

COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE

(11)

FURTHER:

5/22/54

Date: 5-29-54

The Committee on FINANCE has had GSSB 202 (2 in)

"An Act establishing the Yakataga State Forest; and providing for an effective date."

under consideration and recommends:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
- and recommends _____ new title
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation Zero Fiscal Note Attached
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

CHAIRMAN

Offered: 5/3/84
Referred: Rules

Original sponsor: Eliason

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 202 (Finance)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CS SB 202 (FIN)
Title: Yakataga State Forest

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: DNR
Program Category Affected: _____

Sponsor: Eliason
Requestor: House Finance
Date of Request: 5/29/84

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		0				
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		0				

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Al Adams, Chair *MA* Phone: 465-3706
Division: House Finance Committee Date: 5/29/84

Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: _____
Agency: _____

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):
Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: 4/17/84

B. 182
REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CS for SB 202
Title: Yakatara State Forest

Sponsor: Eliason
Requestor: _____
Date of Request: 2/8/84

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Natural Resources
Program Category Affected: NRM & EC

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected:
Forest Management

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		46.4	46.4	46.4		
200 TRAVEL		15.0	15.0	15.0		
300 CONTRACTUAL		10.0	10.0	10.0		
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		71.4	71.4	71.4		
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		71.4	71.4	71.4		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		71.4	71.4	71.4		

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		1.0	1.0	1.0		
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: ~~Attach a separate page for~~ Analysis

Prepared By: George Hollert Phone: 276-2657
Division: Forestry Date: 2/8/84

M.H. Approved by Commissioner: Nims D. Donald, Deputy Date: 4/17/84
Agency: Natural Resources

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):
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12/1/83

ESSB 202 (Fin)

The establishment of a Yakutat State Forest will commit State-owned lands between Cape Suckling and Icy Bay to long term public retention to be managed for multiple use and sustained yields. There are about 460,000 acres within the area, of which an estimated 80,000 acres have more than 20,000 board feet per acre. These are among the most productive forest lands owned by the State and the timber resources are already being managed on a sustained yield basis. Commitment of the natural resources will have a beneficial effect on the economies of Yakutat and Cordova and will likely stimulate long term industrial and commercial development based on the estimated potential yield of the area of 20 million board feet per year. The annual revenue to the State at today's prices would be one to two million dollars with a total product value of 5 to 10 million dollars. Establishment of a State Forest will cost the State an additional 71 thousand dollars per year for planning and forest development of the area.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

POUCH M
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
PHONE: 907-465-2400

Law

May 25, 1984

The Honorable Al Adams
Alaska State House
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Adams:

I am writing with regard to an amendment made by the House Resources Committee to the Yakataga State Forest bill, SB 202. Based partly on a misunderstanding by my staff and partly on the Committee's desire to see legislative approval of all land exchanges over 1,000 acres, the Committee dropped a provision in the bill that would have allowed the Department to trade up to 3,000 acres in the Forest by July 1, 1984. However, I am still committed to considering the acreage in the land exchange proposed between the State and Seldovia Native Corporation to reduce private inholdings in Kachemak Bay State Park.

The provision to allow the trade had been added to the Yakataga Forest bill at our request in the Senate Resources Committee. Because of our interest in maintaining as much latitude as possible for proposing lands for exchanges, we request the addition of the following amendment to the HCS for CSSB 202 (Resources).

Section 4. Notwithstanding AS 41.17.410 as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, the commissioner of natural resources may before July 1, 1985, exchange up to 3,000 acres of land described in AS 41.17.410(c) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act for private inholdings within the Kachemak Bay State Park or for other private land or interests in land.

This amendment would not exempt the exchange from any legislative approvals required under general law.

