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**STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

Revision Date : 3-21-86

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. : SB 273
 Title : Classification of State
Land for Retention.
 Sponsor : Senate Resources
 Requestor : House Resources
 Date of Request : 3-21-86

FISCAL DETAIL

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

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
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SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
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CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS :

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : Attach a separate page if necessary

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 Division : Land & Water Mgmt Date : 3-21-86

Approved by Commissioner : Ned Faythar Date : 3/22/86
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*Federal Plans -
wildland bank.
more time needed*

Introduced: 4/8/85
Referred: Resources

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 273

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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April 23, 1985

The Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sturgulewski:

I am writing to provide you with a our comments on SB 273, relating to classification of state land, which will be heard in your committee on Wednesday, April 24, 1985.

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I am enclosing a copy of our Land Planning Report which provides the basis and rationale for this classification action. Please let me know if I may provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Esther C. Wunnicke

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Commissioner

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

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

HOUSE

*Check
Held for
Jules*

March 26, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed SB 273 (classification of state land for retention; effective date) with the following amendment:

HCSSB 273(Res), same title

and it is ~~transmitted~~ ^{returned} for consideration.

Concur?

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Gene Chakem

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

Offered: 5/9/85
Referred: Rules

Original sponsor: Resources Committee

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2 HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 273 (Resources)
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22 * Sec. 2. AS 38.04.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

23 (1) Unless disposal is approved by the community, the commis-
24 sioner shall classify for retention and not for disposal state land
25 within a five-mile radius of a point within a community that has been
26 established by the community if the sale of state land would cause the
27 total amount of state land sold within the community to exceed 20
28 percent of the total state land within the community. This subsection
29 does not prevent the commissioner from entering into leases, timber or

1 material sale, or a disposal of land for pipeline or utility cor-
2 ridors. This subsection does not apply to state land classified as
3 agricultural. In this subsection, "community" means an unincorporated
4 community eligible for revenue sharing under AS 29 in the unorganized
5 borough.

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Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

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(907) 465-3715

SUMMARY OF HCSSB 273 (Resources)

The Committee Substitute would allow DNR to dispose for sale up to 20% of the state land base in an area having a radius of five miles from the center of an unorganized community.

The community would determine where the radius point would be, and once determined that point would be a permanent one for the purposes of this section.

Agricultural land is not to be counted as land disposed for sale in a community under this legislation. Leases, material sales, and access for pipelines and utility corridors are not included as sales either.

Additional land can be sold by the state in the area if the community lends its' approval.

May 7, 1985

Senator Sturgulewski
Senator Halford
Representative Shultz
Representative Harrmann

Re: Compliance with AS 38.04.020(c), SB 273

Dear Legislator:

Attached is a proposed classification order for compliance with AS 38.04.020(c) (Ch 103SLA 1983), which requires that all land outside municipalities be classified prior to July 1, 1985. SB 273, which was not passed by the legislature, would have further extended the deadline. The proposed classification however is consistent with the legislative intent to classify land outside of municipalities.

The proposed classification order would classify all lands heretofore unclassified into the Resource Management classification. This action allows virtually all activities except for sale of the lands for other than public and charitable purposes. Land leasing, resource extraction, and mining by leasehold or location are authorized under the Resource Management classification.

This action is proposed following public notice, interagency review, advertising in 15 newspapers, posting in 20 post offices in unincorporated communities and written notices to all affected regional and village corporations. The only objections received were made verbally by the Resource Development Council, but no written objections were received. The Department will work with RDC to address its concern that more land should be classified for disposal.

Based on the foregoing, the classification order will be signed prior to July 1, 1985, unless there are any further questions or concerns addressed. A possible consequence of not classifying the lands as proposed might be to create uncertainty in the validity of subsequent classifications or other land actions.

Please contact my office if you have any comments or questions prior to July 1. We would be happy to arrange a meeting with you or your staff to discuss this matter in detail if you prefer.

Sincerely,

Tom Hawkins
Tom Hawkins
Director

Land Planning Report
LPR - AK - 85 - 001
Classification of Land Outside Municipalities
[AS 38.04.020(c)]

Classification Authority

AS 38.04.020(c) provides that:

"Land to be retained in state ownership may be classified by the commissioner into multiple-use management categories under AS 38.05.300. Land outside a municipality to be retained in state ownership consists of land classified for retention in state ownership by the commissioner by July 1, 1985. Land conveyed to the state by the federal government that is to be retained in state ownership consists of land classified by the commissioner within two years of receipt of tentative approval or patent, whichever occurs first. State land not classified for retention in state ownership or selected by a municipality under this section shall be classified and included in the land disposal bank. The commissioner shall ensure that the bank includes at least 500,000 acres."

