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STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

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M E M O R A N D U M March 3, 1987

SUBJECT: Recreation rivers
[CSHB 93 (Resources)]

TO: Representative Sam Cotten

FROM: Richard A. Bradley
Legislative Counsel

Ned Farquhar has requested a new draft. Some observations on the enclosed draft are in order.

(1) I note that while the title of the bill "establishes" the recreation rivers, Ned's latest draft request "designates" the rivers. While the language is not dissimilar, if arguments that something less than establishment occurred are to be avoided, I believe that the rivers should be "established" in the substantive language of the bill as well as in the title.

(2) I have deleted the word "hardrock" in Sec. 41.23.250(b). I believe that the section referenced applies only to hardrock mining but the term is not used in the statutes in any technical sense. In that same section, I have changed the last phrase. The law that authorizes "coal leasing" is AS 38.05.150. If the reference sought is AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175, then I suggest "mineral leasing" as more accurate than "coal leasing".

(3) In my view, the phrase "With legislative approval and funding," at the beginning of Sec. 41.23.250(e) raises constitutional problems. The "legislative approval" aspect sounds like a legislative veto. [While I have not deleted it, I strongly advise that it be deleted.]

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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Enclosure

STATE OF ALASKA
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M E M O R A N D U M March 4, 1987

SUBJECT: Land management within a recreation river corridor [CSHB 93(Resources)-- 3/3/87 draft]

TO: Representative Sam Cotten

FROM: Richard A. Bradley
Legislative Counsel

Ned Farquhar has asked that I explore the question of the authority of the commissioner of natural resources to dispose of surface interests within a recreation river.

It seems that the section that presents the primary problem in this regard is Sec. 41.23.250(a); it provides that "Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05, AS 39.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280(b)."

AS 38.05 is the Alaska Land Act and contains the law of the state on the disposal of land to private uses.

I believe that the ambiguity may be affirmatively addressed by the addition of the second sentence in Sec. 41.23.250(b). See the enclosed draft.

And while the 3/3/87 draft used the "established" that I suggested in Sec. 41.23.200(a), the draft continued the use of "designated" in other portions of the bill; this draft resolves that inconsistency. See Sec. 41.23.210(a), (f), Sec. 41.23.230, Sec. 41.23.270, and Sec. 41.23.280(a) and (b).

Note that Sec. 41.23.210(f) is also reworked.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. (a) The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 is to establish recreation rivers on state-owned land and water and establish guidelines for the management of the recreation river corridors.

(b) The goals and objectives by which a recreation river corridor shall be managed include

(1) the protection and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis;

(2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the recreation river corridor and continued recreational and economic uses by the public including hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of upland activities within the recreation river corridor for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow; and

(4) accommodation of access, tourism, and economic uses of the river corridor.

(c) The commissioner shall allow an activity when compatible with (b) of this section including, but not limited to

(1) use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized transportation;

(2) harvest of wood products;

(3) mineral and oil and gas leasing;

(4) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and

(5) public use facilities.

Sec. 41.23.210. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.280(b) is assigned to the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in AS 41.23.280(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in

this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

(e) The commissioner may lease land competitively within a recreation river corridor for the construction and operation of a public use facility.

(f) The commissioner may not restrict commercial or private activities on state-owned land within the boundaries of a recreation river corridor existing on the effective date of this Act unless the commissioner determines that the commercial activity is incompatible with AS 41.23.200(b).

Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt and may revise a management plan for a recreation river corridor. The commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least one public hearing in the municipalities and communities near the recreation river corridor and with the local fish and game advisory committee in the area in the adoption or revision of a management plan. The management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200(b) to

(1) protect the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as

transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with AS 41.23.200(b);

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.200(c) or for mineral and oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.250(b) - (d).

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement the plan.

(c) A management plan adopted or revised by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established under AS 41.23.280(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.220 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent to a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280(b) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a

recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05, AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280(b).

(b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, the state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is closed to mineral location and entry under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175. The state-owned land within a recreation river corridor is closed to surface disposal under AS 38.05, AS 38.08, and AS 38.09.

(c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water, the commissioner may permit mineral prospecting under AS 38.05.245 and, upon a subsequent discovery, mineral leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appropriate conditions in permits, operating plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of the river.

(d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions in an adopted management plan.

(e) The commissioner of administration shall separately account for funds collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 41.23.260. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the

management of land and water described in AS 41.23.280(b) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.280(b) to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.280(b) as a unit of the state park system. The commissioner may assign management of a recreation site such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation activities in a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.270. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river corridor only by the legislature.

Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation river corridor under (b) of this section constitutes a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska.

(b) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are established as recreation rivers:

(1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 3

Section 11: N1/2

Section 12: N1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2E1/2

Section 3: W1/2

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: S1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: W1/2

Section 25: E1/2E1/2

Section 26: W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

Section 35: W1/2

(E) Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Section 13

Section 14: S1/2

Section 15: S1/2

Section 16: S1/2

Sections 17 - 18

Section 20: E1/2

Sections 21 - 23

Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

Section 9: S1/2

Section 10: S1/2

Section 11: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Sections 13 - 16

Section 24: N1/2

(G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2

Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

(H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 16: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 21: W1/2

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

(I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2

Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

(J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 10: NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Sections 27 - 28

Section 34

Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

(K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: W1/2

Section 19: W1/2

(L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: N1/2

Section 11: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 14: E1/2

Sections 23 - 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2

Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 35: NW1/4

(M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31: SW1/4

(N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 25: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 26: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 35: that portion south of the Skwentna

River

Section 36: that portion south of the Skwentna River

(2) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Sections 18 - 19

(B) Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4

Section 19

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: W1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4

Section 3: N1/2N1/2

Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4

Section 11: NE1/4

Section 12

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 24: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 9

Section 10: SW1/4

Section 14: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 15: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 22: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 23: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 26: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Section 34: S1/2S1/2

Section 35

Section 36: W1/2

(E) Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30

Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 32

(F) Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Sections 9 - 10

Section 13: S1/2

Section 14: S1/2

Sections 15 - 16

Section 22: N1/2

Section 23: N1/2

Section 24

(3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: Excluding Tracts A, B, C and D

Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

Section 10

Section 15

(B) Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 5: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 10: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 21: E1/2

Section 22: W1/2

Section 27: W1/2

Section 28: E1/2

Section 34

(C) Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: W1/2W1/2

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 8: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 9: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 17: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 29

Section 30: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 32

Section 33: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(D) Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 30

Section 31: N1/2

Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

(E) Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2

Section 10

Section 11: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4

Section 13: W1/2W1/2

Section 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 24: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4

Section 25

Section 36: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

(F) Township 25 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 16: W1/2

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2

Section 25: SW1/4

Section 26: S1/2

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

Sections 34 - 35

Section 36: W1/2

(G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

(H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31

(I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Section 9: E1/2

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 23

Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 26

Section 27: NE1/4

Section 35: NE1/4

Section 36

(J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20

Section 21: SW1/4

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: NE1/4

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: W1/2

(K) Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3

Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

Sections 11 - 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: NE1/4

Section 24: N1/2

(L) Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 5

Sections 8 - 12

Sections 13 - 17

Sections 21 - 24

Sections 25 - 28

Sections 33 - 36

(4) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3

Section 10: E1/2

Section 11

Section 14

Section 15: E1/2E1/2

Section 22: E1/2E1/2

Section 23

Section 25: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2E1/2

Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 35

Section 36: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

(B) Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16

Section 21: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 10

Section 15: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4

Section 16

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2E1/2, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4

(D) Township 22 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Sections 7 - 9

Sections 16 - 18

Sections 20 - 21

Section 27

Section 28: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 34

(E) Township 23 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 7: W1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

Section 21

Section 28

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: S1/2

Section 33

(F) Township 23 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

(G) Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 9

Section 15: SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4

Section 21: E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 28: E1/2W1/2, E1/2

Section 33

(H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 17

Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2

Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4

Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 36: SW1/4

(I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

(J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17

Section 18: SE1/4

Section 19: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 20: W1/2W1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: E1/2

Section 32: W1/2W1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

(K) Township 25 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 7: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4

Section 8: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(L) Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

(M) Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 19: SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2, SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

Section 30: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side of MHWM)

Section 32: lands within 150' of MHWM

(N) Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

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(F) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

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(G) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

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ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 2. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.220(a) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt management plans for the three most extensively used rivers by July 1, 1989.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

TRACKS

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WFA Questions Cowper, Sturgulewski

One thing we're all going to get for Christmas this year is a new Governor. Tremendous issues face our state, and the challenges are made even more difficult because of the revenue situation we face. The choice of governor is an important one. To help our members in this effort, the board of WFA posed several key questions concerning conservation issues and management to both candidates, Steve Cowper and Arliss Sturgulewski. Here are the questions and the responses of the candidates.

Question: *"During the 1986 legislative session, a bill establishing several recreational rivers on state land passed the House but failed to pass the Senate. A number of conservation and sportfishing organizations, including the Wildlife Federation of Alaska, supported this bill. The rivers named in the bill represented some of the most important recreational fishing, floating, camping and hunting opportunities in southcentral Alaska. After numerous hearings and compromises on the bill, certain groups (principally the Resource Development Council) while supporting protective classification for the rivers opposed legislative designation. WFA continues to feel strongly that legislative designation is the appropriate final step in the process of assuring that the recreational values and public use of these important rivers not be lost over time. Do you support the establishment of state recreational rivers? Would you propose recreational river legislation and work for its passage? What other thoughts, if any, do you have on this issue?"*

Sturgulewski: "As chairman of the Senate Resources Committee I actively supported the rec rivers bill and as governor would introduce or support the introduction and passage of a rec rivers bill. I have a very strong record of support for legislation of interest to the outdoor community."

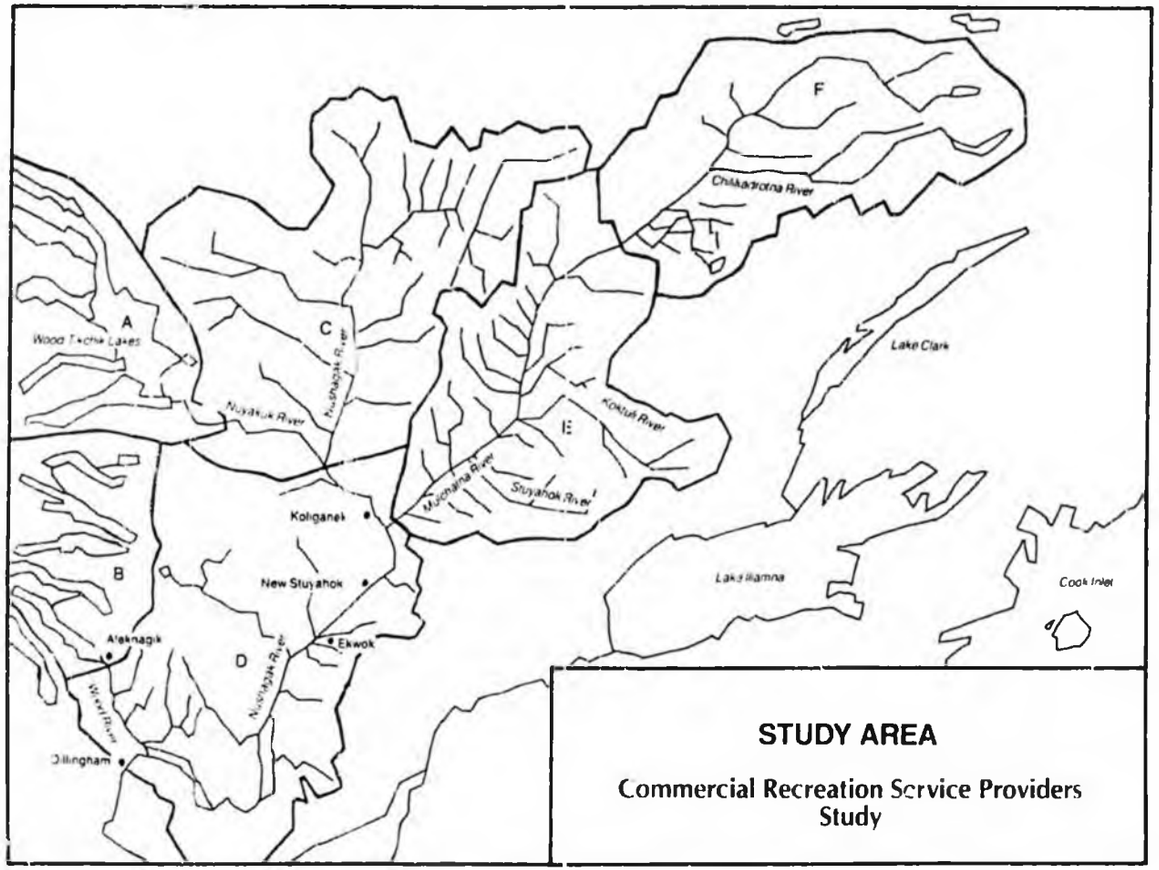
Cowper: "I support legislative designation of state recreational rivers and would consider introducing a bill, if legislators don't do so themselves. Alaska's recreational rivers are important to residents and visitors, alike. The situation on the Kenai River should be a lesson to us about the need for sound management of recreational resources.