Sincerely,

Esther C. Wunnicke

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Commissioner

cc: Senator Richard Eliason
Tom Hawkins
John Sturgeon

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE - SENATE

SENATOR RICHARD I. ELIASON

LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN
RESOURCES COMMITTEE
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
FISHERIES SUB-COMMITTEE



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POUCH V
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
(907) 465-4916

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Al Adams, Chair
House Finance Committee

FROM: Senator Dick Eliason *Dick Eliason*

DATE: May 25, 1984

RE: SB 202 - Yakataga State Forest

I would greatly appreciate this bill be passed out of your committee. Not only would the creation of a state forest benefit Yakutat, but Cordova as well. Support for the bill is widespread and I urge its' passage. While the fiscal note would be helpful, the bill could go without it, if necessary. Thank you for your consideration.

from the office of Senator Dick Eliason

YAKATAGA STATE FOREST FACT SHEET - SB 202 - MAY 11, 1984

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A YAKATAGA STATE FOREST WILL COMMIT STATE-OWNED LANDS BETWEEN CAPE SUCKLING AND ICY BAY TO LONGTERM PUBLIC RETENTION TO BE MANAGED FOR MULTIPLE USE AND SUSTAINED YIELDS. THERE ARE ABOUT 460,000 ACRES WITHIN THE AREA, OF WHICH AN ESTIMATED 87,000 ACRES HAVE MORE THAN 20,000 BOARD FEET PER ACRE. THESE ARE AMONG THE MOST PRODUCTIVE FOREST LANDS OWNED BY THE STATE AND THE TIMBER RESOURCES ARE ALREADY BEING MANAGED ON A SUSTAINED YIELD BASIS. COMMITMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON THE ECONOMIES OF YAKUTAT AND CORDOVA AND WILL LIKELY STIMULATE LONGTERM INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT BASED ON A STANDING SAWTIMBER VOLUME OF 4.3 BILLION BOARD FEET WITH AS ESTIMATED POTENTIAL YIELD OF THE AREA OF 20 MILLION BOARD FEET (MMBF) PER YEAR. THE ANNUAL REVENUE TO THE STATE AT TODAY'S PRICES WOULD BE ONE TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS WITH A TOTAL ANNUAL PRODUCT VALUE OF FIVE TO TEN MILLION DOLLARS.

TO DATE, 190 MMBF HAS BEEN HARVESTED WITHIN THE PROPOSED STATE FOREST, ALL SINCE 1970. AN ADDITIONAL 49 MMBF WAS SOLD IN 1983, TO BE HARVESTED OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. A JETTY, LOG TRANSFER FACILITY, SORT YARD, LOGGING CAMP, AIRSTRIP, AND ABOUT TWENTY MILES OF MAINLINE ROAD WERE CONSTRUCTED BY THE PREVIOUS LOGGING OPERATOR. A DOF OFFICE AND CABIN WERE BUILT BY THE STATE.

THE DOF (DIVISION OF FORESTRY) HAS ARRANGED FOR MULTIPLE USE MANAGEMENT OF THE FORESTED LANDS WITHIN THE PROPOSED STATE FOREST. THE DIVISION HAS WORKED WITH THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME TO PROTECT IMPORTANT WILDLIFE HABITAT. ALSO, THE DOF HAS WORKED OUT A COOPERATIVE USE AGREEMENT WITH DMEM AND NORTH COAST MINING COMPANY FOR JOINT OPERATION ON MINERAL CLAIMS.

THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD A TELECONFERENCE ON THIS BILL AND SUPPORT WAS UNANAMOUS. SUPPORTERS INCLUDE: ALASKA LOGGERS ASSOCIATION, ALASKA MINERS ASSOCIATION, CITY OF YAKUTAT, ALASKA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS, THE CORDOVA LANDS COALITION, AND OF COURSE, THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY.

Cordova Lands Coalition
Box 1183
Cordova, Alaska 99574

Feb. 26, 1984

Senator Richard Eliason
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Eliason,

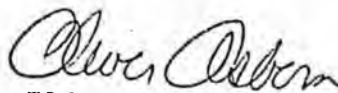
We have recently heard that you have introduced a bill to create a State Forest in the Yakataga area. We would like to express our strong support for this action.

The Cordova Lands Coalition wrote you last year supporting the establishment of a Yakataga State Forest. We appreciate your continued efforts this year as well.

The Yakataga area is the best timber area remaining in State hands. It is also an area of rich wildlife and fisheries resources. So far, the bulk of the area has been little impacted by human use. This area would make a major impact on the State Forest timber base, helping to allow sustained commercial levels of timber harvest. At the same time, State Forest designation would promote multiple use management with protection of key wildlife and fisheries resources.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill to designate a Yakataga State Forest.

