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Mary Van Nimwegen

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TO: HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS
REPRESENTATIVES HERRMANN AND SHULTZ, CO-CHAIR
REPRESENTATIVES WALLIS, CATO, JENKINS, M.W.MILLER,
PEARCE, SUND AND THOMPSON

FROM: JACK WOOD, BOX 112, KING SALMON, ALASKA 99613

SUBJ: HB440, BRISTOL BAY RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

I'M IN SUPPORT OF HB440 AND WOULD LIKE IT IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EVEN EARLIER THAN 2 YEARS IF POSSIBLE. I AM A MEMBER OF THE NAKNEK LAKE AND RIVER SPORT FISHING ASSOCIATION AND REPRESENTING WOODS ALASKA SPORTS FISHING AND GUIDING SERVICE.



Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

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House Resources Committee Letter of Intent for House Bill 440

In order that the recreation management plan is developed comprehensively, it is the intent of House Bill 440 that the plan be developed in two parts. The first would address the Mulchatna/Nushagak River Drainage, where the pressures from recreational uses have been the greatest and the second part of the plan would focus on Iliamna Lake and Naknek/Kvichak River drainage.

While the lead agency is the Department of Natural Resources, the information used to develop the plan should come from a number of sources, including the data from studies in progress. These data should include data from the studies of the Bristol Bay Coastal Resource Service Area, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

As stated in the bill, the advisory committee is the official working group charged with developing the plan. However, it is the intent of the legislature that the state allow and encourage the participation of members of the public in any of the subcommittees or working groups that the advisory committee may establish. The state is also encouraged to allow other major private land holders in the region to participate in these subcommittees and working groups.

With respect to federal and private land, the role of the plan is primarily to provide information, define issues, organize public discussions of these issues, and facilitate cooperative agreements among the various landowners.

Representative Adelheid Herrmann
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee
3/2 /86

ANALYSIS

Bristol Bay Recreation Study (HB 440)

The Bristol Bay region has long been known by sportsmen for its trophy fishing and big game hunting opportunities. A number of guiding operations use the Bristol Bay area, with most of the activity concentrated in the spring, summer, and fall months. Sport fishermen in 1980 harvested about 37,000 salmon, and fishing for trophy rainbow trout and grayling is very popular. Sport hunting for big game species such as brown bear, moose, and caribou occurs throughout much of the area. The Institute of Social and Economic Research estimates that the economic value of recreational hunting, fishing and non-consumptive uses of fish and wildlife resources in the region is between \$20 and \$40 million per year. The rivers described in Section 2 along with the two congressionally designated National Wild and Scenic Rivers in the region and other rivers in adjacent parks have become increasingly popular for river floating. The area contains many commercial lodges catering to hunters and fishermen; recreational cabins and campsites are also spread throughout. Maintained and unmaintained airstrips abound, and floatplanes make use of the lakes and larger rivers. Wood-Tikchik State Park is the largest of Alaska's state parks and provides high quality fishing and boating. Three national parks or monuments (Lake Clark, Katmai, and Aniakchak) and four national wildlife refuges (Togiak, Becharof, Alaska Peninsula and Alaska Maritime) adjoin the planning area. These parks, the several national wildlife refuges and recreational rivers and lakes all attract increasing numbers of recreationists from around the world.

As the Bristol Bay Area Plan was developed as part of a cooperative effort for 31 million acres of land, it was not able to make detailed recommendations regarding management of important rivers on state land. The area plan was signed in September 1984 by the Commissioners of Natural Resources, Fish and Game and Environmental Conservation. The area plan recommends that agencies undertake a regional recreation study for the area. The plan recommends that the study address the following:

1. recreation management of rivers and lakes with high recreation potential;
2. refinement of the primary recreation designations of the BBAP;
3. the numbers and location of future commercial recreation facilities;
4. the concept of setting aside a strip of State and BLM land on both sides of the Nushagak, Myyukuk, Mulchatna, Kokwok, Kuktuli, Swan, King Salmon (off the Nushagak), Chichitna, and Kvichak Rivers and shoreline of Iliamna Lake as special management corridors or public reserve lands that would be managed entirely and exclusively for traditional and public recreational uses;
5. acquisition and marking of public access sites, easements, and campsites and identification of and propose solutions to trespass problems;

6. the need for cooperative land management agreements to ensure maintenance of habitats of fish and wildlife resources used for subsistence and recreation;
7. what is the existing and potential growth in recreation demand and facilities;
8. how compatible is recreation with subsistence and other sectors of the region's economy;
9. how does Bristol Bay recreation contribute to the state's economy;
10. what effect will land disposals and other land uses have on recreation;
11. how do net economic benefits compare with other sectors of the economy; and
12. the disposal (including leasing) of state land for public and private recreation, particularly state land disposals around Iliamna Lake.

