualities of Wood-Tikchik State Park continue to give this area a growing reputation as a place for enjoying outstanding recreational opportunities. A recent article in the Los Angeles Times is just one example of increased national interest in Wood-Tikchik, and there are other good reasons to expect a significant increase in visitor use of the area. A management plan is clearly needed to develop the details of how best to respond to that non-resident use as well as to respond to other activities within or adjacent to the park, such as the development of hydroelectric sites and transmission lines, fisheries research programs and facilities, and development of additional recreational facilities, both privately financed and State funded. It seems paradoxical that this magnificent State park has been established but that no management plan is being prepared.

The situation regarding the management plan is, quite simply, a matter of funding. It is my feeling that the Division of Parks should have some kind of personnel presence in the Dillingham area in the near future, but for now the work of the Management Council is of highest importance. The Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council has been

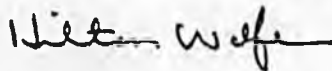
established, is functional and eager to proceed with its work. The Council has unanimously agreed that its primary task--the preparation of the park management plan--cannot proceed effectively without a compilation of current, reliable information, especially that relating to the fisheries resource and current land and resource utilization (occupancies, transportation, subsistence, and recreation). The data gathered several years ago in the Grumman Ecosystems Study is now outdated and never did contain sufficient detail from which to address critical management concerns, such as established recreational and subsistence activities.

Besides filling in that gap which exists so long as a management plan remains unformulated, special funding could bring to fruition the valuable concept which the Legislature recognized in creating the park; that is, citizen participation in the land management process. Five of the seven Council members are area residents; only two are State agency staff. It is highly desirable for this model to be a success. We have estimated the cost of a comprehensive master plan for Wood-Tikchik to be about 97,000; but a management plan of lesser though adequate scope could be completed for about 20-25,000. With any amount, it would also be highly preferable for the funding to be on a project basis rather than on a fiscal year basis.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in furthering your valuable intentions regarding Wood-Tikchik State Park and its Management Council.

Sincerely yours,

William H. "Chip" Dennerlein
DIRECTOR



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March 26, 1980

Chip Dennerlein
Director, State Parks
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Dear Chip:

It was a pleasure to meet you and your staff yesterday. It is regrettable that you could not meet the whole council.

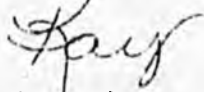
This letter is to re-emphasize a couple of items we discussed.

(1) I fully support Native Allotments and would hope that the Park and anything connected with it would NOT cause any applications for Native Allotments to be put in jeopardy.

(2) I also fully support the development of the hydro electric projects in the Park. Although it would be ideal for transmission lines to be laid underwater so as to protect the view, it is my feeling that the hydro electric projects should not be delayed or jeopardized for this or any other reason.

I look forward to working with you and the management plan. See you in August.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Kay E. Larson
Deputy Director/cm

- cc: 1. Representative Nels Anderson
2. Council Members
3. BBNA Executive Committee

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House of Representatives

February 27, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Bill Miles
FROM: Representative Nels A. Anderson, *NAA*
Re: HB 399 - Membership on Wood River-Tikchik
State Park Management Council

Bill, this is one of those small clean up bills that slip through the cracks. The management council is now comprised mainly of state agency people and village people living in the area. One group not represented, yet very much involved in the park activities is those people that own and operate lodges. It seems very appropriate that they be represented in the management plan that evolves. It would certainly add balance and an important perspective.

*Nels -
It will be brought
up in near future
(but don't let me
forget!)
Bill*

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

June 27, 1979

DIVISION OF PARKS

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

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Re:

The Honorable Bill Miles
Co-Chairman, House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Mr. Miles:

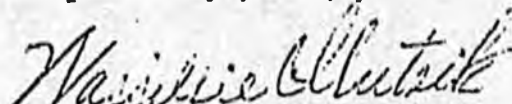
On May 30, the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council held its first meeting in Dillingham. It was a very productive meeting and I am optimistic that the Council will be able to satisfactorily address the issues which prompted its creation.

One of the items on the agenda for that meeting was H.B. 399, "An Act relating to the membership of the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council," which was introduced last session by Nels A. Anderson, Jr. and has been referred to the Resources and Judiciary Committees. The proposed legislation would alter the membership of the Council by adding another seat to represent those who have a business operation within the Park. Realizing that the Management Council was created to insure that all appropriate concerns are adequately addressed in preparation of a management plan for the Park, the proposed change seems both logical and desirable.

After due consideration, the Council unanimously endorsed H.B. 399, and it is my pleasure to request the favorable action of your committee on this bill when it comes up for consideration next session. In complementary action, the Council also voted to immediately establish an ex-officio chair to represent those who operate lodges within the Park, and a lodge owner did, in fact, attend the first meeting of our Council.

We look forward to your favorable response to our request and to formal legislative establishment of the new seat on the Council.

Respectfully yours,


Wasillie Ilutsik, President

Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council

cc: Council Members
The Honorable Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
The Honorable George H. Hohman

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. H. B. No. 399

Title An Act relating to the membership of the Wood-Tikchik Management Council

Requested by House Resources Committee

Date 3/20/80

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II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Natural Resources - Parks

Program Category Affected Parks & Recreation

BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Park Management

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL			0.6			
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	0.6			

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Fund Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

This bill amends the existing membership of the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council by adding an eighth member to represent the interests of those who reside within the park and operate a business with activities inside the park. This amendment has been unanimously endorsed by the Management Council (see attached letter from the President of the Council).

The statutes provide that members of the council "may, subject to appropriations, receive the same per diem and travel expenses authorized for members of state boards." For FY80 no appropriation was made for this purpose, and the Governor's budget for FY81 does not include a request for this purpose. For FY82, it is anticipated that a request would be submitted to allow for two meetings of the Council during the year. This amendment would increase the cost of those meetings by 14 per cent, or about \$0.6.

IV. DATE 3/20/80 PREPARED BY Kay Brown, special assistant
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Original: Legislative Finance
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Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)