Sincerely,



Oliver Osborn
President



GREATER SITKA

Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

May 21, 1984

To: All Members of the House Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Alaska State Legislature

Reference: Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 202 (Finance)
Establishment of the Yakataga State Forest

The Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors urges your support of the above bill establishing a State forest in the Yakataga area. We heartily support all efforts toward the continuance of the forest products industry in the State of Alaska.

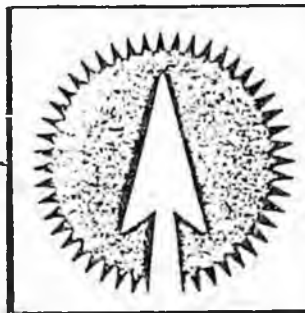
Sincerely,

Dave Knapp
President

DK:kf

cc: Senator Dick Elinson
Representative Ben Grussendorf

Alaska Loggers Association, Inc.



SB 202

February 24, 1984

111 STEDMAN, SUITE 200
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901
Phone 907-225-6114

Honorable Bettye Fahrenkamp
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Fahrenkamp:

The Alaska Loggers Association supports the establishment of Yakataga State Forest as proposed in Senate Bill 202. Inclusion of this area into the State Forest system will greatly benefit all the people of Alaska as well as the forest products industry.

The 460,000 acres in the proposed forest are among the most productive forest lands owned by the State of Alaska. These forest lands are already being managed on a sustained yield basis. Since 1970, 190 million board feet have been harvested. An additional 49 million board feet were sold in 1983. This will be harvested over the next five years. A commitment of this forest land to long term timber management will most likely stimulate more development in Yakutat and Cordova. The standing sawtimber volume of 4.3 billion board feet and estimated potential yield of 20 million board feet of timber per year would have a beneficial effect on the economies of both communities.

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An additional benefit of committing this land to long term public retention to be managed for multiple use and sustained yield is the assurance of a continuous source of timber to the forest products industry. At the present time, it is difficult for the State Division of Forestry to project an annual allowable cut since the timber land base has been so variable. Classifying this land as a State Forest would insure that this prime State owned timber land will be managed for its best possible uses and would allow the Division of Forestry to do more long range planning.

Again, Alaska Loggers Association fully supports the establishment of Yakataga State Forest and would appreciate your support of Senate Bill 202. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Bell
General Manager
ALASKA LOGGERS ASSOCIATION

DAB/mjh

cc: Alaska State Senators

SERVING ALASKA'S TIMBER INDUSTRY

ALASKA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
1123 Ril Circle
Anchorage, AK 99504

March 12, 1984

Senator Richard Eliason
Pouch V
Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear Senator Eliason,

The Alaska Society of American Foresters (SAF), comprised of 280 professional foresters in Alaska, is appreciative of the opportunity to present a statement in support of Senate Bill 202, creating the Yakataga State Forest.

SAF is a strong proponent of multiple use management, whereby all of the natural resources of a given area are managed in a planned and balanced manner. This is a written policy of SAF both at the State and National level.

Establishment of a State Forest at Yakataga is an excellent opportunity for true multiple use management. Plans of the State's Division of Forestry call for timber, mining, fish and wildlife habitat, and other natural resources all being used or maintained compatibly in a multiple use and sustained yield approach. Furthermore, this approach is consistent with the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act.

SAF is encouraged by the stated intent and demonstrated commitment of the State's Division of Forestry to (1) sustained yield management of the timber, (2) cooperation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in the protection of wildlife habitat, and (3) active pursuit of a cooperative use agreement with mining interests in the proposed State Forest area.