The recreation plan outlined in HB 440 would be prepared under the direction of an advisory committee. The local committee members would not receive compensation, but travel and per diem would be paid through this appropriation. The Division of Land and Water Management, Resource Allocation Section, would serve as project staff with assistance from the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

The plan would be started in the summer of 1986 and would be submitted to the Commissioner by spring of 1988. The final plan would be printed at the end of fiscal year 1988. The budget provides funding for a part-time local coordinator in Dillingham to be hired through the Coastal Resource Service Area Board (CRSA) or Bristol Bay Native Association.

The fiscal note does not identify funds necessary for implementation of the recreation plan.

BUDGET

FY 1987

		Thousands of Dollars
100	Personal Services	
	DNR-DLWM Natural Resource Manager I 12 months	49.0
	DNR-Parks Natural Resource Officer II 4 months	14.8
	Total Personal Services	<u>63.8</u>
200	Travel	
	10 rd.trips Anchorage to Dillingham or King Salmon	4.0
	Travel to villages and rivers	2.2
	Travel of advisory board members	<u>2.0</u>
	Total Travel	8.2

300 Contractual	
Printing - brochure	3.0
Local coordination through CRSA	15.0
Miscellaneous expenses (phone, xerox, maps, etc.)	<u>6.0</u>
Total Contractual	24.0
400 Supplies	4.0
TOTAL FY 87	100.0

FY 1988

100 Personal Services	
DNR-DLWM Natural Resource Manager I 12 mos.	49.0
DNR-Parks Natural Resource Officer II 1.5 mos.	<u>4.8</u>
Total Personal Services	53.8
200 Travel	
10 rd. trips Anchorage to Dillingham or King Salmon	4.0
Travel to villages and rivers	2.2
Travel to advisory boards	<u>2.0</u>
Total Travel	8.2
300 Contractual	
Printing - draft and final plans	15.0
Local coordination through CRSA	15.0
Miscellaneous expenses (phone, xerox, maps, etc.)	<u>6.0</u>
Total Contractual	36.0
400 Supplies	2.0
TOTAL FY 1988	100.0

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

POUCH M
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

March 20, 1986

The Honorable Adelheid Herrmann
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: HB 440

Dear Representative Herrmann:

I have reviewed HB 440. The Department of Natural Resources supports it in concept. However, the department is unable to commit itself to undertaking this project during fiscal year 1987 because it was not included in the Administration's budget request. House Bill 440 calls for me to develop and adopt a recreation management plan for the Bristol Bay area. This management plan was an important recommendation of the Bristol Bay Area Plan, which I adopted in September 1984.

As envisioned in the Bristol Bay Area Plan, the recreation management plan would be a cooperative effort of state land managers and private landowners to address management of rivers and lakes with high recreation potential. The rivers specified in HB 440 have high recreation potential. However, I recommend the addition of the Nuyakuk River to part one of the plan (Section 2, page 1, line 23), and the Newhalen River to part two (Section 2, page 1, line 24). Except for the Mu'atna River, the Nuyakuk River, and the upper reaches of the Nushagak River, the state owns little land adjacent to the rivers mentioned in HB 440. Consequently, while the state could develop specific management guidelines and allocations for state-owned land, in all other areas it will serve primarily to provide information, define issues, organize public discussion of these issues, and facilitate cooperative agreements among various landowners.

There is one section of the bill which I would urge you to change. The second sentence of Section 4 calls for a moratorium on recreational development and disposal of interest in state land in the Bristol Bay region until the recreation management plan has been adopted. I can appreciate the concern which prompted this provision, that is, that

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land management actions taken prior to adoption of the plan might undermine the intent and force of the plan. However, I would like to allay your fears on this point. All of the department's land management decisions are based on the best available information and a determination that the action is in the public interest. If an area or management plan is in progress, proposed land management actions are frequently reviewed by the planning team so that the land manager has access to the most current information and concerns expressed by the planning team. The land manager can then decide on a case-by-case basis whether it is in the public interest to proceed with the proposed action or whether to defer action until the plan is adopted. A blanket moratorium throughout the region would deprive the department of the discretion it needs to manage state land wisely over the 18 to 24 month period the management plan would be in preparation.

I have enclosed a suggested amendment for Section 4 of the bill for your consideration.

Please let me know if there is further information I might provide.

Sincerely,

Ned Fawcett

for Esther C. Wunnicke
Commissioner

Enclosure

cc: Tom Lawkins, Director
Division of Land and Water Management

March 20, 1936

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Suggested Amendment No. 1

Section 4 shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. To the maximum extent possible, the commissioner of natural resources shall implement the recommendations of the recreation plan in the management of the land, water, and natural resources of the rivers and land in the Bristol Bay region. Furthermore, prior to adoption of the recreation plan, the commissioner shall consider the impact of proposed actions on the recreational resources of the Bristol Bay region. (THE COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL DEFER RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIVERS AND LAND ADJACENT TO THE RIVERS IN THE BRISTOL BAY REGION AND SHALL DEFER THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OR DISPOSING OF AN INTEREST IN STATE LAND WITHIN THE BRISTOL BAY REGION UNTIL THE RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN HAS BEEN ADOPTED.)