Northward expansion of recreational rivers will help take the pressure off the Kenai River, help guard against over-use and degradation, and provide valuable recreational resources for both residents and visitors."



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JUNE 1986



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INTRODUCTION

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Historically, the residents of Bristol Bay have relied heavily upon fish and wildlife resources for subsistence. Additionally, commercial salmon fishing has been the mainstay of the region's economy since the late 1800s. The harvest constitutes the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery.

The abundant fish and wildlife, combined with the region's scenic beauty, has attracted growing numbers of recreational boaters, sport fishermen and sport hunters, from all over the world in recent years. An increasing number of air taxi, guide and lodge operators provide access to the river systems for these people.

As a result, pressure on, and competition for, the fish and wildlife by commercial fishing, traditional subsistence and commercial recreation user groups is intensifying. As use increases, resource managers must be able to understand the importance of these activities and evaluate the impact of management decisions on the various fish and wildlife users, as well as on the resources themselves.

STUDY

Prior to this study, [illegible] information existed on the specific locations and intensity of recreational activities by commercial recreation service providers on state and private land within the region. As a result, the Bristol Bay Coastal Resource Service Area (CRSA) initiated this study of commercial recreation service providers to obtain information on the characteristics of their activities in the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainages.

The Nushagak-Mulchatna Rivers drainages were selected because of both the rapid increase in recreational use over the last decade, and growing resource and land use conflicts with other user groups. Two major products were developed as part of the commercial recreation study:

- A current directory of air taxi, guide and lodge operators providing commercial recreation services in the study area; and
- Data collected through a survey of these operators that was analyzed and discussed in the final report.

The directory was compiled to both determine the number of commercial recreation service providers operating in the study area, and facilitate future communication and coordination between the CRSA board and these businesses.

The information generated by the study increases CRSA board, and other government agency, understanding of the scope of recreational activities in the area, and related issues and needs. Increased understanding of recreational considerations aids both the planning and permit review process.

RESULTS

The study generated useful information that was analyzed and discussed in the final report, the Bristol Bay Commercial Recreation Service Providers Study. Some of the results of the survey are highlighted below.

Operator Characteristics

Number and Type of Commercial Recreation Service Provider

	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
Sample	24	22	25
Population	42	47	88

Client Profile

Average and Total # of Clients in 1985

	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
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Total	2822	597	4254
POPULATION			
Projected	3300 to	926 to	5676 to
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(90% Confidence Level)			

Clients are predominantly from the Lower 48, followed by Alaskan then international clients.

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Average Estimated Gross Income
(average of point estimate)

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Guide	$ 56,447
Lodge	$354,792

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Air Taxi	$ 8,810,004
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Cook's	0	7	67
Maintenance	29	12	4
Management/ Marketing	34	4	4

Activities

Activity Preference
Among air taxi, guide and lodge operators, sport fishing is the most popular client activity. Rainbow trout and king salmon are the most sought after fish. Guided boating is second in popularity among guides and lodges, followed by hunting, where caribou, moose and bear are roughly equal preference. Hunting is the second most popular client activity for air taxis, followed by boating.

Activity Distribution
Fishing, hunting and boating activities occur throughout the study area; however, activities are more concentrated in certain sub-areas. In general, the Mulchatna River Drainage (sub-areas E and F) receive the heaviest overall use. Salmon and rainbow trout fishing is most frecuent in these regions, along with Portage Creek in sub-area D. Hunting and boating are also concentrated along the Mulchatna River, although the Wood-Tikchik Lakes (sub-area A) is also heavily used for these purposes.

Recreation Use Perceptions

Many operators feel they have been resricted by the creation of federal reserves, and regulations associated with hunting and fishing on those reserves. The conveyance of land to Native corporations was also frequently mentioned as restricting commercial operations.

Crowding due to an increasing number of operators is viewed as negatively affecting the quality of recreation use in the study area. However, most operators do not see a corresponding decline in the abundance of fish and wildlife.

OBSERVATIONS

While conducting the study, several observations were made as follows:

The relative lack of communication between commercial recreation service providers and residents of the region has historically limited cooperation between the two groups. The study has increased communication between the Bristol Bay CRSA and commercial recreation service providers; continued coordination is recommended.

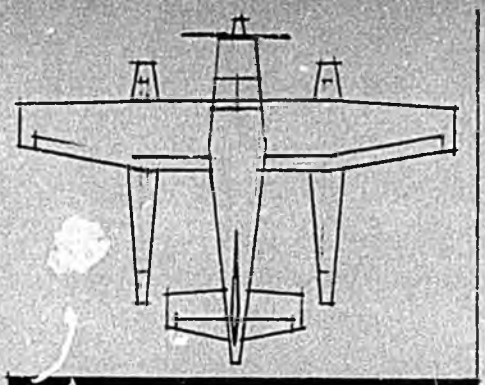
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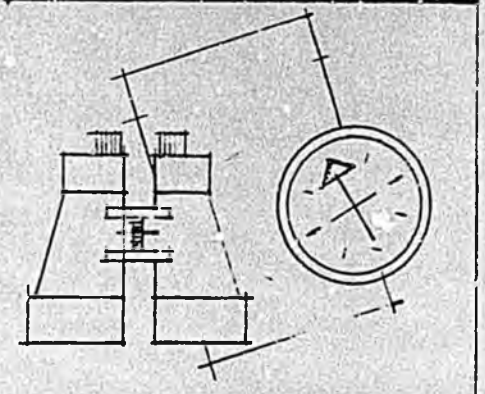
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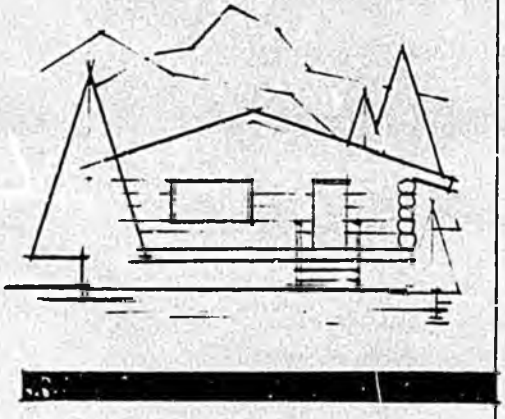
- Resolve potential conflicts between recreation activities and other resource users; and
- Work with private, state and federal land managers to plan for future recreational use.

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The primary purpose of this study was to collect baseline data on commercial recreation activities occurring in the study area. While conducting the study, several observations were made and are discussed below.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 THE BRISTOL BAY COASTAL RESOURCE SERVICE AREA (CRSA)

The Alaska Coastal Management Act of 1977 provides for the development of local district coastal management programs that must conform with the Standards and Guidelines set forth in the act. However, district programs are developed at the local level and reflect the local issues, resources and policies that are unique to a particular district.

The development of a district program is subject to review by the public, state and federal agencies, and must be approved by both the state and federal governments before it can be implemented. Once approved, a district program is used by permitting agencies to determine whether a proposed development is consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. In general, a coastal management "consistency determination" could result in: permit approval, approval with conditions, or denial.

Municipalities with planning powers under Title 29 of the Alaska Statutes, such as the Bristol Bay Borough, can elect to become a coastal district. In areas within the Unorganized Borough (i.e., areas outside organized municipalities), the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) provides for the formation of Coastal Resource Service Areas (CRSA's) to develop the district coastal management program. The boundaries of these CRSA's are determined by the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs, and sometimes include small municipalities. To organize, residents within the CRSA submit a petition to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, and a regional election is held to elect a CRSA Board. The board and its staff are responsible for overseeing the preparation and approval of the CRSA district program.

In October of 1981, the residents of the Bristol Bay region voted to form a CRSA and elected a CRSA Board. Over time, the board has included representatives of villages and village corporations, commercial fishing interests and the City of Dillingham. Since that election, the Bristol Bay CRSA has completed a district coastal management program which received State approval from the Coastal Policy Council. The program is currently before the federal Office of Coastal Resource Management for approval as an amendment to the Alaska Coastal Management Program.

Once a district coastal management program has been approved, the CRSA board and its staff have continuing responsibilities in two major areas: 1) permit review and consistency recommendations, and 2) continued program implementation and planning. The ACMP also directs coastal districts to consider placing specific areas in a special designation referred to as an Area Meriting Special Attention (AMSA). An area may be considered for the AMSA designation if it is sensitive to change or alteration and possesses unique physical, cultural or biological characteristics.

The Nushagak/Mulchatna River drainage was one of two geographical areas identified in the Bristol Bay Coastal Management Program as meeting the criteria for placing a specific area under this special designation. This area was identified as a "suggested" AMSA because of it's diverse and abundant fish and wildlife, the growing conflicts between commercial recreation users and

traditional users for these resources, and the need to gather baseline information necessary for future planning efforts. The impetus for the Nushagak and Mulchatna River Drainage Commercial Recreation Service Provider Study is to provide the CRSA board with data needed to implement both of these responsibilities. Improved knowledge of the characteristics of commercial recreation use and activities in the two river drainages will assist with permit review and future planning.

2.2 HISTORICAL RESOURCE USE

The Bristol Bay region of Alaska is world renowned for its fish and wildlife resources. Two river systems, the Nushagak and Mulchatna, form two of the major drainages in upper Bristol Bay that encompass approximately 14,000 square miles of primarily State and private (ANCSA Village Corporation) lands. The Nushagak River and its tributaries contain all five species of Pacific Salmon; and a variety of freshwater fish including rainbow trout, Dolly Varden, arctic char, arctic grayling and northern pike. Big game species include moose, caribou and brown bear.

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Since the late 1800's, commercial salmon fishing has been the mainstay of the region's economy. Sockeye salmon accounts for 88% of the catch in the Bristol Bay Management Area that encompasses five, Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) designated fishing districts, including Nushagak Bay. The harvest constitutes the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery. Between 1978 and 1983, the Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery had an average ex-vessel value of 105 million dollars. Additionally, the Nushagak River system supports the region's largest runs of king, chum, pink and silver salmon which are also of economic importance to the commercial salmon fishery.

The abundant fish and wildlife, combined with the region's scenic beauty, has attracted growing numbers of recreational boaters, sport fishermen and sport hunters, from all over the world in recent years. The many and diverse recreational values of the region have led to the establishment of the Wood-Tikchik State Park, and recommendations for State Recreation River status for other portions of the area. Originally studied for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System, the headwaters of the Mulchatna River lie within Lake Clark National Park & Preserve.

Expansion of the recreation industry has been commensurate with the increase in local, state and national recreational users to the area. Access to the river systems for recreational hunters and fishermen is provided by an increasing number of lodges and fish camps in the region. Non-guided hunting and fishing is also increasing, particularly on the lower Nushagak. The relative proximity of the Nushagak and Mulchatna drainages to the more urban areas of the state,

primarily Anchorage, also has facilitated and encouraged increased use of the area's resources by commercial and public recreational users alike. Continued growth by the recreation industry is expected to exceed the conservative figure of $25-30 million dollars estimated to be generated annually by this sector of the economy.