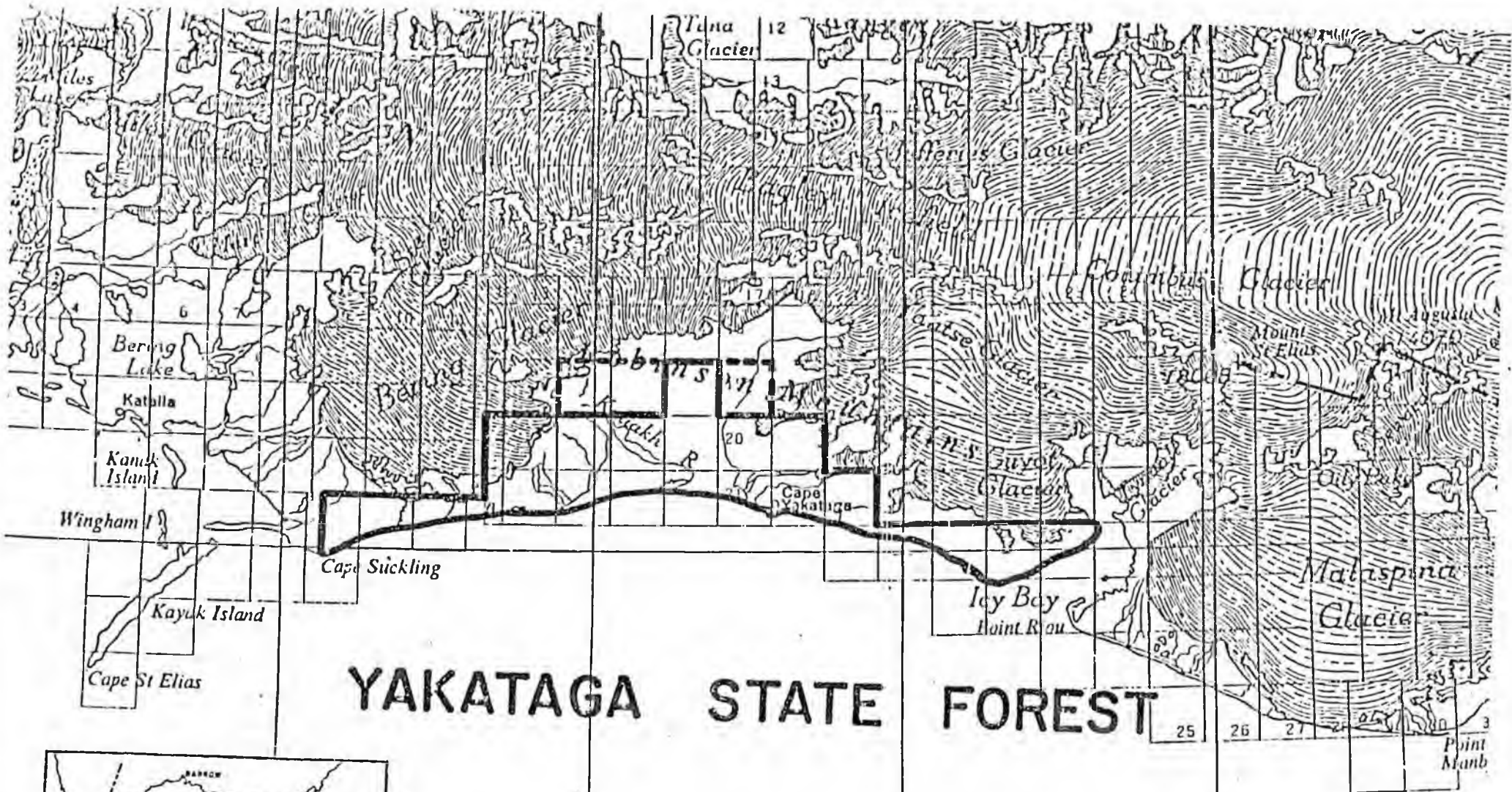
A balanced land and resources management program, such as is beginning to evolve thru these efforts, should lead to sound economic development of the resources and the local communities, as well as provide protection for other natural resources of the area.

The Alaska Society of American Foresters strongly urges passage of Senate Bill 202.



Sincerely,



Vernon J. LaBau
State Chairman
Alaska Society of American Foresters



YAKATAGA STATE FOREST

-  FOREST BOUNDARY
-  ADDITIONS IF NATIVE RELINQUISHED



LOCATION MAP

Offered: 3/22/84
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Introduced: 3/24/83
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BY ELIASON

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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(b) The Yakataga State Forest includes the state-owned or

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containing approximately 560,000 acres.

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