Sept 14, 1983

Dear Rep Herman + Sen Mulcahy:

We the Undersigned participants in the BBN
"Village Government Workshop" hereby support BBN
Executive Committee's Resolution 83-29 "Management
Corridors" + Request your Assistance in implement
this concept

Joe McE - Leetah/Towhee
Dif Sharp Twin Hills
C.T. Seel - Kologonek
Nick Holstrom Jr. So. Makenah
Gerald Fletcher - Nianna
Joseph X. Clark Clatsop Point
Claine J. Holm Port Hood
Karen Carlson Chiswick Bay
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Lydia Wilson, Nondalton
Michael Meil
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Barbara Jahn Peewee Bay
Kerona Henry Sevelock
Agnes Rychnovsky - Nambahn
Arlin Sharp Twin Hills
Moses Tomukat Sr. - Manskotak

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 189

DILLINGHAM, ALASKA 99576

By Executive Committee

Resolution No. 83-29

WHEREAS, the Nushagak, Nuyakuk, Mulchatna, Kokwok, Koktuli, Swan, King Salmon (off the Nushagak), Chichitna, Kvichak Rivers, and areas around the Iliamna lake are among the last of the wilderness waterways in the public domain; and

WHEREAS, the setbacks called for in the Bristol Bay Cooperative Management Plan proposals are inadequate to protect these areas; and

WHEREAS, the wilderness waterways and surrounding areas are constantly subject to various pressures from State, land disposals, oil leasing, mineral location, and other uses; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Bay Native Association is now taking the initiative to impose a legal designation on these lands to protect them for all future generations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of BBNA urges the Alaska State Legislature to enact a law that will protect these waterways by setting aside a five mile wide strip on both sides of a center line (i.e., a total ten mile wide strip of land) on the Nushagak, Nuyakuk, Mulchatna, Kokwok, Koktuli, Swan, King Salmon (off the Nushagak), Chichitna, and Kvichak Rivers and an area of land five miles inland from the shoreline of the Iliamna Lake on State lands as special Management Corridors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said lands in these Management Corridors be set aside and managed entirely and exclusively for traditional and recreational uses.

SIGNED: William P. Johnson
PRESIDENT

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned secretary of said Association, do hereby certify that the Executive Committee is composed of ten (10) members, of whom 3 were present at a meeting this 9 day of September, 1983, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

SIGNED: William P. Johnson
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

KOLIGANEK VILLAGE COUNCIL

KOLIGANEK, ALASKA 99576 - VILLAGE TELEPHONE (907) 596-8001

August 31, 1985

Dear Adelheid,

There are a couple of matters that I wanted to bring to your attention at this time, as I am not sure of the time-table that is involved in a final decision concerning them. It may be that there is plenty of time, and these matters could wait until the next session-I don't know.

The first concerns the coastal zone management plan. A concept I have discussed with many people, both local's and sportfishermen alike has met with about one hundred percent approval, but has received no mention in the public hearings, possibly because the local's may have difficulty in articulating their thoughts. It is a concept I have discussed with you here in the house. It is based on two premises, the first being that the locals do not want changes in their life brought about by the disposal/leases of state lands within the river areas they have traditionally utilized, nor do sportfishermen, rafters, and lodge owners want these areas developed. The second premise is that oil/mining is coming to this area sometime down the road. The solution is a "management Corridor" to maintain the status-quo. The corridor would be of a given width, five, ten, fifteen miles or whatever. But the crucial point is that in the center of the corridor would be the Nushagak, Kulchatna, Koktali, Sun, Iyakhok, King Salmon, and Chichitna Rivers. The corridor would be open to traditional and recreational use, but would be closed to leases, disposals, and commercial development. Oil and mining activities would have to take part outside of the corridor and could not use the corridor for industrial transportation. Existing lodges could be grandfathered in, new ones would be restricted to dismantable tent frame camps, and would chose their sites annually by drawing, to avoid "squatters claims" in the future. This not only protects locals, but also the recreational users, including guiding businesses. If you agree with me in this matter, what can be done to get the corridor implemented into the CMT?

The second matter involves the new phone rates and construction being considered by the AFUC. All present rating structures being considered charge villagers a flat rate for their calling area which is limited to their own village per month. In bush Alaska I contend that this is wrong. We all rely on communication in a village by walking, three wheeler, VHF, or CB, without a charge. Any necessary telephone calls are out of the village and therefore considered long distance. At present the single phone system has set a precedent in that a user only pays for the calls made, and not a flat rate. I contend that any phone system put into a village should only charge for the calls made, and not a

That is to, per month plus the long distance calls. The flat rate per month for a "calling area" is an urban concept, that is counter-productive to the bush consumer. I have mentioned this on occasion to the VWT, both by letter and by phone, and have received no response. As Kollignek is slated for construction (first this year, now next) I am very concerned that my fellow residents will be stuck with unnecessarily high bills which will include phone service for a calling area that is already adequately served without a telephone.