As a result, pressure on, and competition for, the fish and wildlife by commercial fishing, traditional subsistence and commercial recreation user groups is intensifying. As use increases, resource managers must be able to understand the importance of these activities and evaluate the impact of management decisions on the various fish and wildlife users, as well as on the resources themselves.

2.3 STUDY OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of the Nushagak-Mulchatna River Drainage Commercial Recreation study were to:

1) Provide a complete and easily updated directory of recreation service providers in the study area;

   An accurate directory will allow the CRSA Board to contact and coordinate with commercial recreation service providers operating in the study area. Such coordination will enhance both permit review and the process of obtaining information for future planning activities.

2) Gather comprehensive information on the characteristics of commercial recreation use in the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainages through a survey of commercial recreation service providers;

   Important information for coastal management planning includes the number of commercial service providers, types of services and activities, identification of site-specific areas where concentrated recreation efforts occur, peak time periods for recreational uses and activities, information on user groups and information on service provider costs, revenues and contribution to the economy.

3) Analyze the data obtained; and

   Information on the characteristics of commercial recreation use must be evaluated in the context of other uses of coastal lands and waters, and how recreation effects, or can be affected by, those other uses. The analysis focuses on key characteristics of commercial recreation use that allow comparison with other uses and activities.

4) Present the analyzed data in a form that will assist the Bristol Bay CRSA in recreation planning and the application of coastal management policies during the coastal consistency determination process.

   As the Bristol Bay CRSA pursues its responsibilities in permit review and coastal planning, the recreation data from this study will assist the board in making decisions.

2.4 STUDY ELEMENTS

The study of commercial recreation service providers in the Nushagak-Mulchatna drainages has three major study elements: the service provider directory, survey design and execution, and data analysis.

DIRECTORY

The first step of the study was preparation of a directory of commercial recreation service providers operating in the Nushagak and Mulchatna river drainages. An initial directory was compiled from several sources, and was then cross-checked through phone calls to individual listings. The directory was used for both the face-to-face and mailout surveys. As phone contacts were made and mail responses received, the directory was further modified to exclude listings not operating in the study area. The initial listings included a total of 185 air taxi, guide and lodge operators. By deleting listings who did not operate in the study area and mail surveys returned as non-deliverable, the final directory contains 127 entries.

Please refer to Appendix A of this report for more detailed information on the directory.

SURVEY

The second step in the study involved the design of survey instruments and the execution of surveys of air taxi, guide and lodge operators. The Bristol Bay CRSA prepared a list of commercial recreation service provider characteristics that would be useful when evaluating permits for coastal consistency and in future planning activities. These characteristics were then incorporated into a draft master survey that would be modified later for differences between air taxi, guide and lodge operators.

The draft survey was reviewed by CRSA staff and representatives of the Alaska Departments of Fish and Game and Natural Resources. The survey was modified by incorporating review comments, then it was pre-tested in face-to-face interviews with two, air taxi, guide and lodge operators from southcentral Alaska who did not operate in the study area. Final revisions were made to develop three final survey forms: one each for air taxi, guide and lodge operators.

Surveys of commercial recreation service providers were conducted through face-to-face interviews with available operators in the Anchorage, Dillingham, King Salmon and Illiamna areas. The rest of the listings in the directory were sent survey forms in the mail, accompanied by instructions on how to complete the surveys. Each surveys was logged in as it was completed or returned. Follow-up phone calls were used for listings when mail surveys were not returned.

For more information on the development and execution of the surveys, please refer to Appendix B of this report.

DATA ANALYSIS

The last element of the study consisted of compilation and analysis of the survey data. This included coding the survey data, entering coded data into the Statistic Package for Social Sciences (SPSS PC+) program on micro-computer, running the program and printing out data, and presenting analyzed data. The following chapter presents the results of the data analysis. Additional information on the statistical model can be found in Appendix C of this report.

3.0 DATA ANALYSIS

3.1 SUMMARY OF METHODOLOGY

This section of the report summarizes the methodology used to analyze the responses from completed surveys of Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge operators providing commercial recreation services in the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainage study area. Directory and Survey methodologies are discussed in the appendices to this report, as is the detailed statistical model methodology. Data analysis consisted of 6 steps:

1) Developing variables for the data analysis;
2) Coding the individual, completed survey forms;
3) Entering the code sheets into the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) computer program;
4) Running the analysis of the entered data for each of the three categories of service providers;
5) Summarizing data run output and its implications; and
6) Summarizing mapped data.

3.1.1 VARIABLES

At the initial step of the data analysis, each specific item of data on the surveys was given a specific variable name. For many of the questions, the responses were merely a single variable, however, the matrix-type questions proved to be more complex. Each individual cell of the matrix had to be a separate identifiable variable to allow aggregations and calculations of the responses to the question. This meant that question #6 for example, did not have a single variable associated with the response, it required #15. Some of the larger matrix-style questions required as many as 84 separate variables.

3.1.2 CODING

A code sheet was developed to take the data from the individual survey forms and put it in a format that could be entered into a computer file for data analyses. Ideally, surveys can be designed to allow coding directly from the actual document, but that procedure was not possible in this case. The study team found that the answers were sufficiently complex to require careful scrutiny of each.

Development of a code sheet had to reflect the organization of the survey questionnaire and the requirements of the SPSS program to read data. All survey response data was coded into numerical form including "yes-no" and "don't know" answers. A code sheet was prepared for each of the completed survey forms by a team of three study team members working together to ensure consistent coding. Each completed questionnaire took between one half to a full hour to code. Judgement calls were required when questionable data appeared on individual survey forms so familiarity with the survey was essential. After completion, code sheets were reviewed to look for obvious errors.

3.1.3 DATA ENTRY

Completed code sheets were entered into SPSS data files by manual keypunch. The computer files showing each of the code surveys were printed and "proofed" for errors against the coding forms. This additional step in the data entry process allowed correction of several errors that would have resulted in less accurate analyses of the survey results.

3.1.4 RUNNING SPSS

The actual data analyses were completed using a statistical software package called Statistical Package for Social Sciences or SPSS PC+. The program was run on a Compaq Deskpro personal computer equipped with a 20 megabyte hard disk, 640 K Ram memory and an 8087 math coprocessor. The sheer volume of the data files entered created several difficulties in running the program, due to the inherent system maximum size limitations (e.g., the number of discrete variables is limited to 200 in SPSS PC+ and this required approximately 1200). Some of these difficulties are detailed in Appendix C. Technical representatives at SPSS, Inc. were consulted to solve these initial problems.

The results of the statistical analysis were provided in hard copy printouts of data runs for individual or groups of questions.

3.1.5 DATA SUMMARY AND IMPLICATIONS

The rest of this chapter addresses the summary of both the analytical data output and mapped information and their implications. It should be stressed that the analysis of the volume of data input is by no means exhaustive and could be further refined through additional analysis.

Section 3.2 discusses the summary of responses to the questionnaire; Section 3.3 addresses mapped information.

TABLE 3-1
SURVEY POPULATION AND SAMPLE SIZE BY OPERATOR TYPE

POPULATION	
Total Number in Directory	185
Did Not Operate in Study Area	48
Returned Non-deliverable	10
REVISED POPULATION	127
SAMPLE	
Completed Face-to-Face	52
Completed Mail Surveys	20
TOTAL RESPONDENTS (Sample Size)	72
Total Non-respondents	55
PROPORTION OF SAMPLE TO POPULATION	57%

BREAKDOWN BY TYPE OF RESPONDENT

	Population	Sample	% of Population
Air Taxi	42	24	57%
Guide	47	22	47%
Lodge	38	25	66%

3.2 SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

3.2.1 SURVEY POPULATION AND SAMPLE SIZE

Appendix A describes the preparation of the directory of commercial recreation service providers potentially active in the study area. This directory, as modified by phone contact and response to mail-out surveys, represents the population of commercial recreation service providers to be surveyed. The number of face-to-face and mail-out responses represents the sample size. The breakdown of the survey population and sample size by Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge operators is described in Table 3-1 (above).

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF RESPONSES BY QUESTION

The summary of repsonses that follows are represented by survey question; as described in Appendix B, questions asked of guide and lodge operators are identical except for a slight variation in Question 25. Air taxi questions vary slightly from those asked of guide and lodge operators; some questions were deleted and others were modified. Notes in parentheses following each question indicate which questionnaire it appeared on. A question that was identical for all three questionnaires would be indicated as (Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge).

For each question on the survey form, data was printed out by Air Taxi, Guide and lodge operator response. The SPSS run printout for each of these responses included sample size (# of response to the question), a frequency distribution of the responses, the mean value of the sample and the range of response value'. Most of the data in the summary consists primarily of frequency distributions unless otherwise noted. Other common data summaries include mean values of responses and percent of populations. With the exception of matrix questions, the number of "no response" and sample (total) statistics are presented for each question.

OWNERSHIP AND HISTORY OF OPERATION

1. Which of the following best describes the type of operation you have?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
Lodge	0	0	11
Air Taxi	15	0	0
Guide Service/Outfitters	0	18	0
Combination of 1 and 2	1	0	2
Combination of 2 and 3	5	0	0
Combination of 1 and 3	0	1	8
Combination of 1, 2 and 3	1	1	4
No Response	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

2. Is the business the sole or part-time occupation of the operator?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
Sole	16	6	17
Part-time	6	14	8
No Response	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

2a. If the business is a part-time occupation, what is the operators other occupation?

Examples of responses

1) commercial fishing
2) air taxi
3) taxidermist
4) professor
5) printer
6) construction
7) investment consultant
8) doctor
9) mining
10) teacher

3. How many years has this operation been in business while under the current owner?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
1-2 years	5	2	2
3-5 years	5	5	4
6-10 years	3	5	9
11-15 years	3	5	5
16-20 years	1	2	1
More than 20 years	5	1	4
No Response	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

4. How many years has this operation been in business while under prior owners?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
None	15	20	18
1-2 years	1	0	0
3-5 years	0	0	1
6-10 years	1	0	2
11-15 years	1	0	1
16-20 years	1	0	0
More than 20 years	2	0	2
No Response	1	0	0
TOTAL	22	20	24

5. Please circle the montns of the year your business was in operation in the area identified on the map as the study area (including preseason start-up and post season clean-up):
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

OF OPERATORS DURING EACH MONTH OF 1985

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
January	5	1	0
February	6	2	1
March	6	3	1
April	7	2	1
May	10	5	14
June	18	11	25
July	19	15	25
August	20	15	24
September	20	12	24
October	12	7	13
November	5	1	0
December	6	1	1
No Response	0	1	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

ACCESS TO OPERATION

6. What is the main means of access to your business operations? (Base camp is your primary facility in the study area, satellite camps include cabins and wall tent sites.)
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

AIR TAXI

	A. Plane	B. Boat	C. Road
Base Camp	4	0	0
Satellite Camps	5	1	0
Hunting Areas	13	2	1
Fishing Areas	15	3	0
Other	3	0	0

No Response 1
TOTAL 22

GUIDE

	A. Plane	B. Boat	C. Road
Base Camp	11	2	1
Satellite Camps	11	7	1
Hunting Areas	8	2	0
Fishing Areas	9	7	1
Other	4	3	0

No Response 0
TOTAL 20

LODGE

	A. Plane	B. Boat	C. Road
Base Camp	17	4	1
Satellite Camps	15	6	0
Hunting Areas	13	2	0
Fishing Areas	22	11	0
Other	0	1	0

No Response 0
TOTAL 25

MARKETING AND ADVERTISING

7. Which of the following media sources does your business use for advertising?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
Magazines	11	13	19
Newspaper	13	4	5
Radio	7	1	3
Television	3	1	4
Brochures	11	14	20
Other	10	7	20
None	0	0	0
No Response	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

Other responses included the following:
word of mouth, travel agent, trade shows, direct mailouts

CLIENT PROFILE

8. What was the number of clients your business had during each month of 1985 (estimate if necessary)?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