Classification Proposal

It is proposed that all unclassified state patented and tentatively approved land outside municipalities and outside regions covered by area plans be classified resource management. Under 11 AAC 55.200. "Land classified resource management is land which is presently inaccessible and remote and may have a number of resources but where the lack of adequate resource, economic, or other relevant information combined with the unlikelihood of resource development within the next 10 years makes a specific resource allocation decision unnecessary." The objective of this classification action, therefore, is to classify generally for retention land that will not be covered by area plan classifications by July 1, 1985. The intention is that the resource management classification remain until such time that future area plans can be completed or adequate resource, economic or other relevant information becomes known. The following sections cover the status of classification outside municipalities and a description of the plans in regulation that support classification.

Status of Classification Outside Municipalities

With the completion of the Bristol Bay Area Plan, approximately 11 million acres of land outside municipalities have been classified. When the Tanana Basin Plan is completed early in 1985, it is estimated that an additional 9 million acres will be classified. Other large classifications in the unorganized borough included about 2 million acres in the Cape Yakataga and Tanana Basin Forest Management areas. Classification for settlement and

other resource management purposes is estimated at another 2 million acres. Excluding legislative withdrawals of about 4 million acres and the previously mentioned classifications, it is estimated that there are about 32 million acres of unclassified land outside municipalities which are herein proposed for resource management classification. This will not include an estimated 100,000 acres that are now being proposed for settlement and agricultural classification.

Future area plans outside municipalities will cover the Copper River Basin, Prince William Sound, Northwest Alaska, the pipeline corridor and the mid Kuskokwim area.

Land Use Plans

The basis of all land classification actions, as required by AS 23.04.065, are land use plans prepared by the Department of Natural Resources. Land use plans provide guidance for use and development of state land and resources. Statutes provide that land use plans be consistent with local governmental land use plans to the maximum extent determined to be consistent with state interests. Classification is a required part of the formal implementation of plans. The department prepares three levels of land use plans as the basis for classification: area plans, management plans, and land planning reports.

Area plans, such as the 11 million acre Bristol Bay Area Plan, cover relatively large regions of the state. With participation by agencies and the public, resources are identified and land use values are determined. The plans allocate state land for primary and secondary uses. To ensure multiple use and avoid conflict, the allocations are accompanied by management objectives and guidelines which give direction to land managers and provide the criteria for applying specific land classifications. State land and water may not be closed to multiple purpose use if the area involved contains more than 640 acres.

Management plans, such as the 45,000 acre Fish Creek Plan, are more detailed than area plans, usually cover much smaller areas, and are based on and implement area plans. The primary purpose of management plans, however, is to facilitate actual resource development and use. Management plans include functions such as agricultural parcel lot layout, the location of a road system to harvest timber, and determining which lands within an agricultural area will remain as buffers for stream protection. As with area plans, the management objectives and guidelines give direction to land managers and provide criteria for specific land classification.

In this situation, where no plan exists or where a plan will not be completed by July 1, 1985, a land planning report is prepared for land classification actions. In such reports, the land and resource use factors are considered. Public notice is given and comments from agencies and the public are solicited. The process may include public meetings if requested but no resource planning team is formed.

Effect of Classification

AS 38.05.300(a) provides: "This section does not prevent reclassification of land where the public interest warrants reclassification nor does it preclude multiple purpose use of land wherever different uses are compatible." The resource management classification is a strictly multiple use classification where primary uses have not been established. Resource management allows surface leasing, mining claims, sale of materials, oil and gas leasing, and other forms of disposal of interest. Public notice must be given prior to classifying or reclassifying land (AS 38.05.945).

Present classification regulations do not close land to mineral entry and no classification now requires the use of leasehold location for locatable mineral entry, except that all lands previously classified under categories which close or required the use of leasehold location retain that requirement until they are reclassified. Since no existing classification will be changed by this action there will be no effect over mineral claim or use.

Existing Land Use and Ownership Patterns

State land outside municipalities is generally inaccessible and remote. Use of the land, therefore, is generally not intensive. Most existing uses consist of hunting, fishing, trapping, recreation and subsistence. Prospecting takes place and some placer mining not dependent on developed transportation occurs. Use of timber is primarily for house logs and fuel.