On a brighter note, I would like to inform you that almost all of our electrical grant distribution work is done. Once the site-control was established (a long process) the construction went very fast. Excellent workmanship was performed as was the planning. We received many extra services not in the contract, help in home wiring problems, extra services (meterbox & hookups), and possibly five street lights yet to come. The firm was Humphrey, P.E. or the P.E. Company (it is listed both ways with the directory services) Tom Humphrey did the engineering. Vinny McLellan did all of the land planning/site control. Kollignek just did not have the expertise for it. Vinny has given us excellent maps of the village that will be useful in future planning and 14(c) reconveyance. The same firm did our bulkfuel storage grant, which involved a lot of red tape to turn the legislative appropriation into a check. Even though Diamond Willow Construction lost in it's bid to build our outhouse and councilhouse (Diamond Willow works closely with the P.E. Company) The P.E. Company installed a powerpole, meter, & wire out to where the outhouse is being built, so that the competitors who won the outhouse contract, would be assured of electrical power to build with. By utilizing Tom Humphrey and Vinny McLellan, we got the best deal money can buy, they were a real credit to the use of public funds.

Sincerely,


C.T.

State and Federal Bristol Bay Plans Call for Further Recreation Planning

The Bristol Bay Plan emerged from the Bristol Bay Cooperative Management Plan which was a joint effort of state and federal agencies to plan for the region. Before the cooperative plan was adopted, a decision was made that the plan be adopted by the federal and state governments separately. The state plan was adopted as the Bristol Bay Area Plan and the federal plan was adopted as Bristol Bay Regional Management Plan. Both plans as adopted recognize the need for additional planning for the recreational management of the region.

Excerpt from the State Bristol Bay Area Plan
Guidelines

1. Future Management Plans Should Address Recreation

State agencies should develop management plans that maintain public recreation, scenic areas, wilderness, unique geological features, and fragile or unique ecosystems in areas with significant recreation values.

2. Recreation Facility Siting

Recreation facilities will be sited in a manner to minimize the adverse impact on existing wildlife populations and traditional uses while at the same time providing the recreation facilities needed by the public.

Excerpt from the Federal Bristol Bay Regional Management Plan

Recreation Study: ADNR, ADF&C, BLM, and USFWS should develop a recreation management plan for the study area. The study should specifically address the various issues and concerns missed in the public review of the Draft BBCMP as well as the following:

1. recreation management of rivers and lakes with high recreation potential;
2. refinement of the primary recreation use recommendations of the BBRMP;
3. the location of future commercial recreation facilities;
4. the concept of setting aside a strip of State and BLM land on both sides of the Nushagak, Nuyukuk, Mulchatna, Kokwok, Kuktuli, Swan, King Salmon (off the Nushagak), Chichitna, and Kvichak Rivers, and shoreline of Iliamna Lake as special management corridors that would be managed entirely and exclusively for traditional and public recreational uses;
5. acquisition and marking of public access sites, easements, and campsites;
6. the need for cooperative land management agreements to ensure maintenance of habitats of fish and wildlife resources used for subsistence and recreation.
7. identification and recommended diversification of the entire recreation industry in the study area.

BRISTOL BAY COASTAL RESOURCE SERVICE AREA PROJECTS

I. Nushagak River Basin Mapping Project

This project represents the largest-scale mapping effort done on a river system in Bristol Bay to date and includes:

- three (3) 1:500,000 index sheets showing the location of larger scale 1:63,360 maps; and
- thirty-four (34) maps at a scale of 1 inch to 1 mile showing various sections of the Nushagak River drainage basin's major river and lakes.

These blue-line maps are intended to be used as working maps by the Bristol Bay CRSA Board, various state agencies and village corporations for land and water resource inventory work. These maps were produced at the level of detail necessary for preparing a management plan. The Bristol Bay CRSA Board also has the contact mylars and the negatives for each map sheet and is able to reproduce any portion of the mapping project for the cost of reproduction (blue-line paper).

II. Commercial Recreation Study

Because of the rapidly accelerating use of the Nushagak River drainage by recreation and virtual lack of information on the intensity and location of this use, the CRSA Board received a \$30,000 special appropriation to do a study on commercial recreation use of the Nushagak/Mulchatna River drainages. Due to funding limitations, the study focused on the Nushagak/Mulchatna area (study area) and does not reflect the substantial amount of recreation use in the Iliamna subregion or other areas experiencing significant use.

Phase I of the study has been completed and resulted in a directory of commercial service providers - lodges, guides and air taxis - that operate in the study area. A total of 128 lodges, guides and air taxis were found to operate full-time or part-time in the Nushagak/Mulchatna area alone, representing a significant indication of the amount of recreational use this river system currently receives. The value of the directory was both to define the number of operators using the area, and to establish a current population base from which to administer a detailed survey.