TOTAL OF ALL RESPONDENTS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Air	35	44	38	36	64	380	559	695	752	166	28	36
Guide	0	0	4	0	10	202	136	86	93	24	18	24
Lodge	0	0	0	0	119	813	1102	1064	1032	124	0	0

	Annual Totals	Average 1985	Respondents
Air	2822	141	20
Guide	597	35	17
Lodge	4254	170	25

9. Please estimate the average number of clients you had during the following years (mark N/A if you did not operate in a specific year).
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

AVERAGE OF ALL RESPONDENTS (# OF RESPONDENTS)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
1984	85.8 (20)	27.0 (15)	129.5 (22)
1983	86.1 (16)	26.8 (13)	118.3 (20)
1982	88.2 (13)	26.4 (13)	110.0 (19)
1981	37.0 (10)	28.5 (12)	112.8 (16)
1980	85.7 (10)	29.5 (11)	109.8 (17)

10. Please estimate the percentage of your clientele during the 1980-1984 seasons which fell within the following residency categories: (Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

MEAN % OF ALL RESPONDENTS*

AIR TAXI

	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981
Bristol Bay Resident	14.1	9.4	8.0	9.2	11.5
Alaskan Resident outside Bristol Bay Region	41.3	46.5	47.1	42.8	42.6
Out of State, U.S. Resident	39.6	38.2	32.8	34.0	32.7
International	7.1	8.2	5.5	6.3	3.2

GUIDE

	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981
Bristol Bay Resident	6.0	3.9	5.3	4.1	4.3
Alaskan Resident outside Bristol Bay Region	9.8	25.8	16.9	15.1	3.8
Out of State, U.S. Resident	67.2	57.8	58.6	43.9	53.5
International	12.2	6.9	8.0	9.0	6.0

LODGE

	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981
Bristol Bay Resident	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Alaskan Resident outside Bristol Bay Region	13.7	13.6	11.8	13.2	13.3
Out of State, U.S. Reside	79.8	80.1	81.5	75.2	69.6
International	5.7	5.7	6.0	11.0	11.1

*In answering this question, many respondents repeated 1985 levels across the five year period

11. Please estimate what percentage of your clientele during 1985 fell within the following age categories: (Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

MEAN % OF ALL RESPONDENTS

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
0-17 _____%	5.7	2.6	1.4
18-24 _____%	6.9	2.5	4.2
25-34 _____%	35.3	23.6	12.3
35-49 _____%	38.2	43.1	39.1
50-64 _____%	13.1	19.8	36.7
65+ _____%	0.7	8.4	5.8
No Response	4	2	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

12. During 1985, what percentage of your clientele were repeat clients? (Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

MEAN % OF ALL RESPONDENTS

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
_____%	27.0	34.05	50.9
No Response	1	2	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

13. Over the past several years, has the proportion of repeat clients to your business:
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
Increased	17	12	16
Decreased	0	0	8
Stayed the Same	4	6	1
No Response	1	2	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

14. What is the primary activity sought by your clientele? Please rank (i.e., 1st, 2nd, etc.) the preference of your clientele for the following activities. Leave blank if your clients did not participate in an activity. (Guide and Lodge)

Total represents a weighted index of the popularity of each activity. The higher the total, the more popular the activity.

	Guides		Lodges	
	Total	# of 1st's	Total	# of 1st's
FISHING				
Rainbow Trout	123	2	240	11
Arctic Char	74	0	139	0
King Salmon	105	4	223	10
Silver Salmon	107	0	190	1
Grayling	58	0	123	0
Northern Pike	31	0	75	0

OTHER ACTIVITIES	Guides		Lodges	
Moose Hunting	42	1	22	0
Brown Bear Hunting	47	2	14	0
Caribou Hunting	42	1	29	0
Guided Boat/Raft Trip	112	8	30	0
Unguided Boat/Raft Trip	20	0	26	0
No Response	0	2	3	0

(Air Taxi)	Total	# of 1st's
Fishing	46	10
Hunting	39	7
Boating/Raft Trip	22	1
No Response	0	4

15. What is your current (1985) rate per client for a typical package (indicate unit of time, i.e., seven day package)?
(Guide and Lodge)

MEAN CLIENT CHARGE OF ALL RESPONDENTS*

	Guides	Lodges
Cost per Day	$369.95	$387.90
No Response	1	0

What is your current 1985 range of rates per hour for your aircraft charters? (Indicate unit of time, e.g., $275 per hour)
(Air Taxi)

MEAN CLIENT CHARGE OF ALL RESPONDENTS*

Cost per Hour	$237.50
No Response	0

*For guides and lodges, the most popular package length was 7 days, and many charge by 7 day packages

16. Does the rate include roundtrip transportation from Anchorage?
(Guide and Lodge)

	Guides	Lodges
Yes	6	4
No	14	21
No Response	0	0
TOTAL	20	25

Does your business offer a transportation package to the study area from Anchorage?
(Air Taxi)

Yes	8
No	14
No Response	0
TOTAL	22

17. If not included in a standard package, what is the average cost per passenger for round trip transportation to your operation from Anchorage?
(Guide and Lodge)

MEAN COST OF ALL RESPONDENTS

	Guides	Lodges
$_____	$270	$235
No Response	8	6

If yes, what is the average cost per passenger for round trip transportation to your operation from Anchorage?
(Air Taxi)

MEAN COST OF ALL RESPONDENTS

$_____	$337
No Response	11

18. What other services, if any, does your lodge offer and how much do they cost (include units, i.e., per day or per hour, etc.)?
(Lodge)

Few respondents answered this question. Examples of other services are shown below:

SERVICE	FEE
Boat	$ 50/day
Tackle	$ 60/week $5/hour
Tents	$ 50/trip
Rafts	$ 100/trip
Guided fishing	$ 150/person/day

INCOME, EXPENSES AND OPERATIONAL COSTS

19. What is the range of your estimated gross income from your business operation for 1985?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
$0-5,000	1	0	0
$5,100-20,000	4	6	0
$21,000-30,000	0	2	1
$31,000-50,000	0	4	1
$51,000-75,000	3	1	2
$76,000-100,000	0	2	2
$101,000-200,000	4	4	4
$201,000-300,000	3	0	2
$301,000-400,000	0	0	3
$401,000-500,000	0	0	4
$501,000-1,000,000	4	0	5
Over $1,001,000	2	0	0
No Response	0	1	1
TOTAL	22	20	24

20. Over the past several years, has the gross income from your business tended to:
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
Increase	18	13	20
Decrease	1	1	1
Stay the Same	0	5	2
No Response	3	1	1
TOTAL	22	20	25

21. What is the range of your estimated total business expenses for the 1985 season?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
$0-5,000	3	2	0
$5,100-20,000	1	8	1
$21,000-30,000	3	1	1
$31,000-50,000	1	1	1
$51,000-75,000	0	3	2
$76,000-100,000	0	2	4
$101,000-200,000	7	1	0
$201,000-300,000	0	0	6
$301,000-400,000	1	0	3
$401,000-500,000	1	0	4
$501,000-1,000,000	2	0	3
Over $1,001,000	1	0	0
No Response	3	2	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

22. Over the past several years, have your business expenses tended to:
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
Increase	18	18	21
Decrease	1	1	1
Stay the Same	2	0	2
No Response	1	1	1
TOTAL	22	20	25

23. Please estimate what percentage of your gross business income during 1985 can be attributed to activities and operations in the study area?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

MEAN % OF RESPONDENTS

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
_____%	23.6%	24.5%	50.8%
No Response	1	0	2
TOTAL	22	20	25

24. Please estimate what percentage of your gross income from the 1985 season was spent in the study area?
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

MEAN % OF RESPONDENTS*

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
_____%	10.8%	19.9%	19.1%
No Response	1	0	2
TOTAL	22	20	25

*It is important to note that the availability of goods and services in the study area is limited to Dillingham and some of the villages.

PERSONNEL

25. Do you contract out for your guide service?
(Lodge)

Do you sub-contract out for your guide service?
(Guide)

	Guides	Lodges
Yes	12	9
No	8	16
No Response	0	0
TOTAL	20	25

26. What is the average guide to client ratio?
(Guide and Lodge)

Ratio	Guides	Lodges
1:1	5	1
1:2	6	10
1:3	4	9
1:4	2	4
1:5	1	0
1:6	1	0
1:7	1	0
No Response	0	1
TOTAL	20	25

27. For the following chart please indicate how many people you employed for each of the listed positions in the months designated:
(Air Taxi #25, Guide #27 and Lodge #27)

TOTAL # OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED FOR ALL RESPONDENTS

1. Guides
2. Pilots
3. Cooks
4. Maintenance
5. Management/Marketing

AIR TAXI

#	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1.	0	0	0	3	5	7	7	7	7	7	0	0
2.	45	45	46	58	70	81	82	78	72	63	45	45
3.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.	17	17	17	21	26	29	29	29	27	25	17	19
5.	29	29	29	30	32	34	34	34	34	32	29	29

GUIDE

#	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1.	1	2	2	4	15	31	35	24	26	17	1	1
2.	0	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	0	0
3.	0	0	0	2	3	6	7	5	6	3	0	0
4.	0	0	0	1	1	12	2	2	4	4	0	0
5.	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	3	2	1	1	1

LODGE

#	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1.	0	0	0	44	111	103	106	107	32	0	0	0
2.	3	3	6	8	21	45	44	43	39	18	3	3
3.	2	2	2	3	20	67	65	65	64	25	2	2
4.	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	4	4	2	0	0
5.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

No Response Air Taxi 2 Guide 2 Lodge 1

28. What is the average monthly salary for each of the following positions in your business operation?
(Air Taxi #26, Guide #28 and Lodge #28)

MEAN INCOME OF ALL RESPONDENTS (# OF RESPONDENTS)*

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
1. Guides $/month	$3500 (2)	$1945 (11)	$1358 (19)
2. Pilots $/month	$2970 (15)	$3667 (3)	$3000 (19)
3. Cooks $/month	N/A	$1820 (5)	$1709 (22)
4. Maintenance $/month (Mechanics)	$2905 (10)	$ 917 (3)	$1194 (16)
5. Management/ Marketing $/month	$1833 (9)	$2750 (2)	$2250 (13)
6. Other $/month	N/A	N/A	$ 837 (4)
9. No Response	0	0	0

29. What is the total number of employees you hired from the study area during the 1985 season?
(Air Taxi #27, Guide #29 and Lodge #29)

TOTAL # OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED FOR ALL RESPONDENTS*

AIR TAXI

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
43	43	43	43	51	51	51	51	43	43	42	42

GUIDE

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	3	0	0	0

LODGE

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2	2	2	2	16	27	31	30	27	10	2	2

No Response Air Taxi 2 Guide 0 Lodge 1

*Most of the local employment can be attributed to Dillingham-based air taxis and guides and lodges based in the region. Many operators hire local residents in the region in which they operate.

EQUIPMENT

30. For the following sectio please indicate the number of each type of boat you use for your operation:
(Air Taxi #28, Guide #30 and Lodge #30)

	Air taxis	Guides	Lodges
Skiff	3	19	89
Kayak	0	24	1
Canoe	3	6	8
Jet Boat	0	3	22
Raft	48	65	42
No Response	2	0	0
TOTAL	22	20	25

31. In the following chart please indicate the number of each type of plane you operate and the total capacity (i.e., number of seats not including the pilot):
(Air Taxi #29, Guide #31 and Lodge #31)

AIR TAXI

Type of Plane	Number	Carrying Capacity (all planes)
1. Fixed Wing (wheels)	82	357
2. Fixed Wing (floats/amphibious)	39	322
3. Helicopter	0	0

GUIDE

Type of Plane	Number	Carrying Capacity (all planes)
1. Fixed Wing (wheels)	6	14
2. Fixed Wing (floats/amphibious)	10	35
3. Helicopter	0	0

LODGE

Type of Plane	Number	Carrying Capacity (all planes)
1. Fixed Wing (wheels)	8	28
2. Fixed Wing (floats/amphibious)	52	298
3. Helicopter	0	0

No Response Air Taxi 0 Guide 0 Lodge 0

32. Please indicate how many of the following vehicles you use in your operation:
(Air Taxi #30, Guide #32 and Lodge #32)

		Air taxis*	Guides	Lodges
All Terrain Vehicles	#	0	4	5
Snow Machines	#	0	6	14
Automobile/Truck	#	0	4	13
Other _____	#	0	0	0
No Response		0	0	0
TOTAL		22	20	25

*Though Air taxis indicated no vehicles in this question, many reported vehicles in Question 33 below.

