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SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, 2/25/85, 1:35

Offered: 2/26/85
Referred: Finance

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Original sponsors: Herrmann, Binkley,
Wallis and Taylor

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 7 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL

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Offered: 2/7/85
Referred: Resources

Original sponsor: Zharoff

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POSITION PAPER - CS HB 7 (FIN)

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CS HB 7 - "An Act relating to the release of confidential records and reports of the division of fish and wildlife protection."

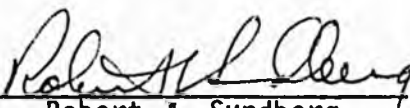
Under the present language in Alaska Statute 16.05.815(a), our Department's Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection is prohibited from viewing fish tickets without first having probable cause, and then obtaining a Court Order. Providing ready access by the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection to fish tickets is vital to our agency's efforts to effectively enforce the State's limited entry laws.

Our Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection utilizes the information from the fish tickets as evidence to substantiate that a violation of the State's limited entry laws, or other commercial fishing laws or regulations, did in fact take place.

The type of information contained on fish tickets can provide our Fish & Wildlife Protection Troopers with probable cause to believe that a violation of the State's limited entry laws has occurred.

Having ready access to the fish tickets and fish ticket information is absolutely essential if the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection is to enforce limited entry. Access to fish tickets would: (1) Allow us to determine who were permit holders; (2) allow us to determine who was purchasing fish from non-permit holders; and (3) increase the apprehension of illegal commercial fishermen substantially.

Our Department strongly believes that having ready access to fish tickets and fish ticket information, as provided for in CS HB 7 is critical to our agency's effective enforcement of Alaska's limited entry and commercial fishing laws.


Robert J. Sundberg

BRIEFING FOR THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES' SUSITNA AREA PLAN (2/25/85)

After three years of extensive public and agency involvement, the Susitna Area Plan is nearly complete and will be signed by the Commissioner in early March, 1985.

Principal Results of the Susitna Area Plan

Settlement: 700,000 acres of state and 38,000 acres of borough lands designated for settlement. Of this, a net of approximately 130,000 acres of state lands and 7,000 acres of borough lands to be offered to the public over the next 20 years. This represents a gradual decline in annual disposal levels compared to recent years.

Emphasis placed on offering relatively good quality, relatively accessible land while protecting public use areas such as river and lake frontage, trails, woodlots, etc.

State will follow road building requirements of borough subdivision ordinance and attempt to reduce fiscal costs to the borough by concentrating disposals in areas where services and facilities already exist or can be efficiently provided.

Agriculture: Moderate level of agricultural land sales (37,000 acres of state land and 1,300 acres of borough land).

Emphasis on protecting future options to use best agriculture land if past agricultural land sales prove successful.

State should continue to encourage success of existing agricultural activities through loans, marketing assistance, access improvements, etc.

Retained Lands: Forestry, Public Recreation, Habitat, Mining, etc. The majority of state lands in the area will continue to be managed for multiple use in public ownership. This was judged to be the best way to expand and diversify the area's economy (through forestry, tourism, mining, etc.), to provide recreation opportunities and protect environmental quality. The plan includes areawide and site specific guidelines to ensure compatibility between potentially conflicting uses.

Major designations include:

- 680,000 acres where forestry is a primary use (part in areas recommended for state forests)
- Stream corridors, trail corridors and portions of lakeshore property retained in disposal areas
- Primary designations for habitat and public recreation on nearly all public lands
- Special designations for areas of outstanding public value. First priority special designations include 5 recreation rivers (199,000 acres - Alexander Creek, Deshka River, Lake Creek, Talachulitna River, Talkeetna River), the Susitna State Forest (385,000 acres), Lower Susitna-Yentna (54,000 acres) and Nelchina Public Use Areas (1,000,000 acres), Jim-Swan Lakes Recreation Area

Mining: 90% of state land open to mineral entry, including all areas of known or likely commercial mineral values. 100% of area open to oil and gas leasing. Few restrictions placed on mining activities.

Transportation: A package of proposed road and trail improvements associated with the plan will be prepared by DNR, ADF&G and the Mat-Su Borough and used as a basis for annual capital improvement budget requests.

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