Phase II of the study involved developing and administering three separate survey questionnaires for the three broad categories of commercial service providers. The survey questionnaires were designed to collect specific information on the location, timing and other use characteristics in the study area for sport fishing, hunting and recreational rafters, as well as information on the types and costs of services provided by lodges, guides and air taxis. Commercial service providers were also asked to map regularly used areas for these activities, locations of permanent and non-permanent facilities (lodges, campsites, tents, cabins) and commonly used access points.

A total of 71 surveys have been completed representing 55% of the recreation businesses that operate in the study area. 52 of the 71 surveys were done by personal interview (averaging two hours per interview). Mail out questionnaires were sent to those operators not available for interview and a total of 19 questionnaires have been received. The information from these surveys is presently being analyzed, and a final report on the study summarizing the results of the survey will be published by the end of April 1986.

**STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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Revision Date : 3-20-86

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. : HB 440
 Title : An Act relating to a recreation management plan for Bristol Bay
 Sponsor : Representative Hennmann
 Requestor : House Resources
 Date of Request : 3-20-86

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected : Natural Resources
 BRU : Land & Water Management - Public Use
 Components : _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES		63.8	53.8			
TRAVEL		8.2	8.2			
CONTRACTUAL		24.0	16.0			
SUPPLIES		4.0	2.0			
EQUIPMENT		0.0	0.0			
LAND & STRUCTURES		0.0	0.0			
GRANTS, CLAIMS		0.0	0.0			
MISCELLANEOUS		0.0	0.0			
TOTAL OPERATING		100.0	100.0			

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		100.0	100.0			
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		100.0	100.0			

POSITIONS :

FULL-TIME		1	1			
PART-TIME		1	1			
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : Attach a separate page if necessary

See attached.

Prepared by : Richard H. Mvlius
 Division : Land and Water Management

Phone : 762-4413
 Date : March 20, 1986

Approved by Commissioner : Ned Frazier
 Agency : Natural Resources

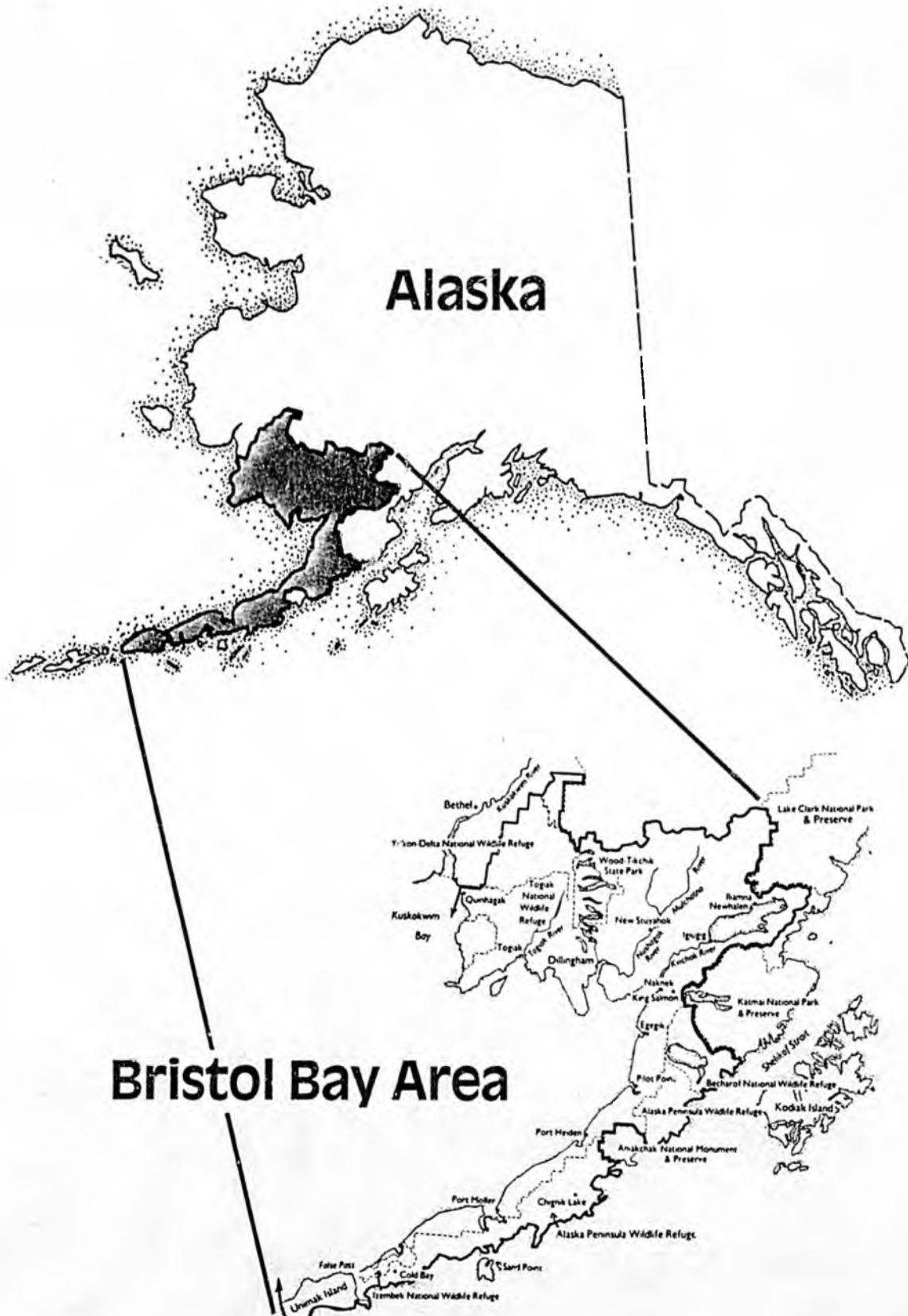
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Bristol Bay Area Plan Study Area