33. For the following chart please indicate where your equipment is headquartered. If you have equipment in one category at two locations, i.e., at both the satellite camp and main headquarters, please indicate the number of each equipment type you have in each location. (Base camp is your primary facility in the Bristol Bay Region, satellite camps include cabins and wall tent sites; main headquarters refers to headquarters outside the study area).
(Air Taxi #31, Guide #33 and Lodge #33)

AIR TAXI

LOCATION	BOATS	PLANES	VEHICLES
1. Base Camp	0	0	0
2. Satellite Camp	14	6	0
3. Main Headquarters	16	71	18

GUIDE

LOCATION	BOATS	PLANES	VEHICLES
1. Base Camp	46	20	13
2. Satellite Camp	57	4	2
3. Main Headquarters	66	30	21

LODGE

LOCATION	BOATS	PLANES	VEHICLES
1. Base Camp	36	2	7
2. Satellite Camp	0	1	0
3. Main Headquarters	54	7	3

PERCEPTIONS

34. Have the areas you use for your business changed since 1981 for any of the following reasons?
(Air Taxi #32, Guide #34 and Lodge #34)

1. Restrictions on access due to expansion or creation of National Parks or National Wildlife Refuges

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
12	55	8	40	12	48

2. Restrictions on access due to conveyances of land to Native Corporation Ownership

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
11	50	10	50	18	75

3. Restrictions on hunting and fishing in National Parks

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
10	45	2	10	10	40

4. Other Restrictions

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
1	5	5	25	5	20

5. No change in areas used

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
5	23	6	30	5	20

No Response Air Taxi 0 Guide 0 Lodge 0

35. Have the areas you use for your business changed since 1981 for any of the following reasons?
(Air Taxi #33, Guide #35 and Lodge #35)

1. Decline in quality of experience due to crowding

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
9	41	11	55	20	80

2. Decline in abundance of fish

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
5	23	1	5	9	36

3. Decline in abundance of wildlife

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
3	14	2	10	4	16

No response Air Taxi 2 Guide 0 Lodge 0

36. If the areas you use for your business have changed due to crowding, what is the source of crowding:
(Air Taxi #34, Guide #36 and Lodge #36)

1. Other lodges

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
7	32	6	30	16	64

2. Other outfitters

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
7	32	16	80	16	64

3. Indiviual parties from outside the region

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
4	18	8	40	13	52

4. Increased use by local residents

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
4	18	4	20	8	32

5. Other

Air Taxi	%	Guide	%	Lodge	%
2	9	3	15	5	20

No response Air Taxi 4 Guide 0 Lodge 0

PRIMARY RESOURCE AND EQUIPMENT USAGE

The following questions refer to distribution of facilities and activities within the study area. The study area was divided into six sections, A through F, as shown in Maps 1-4.

1. Please indicate the number and type of facility that you have located in each section of the study area as of 1985.
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

AIR TAXI

FACILITY TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F	OUTSIDE REGION
1. Base Camp	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
2. Wall tents/Temporary Camps	2	1	2	2	10	9	1
3. Cabins	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
4. Storage Sheds	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
5. Caches	0	0	0	1	3	3	1
6. Main Headquarters	0	0	0	4	0	0	9
7. Riverbank Dock Areas	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
8. Riverbank Ramps	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

No Response 1

GUIDE

FACILITY TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F	OUTSIDE REGION
1. Base Camp	1	1	0	4	1	1	1
2. Wall Tents/Temporary Camps	8	6	6	4	17	8	0
3. Cabins	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
4. Storage Sheds	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
5. Caches	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
6. Main Headquarters	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
7. Riverbank Dock Areas	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
8. Riverbank Ramps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

No Response 2

LODGE

FACILITY TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F	OUTSIDE REGION
1. Base Camp	0	3	1	2	0	1	5
2. Wall Tents/Temporary Camps	3	3	8	12	13	9	5
3. Cabins	0	0	0	1	1	4	2
4. Storage Sheds	1	0	0	1	0	2	2
5. Caches	0	0	0	2	2	0	1
6. Main Headquarters	1	1	0	1	0	1	15
7. Riverbank Dock Areas	1	2	1	1	2	0	3
8. Riverbank Ramps	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

No Response 0

2. For the following facilities, what is the total client capacity for each building type as of 1985. Please specify the client capacity for each section where a facility type is located.
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

AIR TAXI

FACILITY TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F	OUTSIDE REGION
1. Base Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
2. Wall Tents/Temporary Camps	6	2	0	0	37	41	30
3. Cabins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Main Headquarters	0	0	0	0	0	0	30

No Response 3

GUIDE

FACILITY TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F	OUTSIDE REGION
1. Base Camp	0	0	0	22	6	5	16
2. Wall Tents/Temporary Camps	33	44	32	23	77	65	0
3. Cabins	4	4	0	0	4	0	0
4. Main Headquarters	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

No Response 4

LODGE

FACILITY TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F	OUTSIDE REGION
1. Base Camp	20	52	12	26	4	15	58
2. Wall Tents/Temporary Camps	12	12	22	48	50	36	58
3. Cabins	0	0	0	6	6	15	14
4. Main Headquarters	0	20	0	0	0	15	189

No Response 0

3. In the chart below please indicate which type of water, wastewater and refuse systems you use in each section of the study area:
(Air Taxi, Guide and Lodge)

AIR TAXI

SYSTEM TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Septic System	0	0	0	3	0	0
2. Portable	0	0	1	2	1	0
3. Permanent Outhouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Temporary Outhouse	1	0	0	0	4	5
5. Water Well	0	0	0	3	0	0
6. Incinerate Trash	2	2	2	2	2	2
7. Landfill Trash	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Fly Out Trash	8	6	8	10	13	12

No Response 2

GUIDE

SYSTEM TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Septic System	0	0	0	2	0	0
2. Portable	1	0	0	1	1	0
3. Permanent Outhouse	1	0	0	0	1	0
4. Temporary Outhouse	6	3	5	7	7	5
5. Water Well	0	0	0	0	1	0
6. Incinerate Trash	2	2	2	2	5	3
7. Landfill Trash	0	0	0	0	1	0
8. Fly Out Trash	8	4	4	6	10	6

No Response 3

LODGE

SYSTEM TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Septic System	1	4	0	1	0	1
2. Portable	0	0	1	2	1	0
3. Permanent Outhouse	0	0	0	0	0	1
4. Temporary Outhouse	3	3	5	9	8	5
5. Water Well	1	1	1	2	0	1
6. Incinerate Trash	3	2	3	6	5	2
7. Landfill Trash	0	2	0	1	1	0
8. Fly Out Trash	10	9	10	17	15	11

No Response 0

4. In the following chart please indicate by section where your clients fished and what species they fished for within the study area in 1985. Answer in terms of percentage of time spent in each section fishing for that particular species (percentages can be estimated and should equal 100%). (Guide and Lodge)

NORMALIZED ADJUSTMENT OF MEAN % OF ALL RESPONDENTS

GUIDE

SPECIES	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Silver Salmon	0	0	7.1	27.9	52.2	12.8	100%
2. King Salmon	0	0	4.5	51.0	40.5	4.5	100%
3. Rainbow Trout	13.9	0.5	3.7	2.8	65.2	13.9	100%
4. Grayling	30.4	1.3	5.4	3.8	25.8	33.3	100%
5. Arctic Char	32.0	10.0	8.0	4.9	30.1	15.0	100%
6. Northern Pike	2.5	0	25.1	12.5	42.5	17.4	100%

No Response 3

LODGE

SPECIES	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Silver Salmon	2.6	0	7.6	47.8	35.4	6.6	100%
2. King Salmon	0	0	2.3	73.2	22.6	1.9	100%
3. Rainbow Trout	7.3	8.3	14.4	14.8	47.1	8.1	100%
4. Grayling	9.7	8.0	18.5	16.9	34.7	12.2	100%
5. Arctic Char	10.6	22.8	10.9	13.7	25.2	16.8	100%
6. Northern Pike	6.3	19.7	8.4	26.0	24.8	14.8	100%

No Response 4

(Air Taxi)

In the following chart please indicate the primary activities of your clients in 1985 within the study area. Answer in terms of percentage of time spent in each section in each activity (percentages can be estimated and should equal 100%).

ACTIVITY	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Fishing	4.7	4.0	6.5	23.8	33.2	27.8	100%
2. Hunting	6.9	1.2	3.8	9.2	35.8	43.1	100%
3. Boat/Raft Trip	12.9	5.6	8.6	9.0	30.8	33.1	100%

No Response 2

5. The following questions concern your operation's policy on catch and release and harvest limits:
(Guide and Lodge Only)

5a. Do you have a catch and release only (i.e., no kill) policy for the following species?
(Guide and Lodge only)

	Guides	Lodges
1. Silver Salmon	4	4
2. King Salmon	3	4
3. Rainbow Trout	13	24
4. Grayling	8	16
5. Arctic Char	4	16
6. Northern Pike	4	8
No Response	0	0

5b. Do you insist that clients keep fewer fish than the legal limits imposed for that species by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game? (Guide and Lodge only)

	Guides	Lodges
1. Silver Salmon	13	17
2. King Salmon	14	17
3. Rainbow Trout	14	25
4. Grayling	13	25
5. Arctic Char	13	23
6. Northern Pike	12	16
No response	0	0

6. Please estimate how many man-days (i.e., number of clients times the number of days fished) in the following months your clients fished for each species in 1985 (count each man day only once, for the primary species being sought):
(Guide and Lodge only)

TOTAL # OF MAN-DAYS PER MONTH FOR ALL RESPONDENTS

GUIDE

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. Silver Salmon	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	89	8	0	0	0
2. King Salmon	0	0	0	0	0	160	771	12	0	0	0	0
3. Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	0	21	246	100	35	10	0	0
4. Grayling	0	0	0	15	0	9	158	45	32	10	0	0
5. Arctic Char	0	0	0	0	0	5	12	22	10	10	0	0
6. Northern Pike	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	5	10	10	0	0

No Response 5

LODGE

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. Silver Salmon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1692	999	10	0	0
2. King Salmon	0	0	0	0	0	1269	1419	100	0	0	0	0
3. Rainbow Trout	0	0	0	0	14	353	349	370	428	125	0	0
4. Grayling	0	0	0	0	14	183	214	226	225	25	0	0
5. Arctic Char	0	0	0	0	14	287	248	260	249	125	0	0
6. Northern Pike	0	0	0	0	0	69	84	96	74	2	0	0

No Response 10

(Note: Completion of responses varied, including no response.)

7. In the following chart please indicate what species your clients hunted in each section of the study area during 1985 and the percentage of time spent hunting for each particular species (percentages should equal 100%). (Guide and Lodge only)

NORMALIZED ADJUSTMENT OF MEAN % OF ALL RESPONDENTS

GUIDE

SPECIES	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Caribou	1.8	0	1.8	16.8	54.8	24.8	100%
2. Moose	5.0	0	13.0	6.9	27.1	48.0	100%
3. Brown Bear	24.2	21.4	11.3	4.4	18.6	20.1	100%

No Response 2

LODGE

SPECIES	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Caribou	0	0	4.0	0	50.0	46.0	100%
2. Moose	0	0	8.4	8.4	30.5	52.7	100%
3. Brown Bear	47.2	0	0	0	0	52.8	100%

No Response 0

8. Please indicate how many man-days (number of clients times the number of days) in the following months during 1985 your clients hunted for each species:
(Guide and Lodge only)

TOTAL # OF MAN-DAYS PER MONTH FOR ALL RESPONDENTS

GUIDE

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. Caribou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	231	21	54	72
2. Moose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	175	0	0	72
3. Brown Bear	0	0	0	10	55	0	0	0	58	123	0	0

No Response 2

LODGE

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. Caribou	10	10	20	0	0	0	0	120	271	90	10	10
2. Moose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	0	0	0
3. Brown Bear	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	160	60	0	0

No Response 2

(Note: many operators either did not respond to this question (#8 above) or did not complete the question.)