The ownership patterns are primarily a mixture of federal, state and Native village and regional corporations. Private land other than Native corporation land consists of scattered Native allotments, entry under the federal land laws and small amounts of state land conveyed under the remote parcel and lottery programs. The attached maps show the location of the public and Native ownership patterns in relationship to the state patented and TA's lands.

Resource Potential

The Statewide Natural Resources Plan summarizes statewide resource policies for each resource use under the department's management authority, as well as, the department's policies for managing fish and wildlife habitat and transportation. Because of the statewide resources plan's broad scale and the general nature of its resource value designations, it is not intended to be used as the sole basis for classifications. It is referred to, however, for guidance in the preparation of other more detailed land use plans. The statewide resource plan is contained in the official file for this classification action for the purpose identifying the general resource values in this land planning report. It may be seen at any regional office of the division, or it may be available upon request from the Resource Allocation Section, Division of Land and Water Management, Pouch 7-005, Anchorage, Alaska 99510.

Resource Goals and Objectives

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Mineral Potential

Mineral potential is generally identified in the Statewide Natural Resources Plan. No state land will be closed to locatable mineral entry or restricted to mining by leasehold location by this classification action. Neither does classification affect mineral leasing under AS 38.05.135 - AS 38.05.184, including coal, oil and gas.

Management Guidelines

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Senate Committee on Resources

M E M O R A N D U M

April 23, 1985

TO: Senate Resources Committee Members

FROM: Senate Resources Committee Staff *MYU*

RE: SB 273
"An Act relating to classification of state land for retention; and providing for an effective date."

This bill extends the date by which the Commissioner of Natural Resources must classify land for retention in state ownership. The date is changed from July 1, 1985 to July 1, 1989.

The reason for this change is to allow the department to focus on the Federal land use plans which are currently being drafted. These plans will have a tremendous effect on the state in years to come and there is a strong perception that the state is not taking full advantage of the opportunity to influence these plans.

Backup material from the Department is attached. The fiscal note for this bill is zero.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

APR 23 1985

POUCH M
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
PHONE:

April 23, 1985

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Bob Arnold, Deputy

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DIVISION OF LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT
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NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945(b), Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Division of Land and Water Management proposes to classify all unclassified patented and tentatively approved state land outside municipalities as resource management land. State land also excluded from this classification is in the Bristol Bay, Tanana Basin and Southeast Tideland Plan regions, where plan classifications are completed or nearing completion. There are 236,160 acres to be classified resource management in Southeast Alaska, 3,514,880 million acres in the Copper River Basin and Prince William Sound, 11,461,909 million acres in the Mid-Kuskokwim River area, and 12,069,760 million acres in the remainder of Interior Alaska. Land use plans which will recommend more detailed future classification of this land are scheduled for most of these state lands. The maps and background information for this classification may be seen at the following addresses:

Northern Region
4420 Airport Way
Fairbanks, Alaska

Southcentral Region
3601 "C" Street
Anchorage, Alaska

Southeast Region
400 Willoughby Avenue
Juneau, Alaska

If requested prior to the end of the comment period, an extended period of 5 working days will be allowed at the request of at least (25) Alaskan residents in accordance with 11AAC55.250. Any comments, objections, or expressions of interest regarding these proposed actions must be received by the Division of Land and Water Management on or before 4:30 p.m., April _____, 1985 in order to be considered.

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State Planning Efforts — an Overview

On-going and Future Area Planning Efforts:

- Copper River Area Plan. now underway, scheduled for completion in FY87
- Southeast Tidelands Area Plan, Phase I. now underway, scheduled for completion in FY85
- Southeast Tidelands Area Plan, Phase II, scheduled to begin in FY85 and end in FY87
- Prince William Sound Area Plan, scheduled to begin in FY85 and end in FY87
- Northwest Alaska Area Plan, scheduled to begin in FY86 and end in FY88
- Kuskokwim Basin Area Plan, scheduled to begin in FY86 and end in FY88
- **Unscheduled Area Plans**
- Tanana Basin Area Plan approved in April 1985
- Susitna Area Plan approved in April 1985
- Willow Subbasin Area Plan approved in October 1982
- Management plans for several areas in the Susitna Valley and state forests in Haines and the Tanana Valley