Map 1



BRISTOL BAY NATIVE CONVENTION

RECREATIONAL RIVERS

Resolution No. 85-31

- WHEREAS Bristol Bay's Native community has lived upon and in harmony with the region's lands for many centuries, and
- WHEREAS the land management programs and policies of the region's public land owners are of great interest and importance to the Native community because these lands are part of its traditional land base, and
- WHEREAS the Native community has expressed the desire in past resolutions for special land management for the region's important rivers and adjacent lakes, and
- WHEREAS Alaska's Governor Sheffield and the Legislature are studying different proposals to establish protective land management programs for certain important rivers, and
- WHEREAS the Bristol Bay Native community supports efforts to create special river corridors if these programs recognize the habitat protection and traditional use patterns crucial to people of the region and their cultural, economic, and subsistence values.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED By the Delegates to the 1985 Bristol Bay Native Convention in convention assembled that:

- 1) Bristol Bay Native Association and Coastal Resource Management Boards study the proposals now pending and participate to shape a program that addresses regional values and requirements, and
- 2) Our legislative representatives (Sen. Zharoff and Rep. Herrmann) work to insure a river management program that requires local participation in its planning and management programs, and
- 3) BBNA express the region's support for the efforts of the Governor and Legislature to address the important issues of river corridor management.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Delegates to the 1985 Bristol Bay Native Convention, February 25, 26, 26, 1985, Dillingham, Alaska, at which a quorum was present.

WITNESS My hand and seal this 27th day of February, 1985.

Thelma P. Johnson
Chairman, Bristol Bay Native Convention

WITNESSED:

H. Sally Smith
Chairperson, Resolutions Committee

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE CONVENTION
Resolution 86-C8

- WHEREAS: the State of Alaska adopted the Bristol Bay Area Plan (BBAP) in 1984 as policy for management of state lands and resources within the Bristol Bay/Alaska Peninsula regions; and
- WHEREAS: the management of recreation in upper Bristol Bay is practically non-existent, and both the BBAP and Bristol Bay Coastal Management Program acknowledged the lack of information available on the location and intensity of recreational use of upper Bristol Bay waterbodies; and
- WHEREAS: over the last five to ten years the region has experienced a dramatic increase in recreational use of these waterbodies resulting in increasing conflicts between commercial recreation users and traditional users of fish and wildlife; and
- WHEREAS: implementation of the BBAP calls for a recreation management plan to be developed based on a recreation study to address twelve specific topics; and
- WHEREAS: this recreation study was to be initiated within two years of adoption of the BBAP by State and Federal agencies in coordination with private landholders (particularly Native Corporations), lodges, guides, sport fish organizations, and other interested parties; and
- WHEREAS: Representative Herrmann has introduced HB 440 last year relating to a recreation management plan implementing the BBAP which will come up for consideration this Legislative session;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bristol Bay Native Convention supports HB 440 that would enact a Recreation Management Planning process for upper Bristol Bay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bristol Bay Native Convention urges the Department of Natural Resources and Alaska Department of Fish and Game to assume their responsibility for undertaking the recreation study mandated by the Bristol Bay Area Plan.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the delegates of the 1986 Bristol Bay Native Convention February 23, 24, 25, & 26, Dillingham, Alaska, at which a quorum was present.

Resolution 86-08
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WITNESS My hand and seal this 26th day of February, 1986.

William P. Johnson
Chairman, Bristol Bay Native Convention

WITNESS:

J. Sally Smith
Chairperson, Resolutions Committee

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL #440

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has implemented the Bristol Bay Area Plan, and

WHEREAS, further study is required relating to the Recreational Management Plan of Bristol Bay River Systems.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference support the concept of H.B. #440.