9. For clients for whom fishing or hunting were not the primary activities, please indicate which type of recreational activities your clients participated in during the 1985 season in each section of the study area, and what percentage of the total time you spent doing that activity: (Guide and Lodge only)

NORMALIZED ADJUSTMENT OF MEAN % OF ALL RESPONDENTS

GUIDE

ACTIVITY	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Boating	35.4	16.8	15.5	15.5	10.4	6.4	100%
2. Hiking	50.0	16.7	0	0	5.6	27.7	100%
3. Scenic/Wildlife Viewing	42.5	12.3	6.2	9.6	7.3	22.1	100%
4. Other	0	26.7	0	11.2	17.7	44.4	100%

No Response 4

LODGE

ACTIVITY	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Boating	0	33.6	13.6	20.0	6.4	26.4	100%
2. Hiking	0	33.6	0	0	0	66.4	100%
3. Scenic/Wildlife Viewing	0	14.3	0	35.2	22.2	28.3	100%
4. Other	5.6	5.6	5.6	38.8	5.6	38.8	100%

No Response 1

10. Please indicate how many man-days (number of clients times the number of days) in the following months in 1985 your clients participated in the following activities:
(Guide and Lodge only)

TOTAL # OF MAN-DAYS PER MONTH FOR ALL APPLICANTS

GUIDE

ACTIVITIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. Boating	0	0	0	0	0	40	166	38	0	0	0	0
2. Hiking	0	0	0	0	0	16	36	2	10	0	0	0
3. Scenic/ Wildlife Viewing	0	0	0	0	0	40	160	39	69	0	0	0
4. Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	0	0	0	0

No Response 6

LODGE

ACTIVITIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. Boating	0	0	0	0	0	127	205	255	185	20	0	0
2. Hiking	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	60	30	5	0	0
3. Scenic/ Wildlife Viewing	0	0	0	0	0	54	79	67	67	5	0	0
4. Other	0	0	0	0	122*	0	36*	48	0	0	0	0

No Response 3

*Based on one response

3.3 MAPPED INFORMATION

3.3.1 PURPOSE

The intent of the mapped information is to provide the Bristol Bay CRSA with a detailed distribution of the commercial recreation activities in the study area. Part Three of the questionnaire directed respondents to map the following categories of information:

1) Facilities and Access Areas
   Lodge facilities
   Cabins
   Wall Tent Camps
   Storage Areas
   Air Strips and Float Plane Landing Areas
   Boat Docks and Ramps

2) Regularly Used Sport Fishing Areas
   Rainbow Trout
   King Salmon
   Silver Salmon
   Red Salmon
   Chum Salmon
   Pink Salmon
   Grayling

3) Regularly Used Sport Hunting Areas
   Moose
   Caribou
   Brown Bear

4) Float Trip Areas
   Guided Boat Trips
   Unguided Boat Trips

All of the face-to-face and mail-out respondents were asked to map this information on a U.S. Geological Survey composite map of the study area. As

shown in Maps 1-4, the study area was divided into six sections, A through F. In both types of interviews some respondents chose not to complete the map portion of the questionnaire. Therefore, the number of maps received is less than the number of questionnaires completed and the data does not provide a complete picture of commercial recreation activities. The mapped information does, however, provide a reasonable indication of the distribution of effort.

Information from individual maps was summarized on one of four maps: distribution of sport fishing effort (Map 1), distribution of sport hunting effort (Map 2), distribution of float trip effort (Map 3) and distribution of facilities (Map 4). Each map is divided into sub-areas A through F, corresponding with the questions from Part Two of the Questionnaire. These maps show the number of commercial recreation service providers operating in various parts of the study area. The location of specific facilities and hunting and fishing areas was generalized over a larger geographic area to protect commercial recreation service providers.

3.3.2 RESULTS

Sport Fishing

Mapped data provides some indication of the distribution of total fishing effort, as well as fishing effort for individual species (see Map 1). The information is portrayed in terms of the numbers of operators on a given stretch of river. Fishing is particularly concentrated in the Portage Creek portion of area A and in areas E and the lower portion of F. It is likely that significant levels of boat and air traffic are associated with fishing activities.

Sport Hunting

Three major game animals are hunted in the study area: caribou, moose and bear. As shown in Map 2, hunting for these animals occurs in all sections of the study area. Hunting for caribou and moose is more concentrated in areas E and F than in other areas.

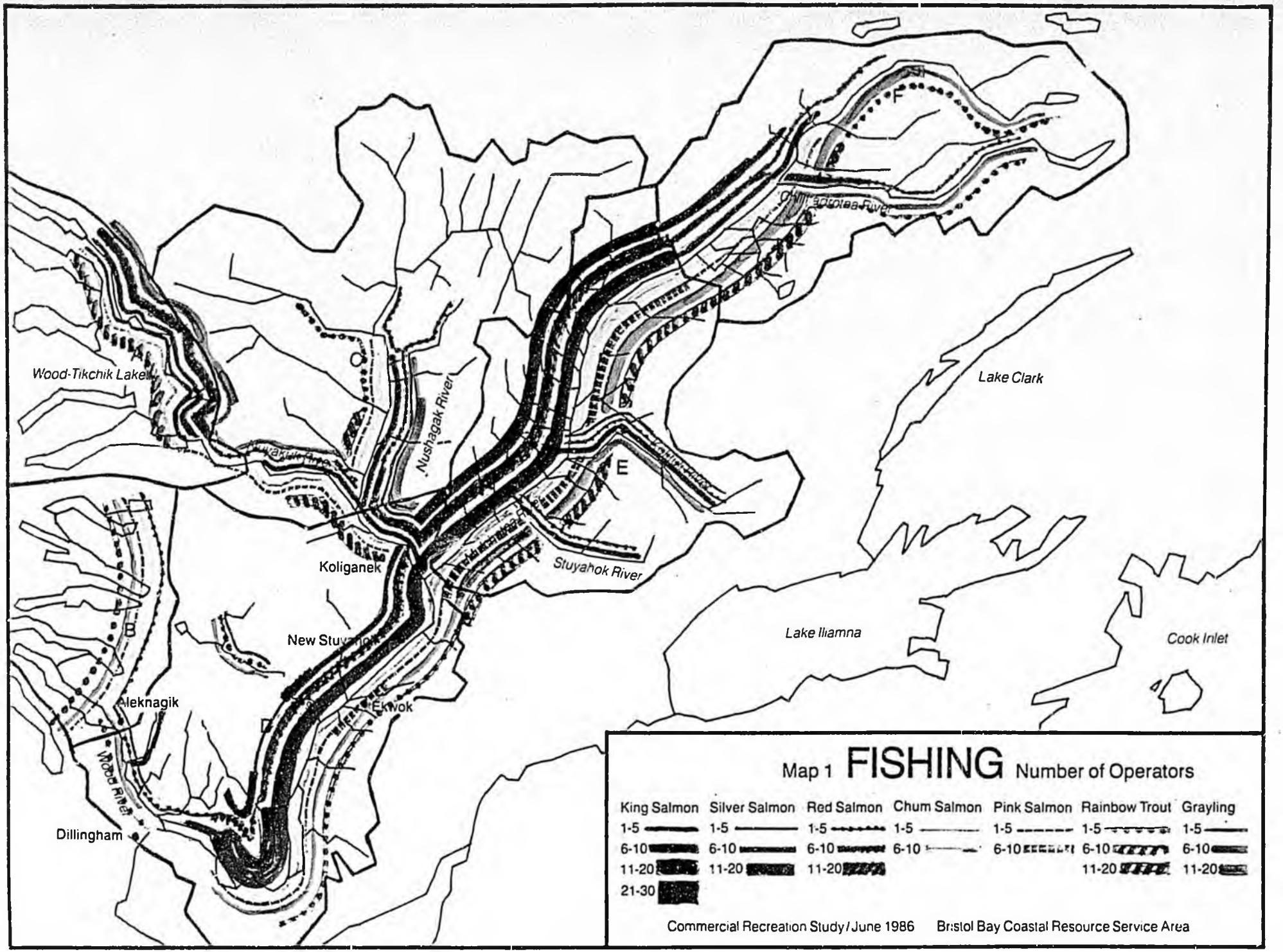
Boat Trips

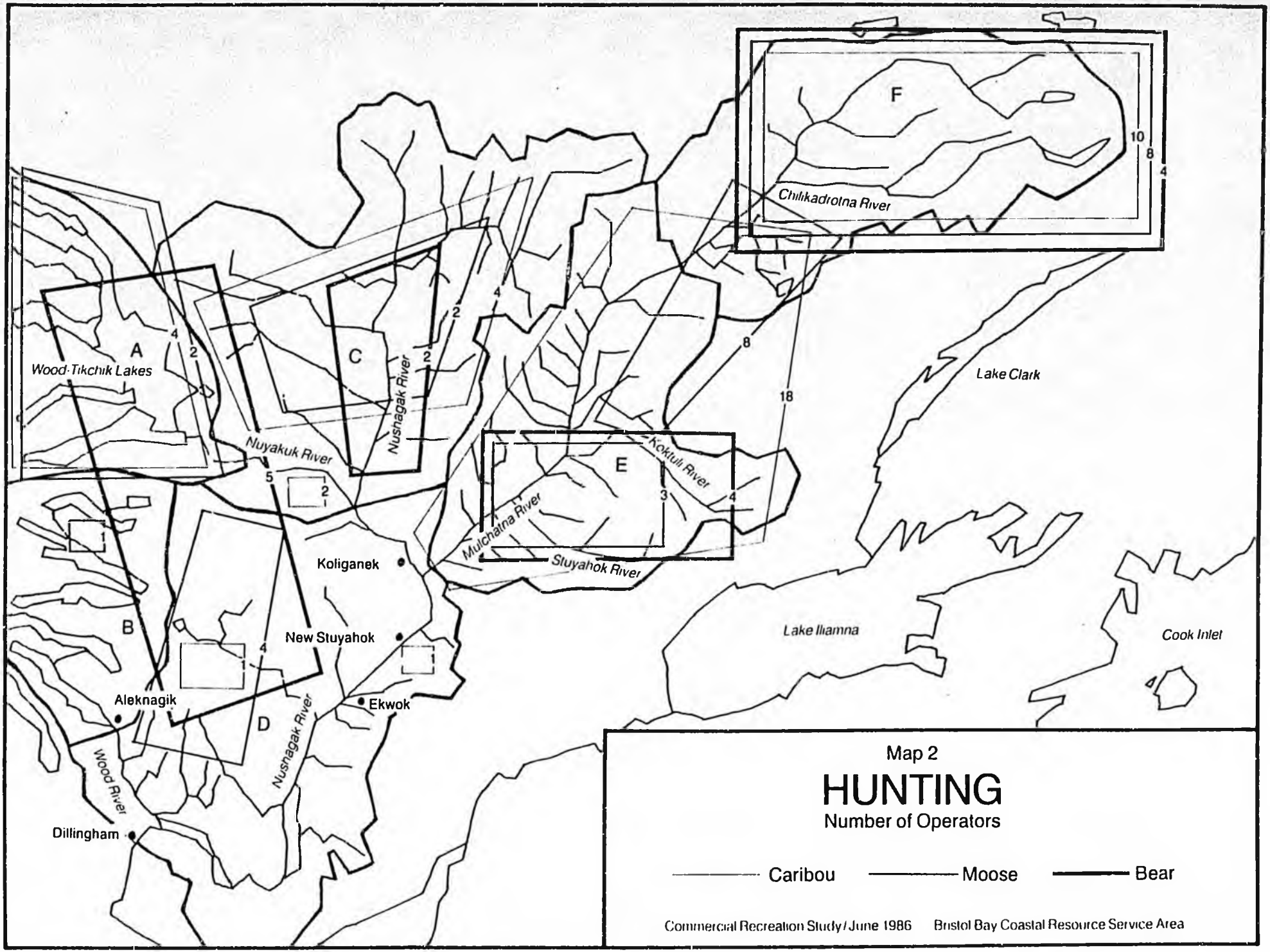
Boat trips are defined as guided and unguided trips taken down river, not specifically associated with hunting and fishing activities. As indicated in Question 14 of the survey, guided boat trips are second only to rainbow trout fishing among the guides who completed the survey. Unguided boat trips are more common with air taxis, although some lodges provide clients with equipment for unguided boat trips.