October 10, 1985

Adelheid,

Enclosed are copies of the letters between the CRSA and Richard Logan (ADF&G) as you requested.

It was our understanding that the Division of Sport Fish was directed to do a "comprehensive sport fish plan" for the area between Cape Newenham and Port Heiden. I believe the directive to prepare such a plan was made by the Board of Fisheries.

Please let me know if there is any additional information our office can provide.

Sue Flensburg ^{SUF}
Bristol Bay CRSA



Coastal Resource Service Area

P.O. Box 189, Dillingham, Alaska 99576

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May 6, 1985

Richard Logan, Director
Division of Sport Fisheries
Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 3-2000
Juneau, Alaska 99802

Dear Richard,

The need for further research and planning in regard to recreational management has been a long-standing concern of the Bristol Bay CRSA Board. The Bristol Bay Coastal Management Program (BBCMP) identified the Nushagak/Mulchatna area as a suggested Area Meriting Special Attention (ASMA) because of the increase in land and water use, and growing conflict between recreational and traditional subsistence user groups. The Bristol Bay Area Plan, signed by the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Game, and, Department of Environmental Conservation also acknowledged the lack of information on recreation use and called for further planning.

Enclosed is a resolution requesting that funds be allocated or diverted for a Division of Sport Fisheries staff person for the the Dillingham ADF&G Offices. The Bristol Bay CRSA Board feels this staff person would be able to monitor some of the more immediate recreation management concerns, and generate specific resource and recreational use information needed for long-range planning purposes. The CRSA Board recognizes that a comprehensive management plan is a major undertaking and will require the cooperative efforts of many organizations and agencies. The CRSA Board is currently looking at using some of it's coastal program monies for a mapping project for the Nushagak/Mulchatna, and a lodge owner survey.

Unfortunately, our resolution for a Sport Fisheries staff person is probably too late to be considered in the budget process for next year. However, we would appreciate consideration of our request for fiscal year 1987.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Hostetler".

Tim Hostetler, Director
Bristol Bay Coastal Management Program

cc: Don Collinsworth, Commissioner
Representative Adelheid Harrmann
Senator Fred Zharoff.

Bristol Bay Coastal Resource Service Area Board

P.O. Box 189

Dillingham, Alaska 99576

RESOLUTION NO. 85-05

- WHEREAS, The Bristol Bay Coastal Resource Service Area (CRSA) Board was organized in October, 1981 for the purpose of developing a coastal management program for the Bristol Bay Region; and
- WHEREAS, The CRSA Board used a wide range of public and private input, and the best available resource information, to formulate land and water use policies in the coastal area of Bristol Bay; and
- WHEREAS, The CRSA Board's coastal management program, as well as the area planning effort undertaken concurrently by the State of Alaska, acknowledged the lack of resource information on the issue of recreational use of upper Bristol Bay's waterbodies; and
- WHEREAS, The dramatic increase in the last five years in the recreational use of the waterbodies of the upper Bristol Bay subregion is the contributing factor to the growing conflict between recreational and traditional subsistence uses, and friction between both user groups; and
- WHEREAS, There is little information available on the location and intensity of recreational use of the region's waterbodies or on specific recreational user groups, particularly in regard to sport fishing; and
- WHEREAS, There is a need to address and monitor immediate recreation management concerns as well as pursue further research and planning in regard to recreational management; and
- WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is the appropriate agency to provide some of these needed services through their Division of Sport Fish; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bristol Bay CRSA Board urges the ADF&G to use whatever means is at their disposal to include funds in their budget for a Division of Sport Fish staff person for the Dillingham ADF&G Offices.

SIGNED: Perry Johnson
Chairman

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of said Board, do hereby certify that the full Bristol Bay Coastal Resource Service Area Board composed of seven (7) members, of whom 6 were present at a meeting on the 3rd of May, 1985, adopt the following resolution by the affirmative vote of 6 members.

SIGNED: Ronald N. Oaberg

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

P.O. BOX 3-2000
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99802
PHONE: (907) 465-4180

DIVISION OF SPORT FISH

July 3, 1985

Tim Hostetler, Director
Bristol Bay Coastal Management Program
Coastal Resource Service Area
P.O. Box 189
Dillingham, AK 99576

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Dear Tim:

I held off answering your letter of May 6 concerning Bristol Bay recreational management until the budget mad house spit out our final numbers. As expected, each of our budgets were less than requested, complicating our decision process. Consequently, your assumption is correct that FY86 budgeting for a Dillingham position is not possible.

Let me describe to you what our plans are for the Bristol Bay sport fishery in the near term and what I would like to see happen in the future. The sport fishery in your area is becoming immensely popular in a number of forums around the United States, and for that matter internationally. With the number of proposed industrial and local planning efforts blossoming it is, as you suggest, encumbant on us to be in a position to provide the most up-to-date information possible for those efforts. This year we initiated a voluntary census creel with lodge owners to assess the effort levels of that portion of the sport fishing industry. This summer we also intend to initiate a sport fish assessment and planning effort for the entire area to evaluate the impact of the sport fishery and what actions we need to take to identify the key issues and solutions. This effort is designed and weighted heavily on local input. We would like to visit with as many individuals as we can to describe opportunities and listen to their concerns.

The ultimate end product will serve as guidance to the Board of Fisheries as to how they address sport fisheries in the bay in the future.

Options available to implement the program include staffing in new areas, research, more intense management, joint projects, and other ideas that will help us adequately address these fisheries. I appreciate your interest in the recreational fisheries and request that we stay in close touch over the next year as we jointly try to solve these problems.

Sincerely,



Richard Logan
Director

cc: Representative Adelheid Hermann
Senator Fred Zharoff

ROBERT F. WILLIAMS

Drawer F-

Kenai, AK 99611

4-8-85

DEAR ADELHEID,

I WANTED TO WRITE A SHORT NOTE AND PASS ON SOME INFORMATION YOU MIGHT WANT TO BE AWARE OF.

A LOCAL SPORTS SHOP OWNER IN KENAI COMMENTED TO ME LAST WEEK HOW MORE AND MORE GUIDES ARE LEAVING THE KENAI AREA AND MOVING THEIR OPERATION TO KING SALMON ON THE NARNER RIVER. HE SUGGESTED THAT PEOPLE SHOULD KEEP AN EYE ON THAT RIVER SO IT DOES NOT GROW INTO THE KIND OF PROBLEMS PEOPLE FACE ON THE KENAI RIVER.

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT THIS INPUT SO YOU CAN KEEP INFORMED ABOUT THIS AREA OF GROWTH IN THE AREA.

Hope THE WINTER IS TURNING INTO SPRING IN SE. Good luck with the rest of the season. I should be down on university business APRIL 24 + 25.

Bob W

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 189
DILLINGHAM, ALASKA 99576
PHONE (907) 842-5257 -- 842-5258

October 7, 1983

Representative Adelheid Herrmann
P.O. Box 63
Naknek, Alaska 99633

Dear Adelheid:

Attached are two letters of support received in reference to Resolution No. 83-29, that the Bristol Bay Native Association passed.

Sincerely,
BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Dee Dee Bennis

Dee Dee Bennis
Office Manager

DB/mn

Attachment:

RECEIVED SEP 27 1983

Dillingham Village Council
P.O. Box 216
Dillingham, Alaska 99576
Phone (907)842-5933/5257

September 27, 1983

Kay E. Larson, Executive Director
Bristol Bay Native Association
P.O. Box 189
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

Dear Kay:

At a recent Dillingham Village Council Board of Directors meeting held September 19, 1983 the Board passed a motion supporting BBNA's resolution numbered 83-29 urging the Alaska State Legislature to enact a law that will protect waterways by setting aside a five mile wide strip on both sides of a center line on the Nushagak, Nuyakuk, Mulchatna, Kokwok, Kuktuli, Swan, King Salmon (off the Nushagak), Chickitna, and Kvichak rivers and an area of land five miles inland from the shoreline of the Liamna Lake on State lands as special Management Corridors.

Sincerely,

DILLINGHAM VILLAGE COUNCIL

Herman Schroeder
President

HS:ls

William McKinley 

RECEIVED SEP 23 1983

TO: B.B.N.A. Board Members

FROM: New Stuyahok City Council

DATE: September 20, 1983

This letter is in response to resolution 83-29 concerning the ten mile wide strips of land along the rivers as mentioned in the resolution;

We are greatly in favor of this resolution because we use the river waves for both traditional and recreational use.

With this resolution we can protect our water waves and use them for our use.

Sincerely,

Juan Blunka

New Stuyahok City Council

October 31, 1984

Representative
House District 26
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear District 26 Representative:

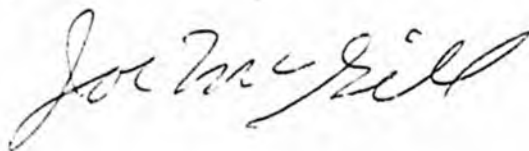
In a recent meeting of the Nushagak Fish and Game Local Advisory Committee (10/30/84), it was noted that increasing sport fishing pressure is being exerted on virtually all stocks in western Bristol Bay and particularly the chinook (king) and coho (silver) salmon. The lack of sound biological information concerning sport fish effort and catch was found to be decidedly lacking.

It was further noted that the increased commercial fishing effort was being directed toward king and coho salmon, making the issue of sport fish harvest more important to the actions of the Board.

The committee therefore resolved that letters to the Office of the Governor and Legislature be sent, requesting additional funds be appropriated to provide for sport fish research and management activities in western Bristol Bay. In the view of this committee, this is a pressing matter that deserves your attention.

Very truly yours,

Joseph McGill,
Nushagak Advisory Committee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe McGill".