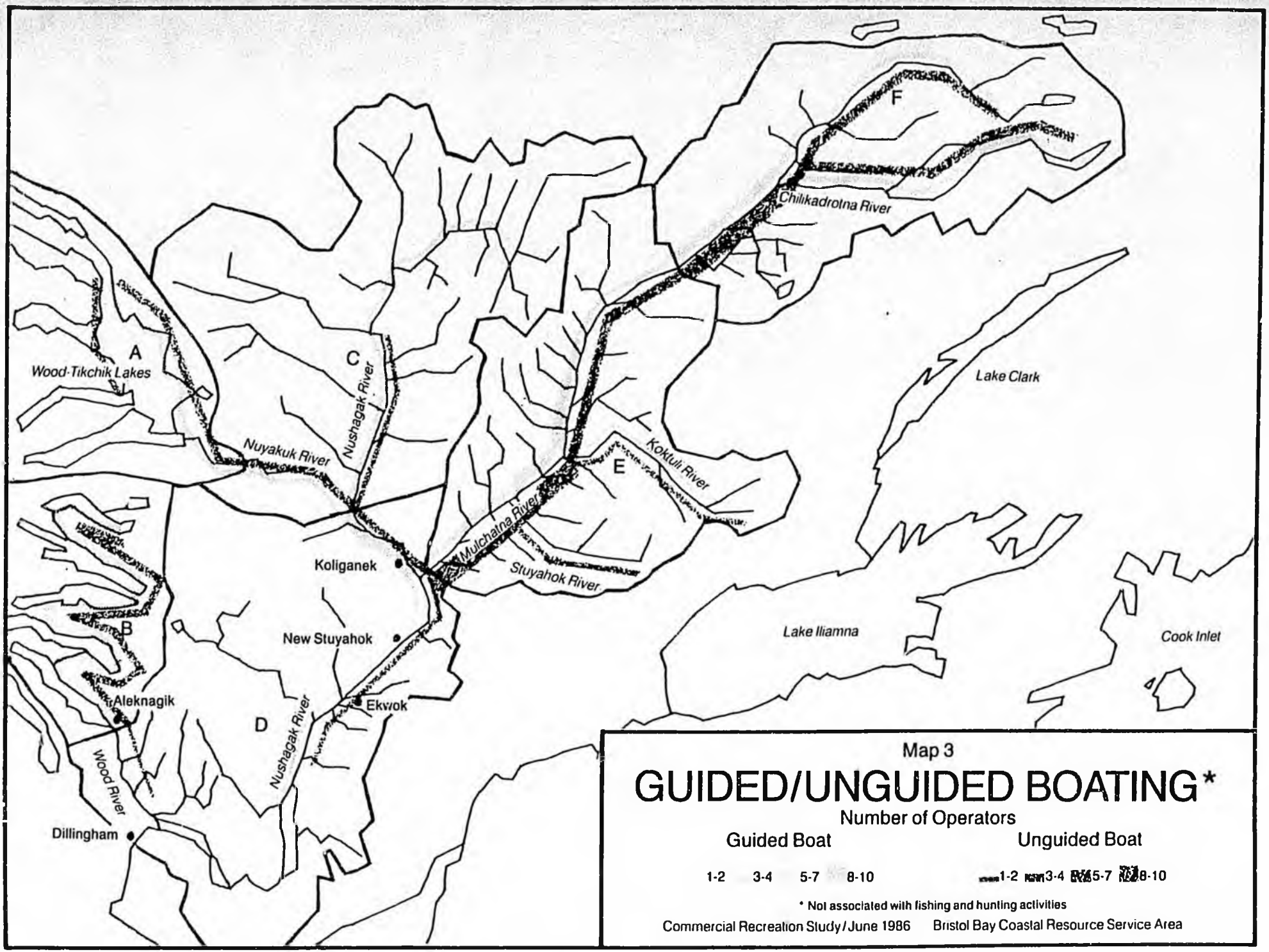
With the exception of the lower Nushagak River, boat trip activity is distributed throughout the study area (see Map 3). Boat trip activities are most popular in areas E and F from the Mulchatna River from its headwaters to its confluence with the Nushagak River. Floating the Wood-Tikchik Lakes system ranks second in popularity.

Facilities

It is unlikely that all the facilities used by commercial service providers


Wood-Tikchik Lakes
Nushagak River
Lake Clark
Koliganek
Stuyahok River
New Stuyahok
Lake Iliamna
Cook Inlet
Aleknagik
Ekwok
Wood River
Dillingham
A
B
C
D
E
F
Map 1 FISHING Number of Operators
King Salmon
1-5
6-10
11-20
21-30
Silver Salmon
1-5
6-10
11-20
Red Salmon
1-5
6-10
11-20
Chum Salmon
1-5
6-10
Pink Salmon
1-5
6-10
Rainbow Trout
1-5
6-10
11-20
Grayling
1-5
6-10
11-20
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Chilikadrotna River
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Wood-Tikchik Lakes
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Nushagak River
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Lake Clark
Nuyakuk River
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Kokituli River
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Mulchatna River
Stuyahok River
Koliganek
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New Stuyahok
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Lake Iliamna
Cook Inlet
Aleknagik
Ekwok
D
Nushagak River
Wood River
Dillingham
Map 2
HUNTING
Number of Operators
Caribou
Moose
Bear
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Map 3

GUIDED/UNGUIDED BOATING*

Number of Operators

Guided Boat

1-2 3-4 5-7 8-10

Unguided Boat

1-2 3-4 5-7 8-10

* Not associated with fishing and hunting activities

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within the region were included on the maps returned in the surveys (Map 4). Few lodges were shown in the study area: those that were shown are concentrated in areas A and B, with one or two lodges each in areas D and F. Likewise, cabins are concentrated in areas A and B, with a few cabins located in area D. Tent sites were distributed throughout the study area, with concentrations of sites along the upper Nushagak (area C) and the Mulchatna Rivers (areas E and F).

The majority of air access is by float plane, with air strip/sand bar access points located along the Mulchatna river and its tributaries. Float plane activity is particularly heavy in areas E and F, followed by areas A and B.

3.4 ANALYSIS

3.4.1 PROJECTIONS

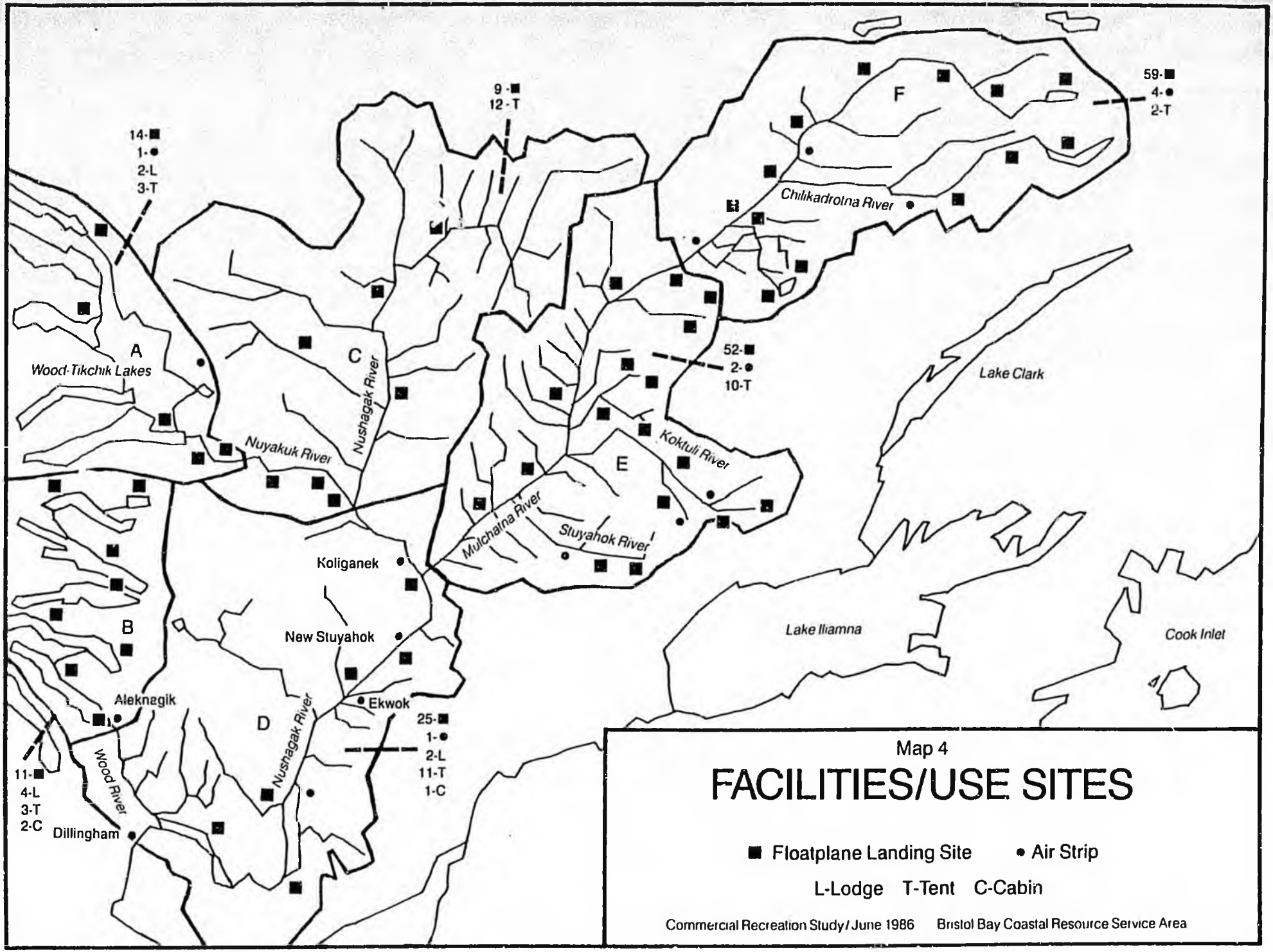
The compilation of data from the survey respondents (referred to as the survey sample) provided a great deal of information about the different types of uses and facilities for the lodges, guides and air taxi businesses operating in the study area. Total coverage of all operations was not obtained, since all firms contacted did not respond to the survey (see Table 3-1).

However, much of the information from the survey can stand alone as representative of the total number of businesses operating in the study area (referred to as the population). For example, the use areas, indications of the type of facilities typically used and many others shape a general profile. For some questions however, it is useful to project the survey findings from the sample to the total population of operators, thus gaining a better indication of the total magnitude of impact to the region than is apparent from the survey responses. This section of the report will make such projections for a number of selected questions.

Total Number of Visitors

One of the variables we wish to project to the total population is the total number of clients visiting the study area in 1985. The total number of clients for the lodges responding to the questionnaire was 4,254; the total number of clients for guides was 597 and the total number of clients for air taxi operators was 2,822.

To estimate the total number of visitors for all of the business operations in the area, including those who did not respond to the survey, a point estimate can be obtained by multiplying the average number of clients for air taxi, guide and lodge operations, then multiply this average by the total number of businesses in the population. However, by using some of the statistical calculations on the data provided by the survey respondents, we can improve upon this technique and instill a greater degree of confidence in the estimates. The information for projecting the total number of clients is as follows:



Map 4

FACILITIES/USE SITES

■ Floatplane Landing Site • Air Strip

L-Lodge T-Tent C-Cabin

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TABLE 3-2

	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
Average	141.10	35.11	170.16
# in Sample	20	17	25
Sample Sum	2822	597	4254
# in Population	42	47	38
Point Estimate	5926	1650	6466
90% Confidence Interval	3300 to 8552	926 to 2378	5670 to 7262

This information shows that we can be 90% certain that the actual total number of visitors for the entire population of lodges for example, was between 5,670 and 7,262. The point estimate falls in approximately the middle of this range, so it can be used as a reasonable estimate for the total number of visitors, if a single number is needed.

It should be noted that in making these projections, we have assumed that the data are normally distributed. Since the population is small and there are relatively large proportions of the populations in our samples, it was necessary to apply a correction factor for finite populations to the variances of each of the variables in calculating the confidence intervals.

Man-days of Fishing Effort

Question 6 in Part Two of the survey asked lodge operators and guides to estimate the number of man-days of effort expended by their clients for various species of fish. The summary of this information, including projections to the population follows, by species. The survey did not request this information from the air taxi operators since pre-testing indicated that they were unable to quantify the activities of their clients.

TABLE 3-3

SILVER SALMON

	Guides	Lodges
Average # of Man-days	15.27	168.81
# in Sample	15	16
Sample Sum	229	2701
# in Population	47	38
Point Estimate	718	6415
90% Confidence Interval	128 to 1307	4176 to 8653

KING SALMON

Average # of Man-days	63.00	174.25
# in Sample	15	16
Sample Sum	945	2788
# in Population	47	38
Point Estimate	2961	6622
90% Confidence Interval	768 to 5154	4608 to 8635

TABLE 3-3 (continued)

RAINBOW TROUT

	Guides	Lodges
Average # of Man-days	24.47	109.27
# in Sample	15	15
Sample Sum	412	1639
# in Population	47	38
Point Estimate	1291	4152
90% Confidence Interval	579 to 2003	1952 to 6353

GRAYLING

Average # of Man-days	17.93	59.13
# in Sample	15	15
Sample Sum	59	1183
# in Population	47	38
Point Estimate	843	2247
90% Confidence Interval	262 to 1423	765 to 3729

ARCTIC CHAR

Average # of Man-days	3.93	78.97
# in Sample	15	15
Sample Sum	59	1183
# in Population	47	38
Point Estimate	185	2997
90% Confidence Interval	34 to 336	1107 to 4887

NORTHERN PIKE

Average # of Man-days	2.20	21.67
# in Sample	15	15
Sample Sum	33	325
# in Population	47	38
Point Estimate	103	323
90% Confidence Interval	*	333 to 1314

OTHER SALMON

Average # of Man-days	.53	30.67
# in Sample	15	15
Sample Sum	8	460
# in Population	47	38
Point Estimate	25	1165
90% Confidence Interval	*	129 to 2202

*Relatively low participation rates and a high variance in the man-days of fishing effort reported caused the confidence interval estimated to be non-reportable.

Gross Income

Gross income projections were calculated from the responses to Question 19 of the survey. These projections should be interpreted only as rough estimates, since the limitations of the data from this question do not allow rigorous analysis. The main problem is that the question asked respondents to indicate their gross income within a set of given ranges. As a means to provide some analyses of the income data, the midpoint of each range was calculated to estimate the gross income levels for the total survey respondents.

A second problem is that the size of the ranges was not symmetrical. This was done with the intent to obtain more precise data for the ranges in which the study team pre-supposed many of the operators would fall. We felt that maintaining this detail of range would make the number of ranges excessive, so the decision was made to increase the size of the income range toward the upper end.

The survey results showed that this was not a particularly good decision. The frequency distributions of the responses to Question 19 showed that the majority of operators had gross incomes in the less precise ranges. Another drawback of the asymmetrical ranges was that the mean of ranges could not be used to calculate a point estimate of gross income for the population. If this method were attempted, it would seriously bias the total gross income estimate downward since the relatively smaller income ranges at the lower gross income levels would be weighted the same as the relatively large ranges at the upper end of the income levels.

Taking the above limitations into account, the study team projected the total gross income for all of the operators in the study area, as requested by the CSRA. To calculate this estimate, we applied the frequency distribution tables from the responses to Question 19 and multiplied that by the midpoint of the appropriate gross income range. The results of the calculations are as follows:

	Estimated Sample Income	Number in Sample
Air Taxi	$4,090,000	21
Guide	$1,072,500	19
Lodge	$8,515,000	24

To project the estimated gross income from the survey sample to the population, the mean from the sample was multiplied by the number in the population to obtain a point estimate. The results of these calculations are shown below:

	Estimated Population Gross Income	Number in Population
Air Taxi	$8,180,004	42
Guide	$2,653,009	47
Lodge	$13,492,096	38

These estimates, although subject to the limitations discussed above, were nevertheless calculated in a reasonable manner, and provide point estimates which will be useful data for planning and resource management.

Employment in the Study Area

Employment within the study area for the sample of air taxi, guide and lodge operations was provided by the responses to Questions 25 and 27 for air taxis and by Questions 27 and 29 for guides and lodges. The sample results are summarized below, along with projections of employment to the entire population of businesses within the study area. The data is reported in man-months of employment for the entire year. The distribution of employment during the year for the different types of operations can be reviewed in Section 3.2 of the report.

TABLE 3-4

	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
GUIDE			
Average # Man-months employment	2.05	8.33	20.95
# in Sample	21	18	24
Sample Sum	43	159	503
# in Population	42	47	38
Point Estimate	86	392	796
90% Confidence Interval	24 to 148	320 to 510	655 to 938
PILOTS			
Average # Man-months Employment	34.76	1.06	9.83
# in Sample	21	18	24
Sample Sum	730	19	236
# in Population	42	47	38
Point Estimate	1460	50	374
90% Confidence Interval	1021 to 1898	14 to 85	307 to 440
COOKS			
Average # Man-months Employment	N/A*	1.78	13.29
# in Sample	N/A	18	24
Sample Sum	N/A	32	319
# in Population	42	47	38
Point Estimate	N/A	84	505
90% Confidence Interval	N/A	42 to 125	382 to 628

*The air taxi survey did not include this job category.

MAINTENANCE

	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
Average # Man-months Employment	13	1.83	11.87
# in Sample	21	18	24
Sample Sum	273	33	285
# in Population	42	47	38
Point Estimate	546	86	451
90% Confidence Interval	360 to 732	32 to 141	382 to 520

MANAGEMENT/MARKETING

Average # Man-months Employment	17.86	1.17	18.25
# in Sample	21	18	24
Sample Sum	375	21	438
# in Population	42	47	38
Point Estimate	750	78	693
90% Confidence Interval	392 to 1108	10 to 100	498 to 899

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

Average # Man-months Employment	27.30	.55	6.38
# in Sample	20	20	24
Sample Sum	546	11	153
# in Population	42	47	38
Point Estimate	1146	26	242
90% Confidence Interval	344 to 1924	*	156 to 328

*Relatively low participation rates caused the confidence interval to be non-reportable.

3.4.2 CROSSTABULATIONS

Another method to analyze data from the survey is to crosstabulate one variable with another to see how they are related. For example, the gross income can be crosstabulated with the number of years the air taxi, guide or lodge business has been in operation. The resulting matrix provides an excellent visual representation of the relationship of these two variables.

Before looking at the data, we might have an expectation that the operations which have had a number of years experience would have a relatively higher level of gross income than the operations which began more recently. The crosstabulation display can be utilized to investigate whether or not the expected relationship exists. The use of crosstabulations can be very useful in gaining insight into relationships among the different variables, depending upon the specific intent of a research or planning effort.

There are many crosstabulations which could be calculated using the variables in our survey results. In the following section, we present a relatively small number of potentially useful or interesting relationships. These tables should

be regarded as an indication of the potential for the use of crosstabulations as a research tool, rather than an exhaustive investigation of the survey data. Depending upon the specific uses of the data generated by this survey effort, additional investigation into the relationships between different variables may be useful.

Crosstabulation of Gross Income by Years of Operation

As described above, this crosstabulation shows the relationships between gross income levels and the respective years the survey respondents have been in operation. If we would make the assumption that experience is an important factor in explaining variation in gross income levels, we would expect that the businesses which have been in operation the longest would have the highest levels of gross income. The results of these crosstabulations are shown in Tables 3-5, 3-6 and 3-7. In all of the tables, the number of observations is limited to the actual number of survey respondents who answered both relevant questions.

Table 3-5 shows the crosstabulation between gross income and the years of operation for the air taxi operations sampled. There are 21 operations included in the crosstabulation. The table indicates that the gross income levels are relatively evenly distributed among the operations with differing length of years in business. This matrix of data suggests that our preliminary notion that years of experience is not a major factor in determining gross incoome. Tables 3-6 and 3-7 report the same crosstabulation for guide and lodge operations. The tables show a similar result: that gross revenue is relatively evenly distributed among the different lengths of operation. If we were going to pursue the search for indicators of differentials in gross income, we could look to other factors such as number of days of operation or the number of employees. Again, depending upon the specific research question, the number of potential crosstabulations is almost unbounded.

Crosstabulation of Total Clients by Trends in Repeat Clients

Tables 3-8, 3-9 and 3-10 show a different type of crosstabulation. Question 12 in the survey asked the respondents to estimate the percentage of repeat clients to their specific operation. The answers to this question varied widely, and therefore do not lend themselves to a crosstabulation without an intermediate step.

In effect, we need to transform an observation variable into a category variable. To do this, we established ranges for the number of clients per year. Table 3-8 shows the result of this crosstabulation for air taxi operations. There were no air taxi businesses reporting a decrease in the number of repeat clients, so the trends were limited to either an increase or a constant status. Since almost all of the air taxi businesses reported the number of repeat clients as increasing, there is not a significant trend to separation by the variable of total clients per year.

Tables 3-9 and 3-10 show the same crosstabulation for guide and lodge operations, respectively. A relatively larger proportion of the guide and lodge businesses reporting indicate a trend of constant numbers of clients. This may indicate that they have been operating at capacity for several years and are not able to accept more clients. A distinct separation in the trend in repeat clients is not shown by the variation in the total number of clients per year.

These examples show how crosstabulations can be used as a tool to assist in researching a specific problem. Future uses of the data accumulated for this project may provide the opportunity to utilize this analytical tool.

TABLE 3-5

Crosstabulation of Gross Income by Years of Operation: Air Taxi

	Years in Operation					Row Total
	1-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	more than 20 years	
Gross Income						
0-5000	1					1
5100-20000	1	1			2	4
51000-75000	1	1	1			3
101000-200000	1	1	1	1		4
201000-300000		2		1		3
501000-1000000	1		1		2	4
over 1000000				1	1	2
Column Total	5	5	3	3	5	21

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TABLE 3-6

Crosstabulation of Gross Income by Years of Operation: Guides

	Years in Operation						Row Total
	1 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16-20 years	more than 20 years	
Gross Income							
5100-20000	1	1	2	1		1	6
21000-30000		1	1				2
31000-50000	1	1	1		1		4
51000-75000			1				1
76000-100000		1		1			2
101000-200000		1		2	1		4
Column Total	2	5	5	4	2	1	19

Bristol Bay Survey, 1986

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TABLE 3-7

Crosstabulation of Gross Income by Years of Operation: Lodges

	Years in Operation					Row Total
	1-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	more than 20 years	
Gross Income						
21000-30000			1			1
31000-50000			1			1
51000-75000			1		1	2
76000-100000	1		1			2
101000-200000		1	2		1	4
201000-300000	1			1		2
301000-400000		1	1	1		3
401000-500000		1	2		1	4
501000-1000000		1		3	1	5
Column Total	2	4	9	5	4	24

Bristol Bay Survey, 1986

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TABLE 3-8

Total Clients per Year vs Recent Trend in Repeat Clients: Air Taxis

	Total Clients Per Year: /Air Taxis					Row Total
	1 to 100	102 to 200	201 to 300	601 to 700	801 to 900	
Trend in Repeat Clients						
increased	8	5	1	1	1	16
remained constant	2	1				3
Column Total	10	6	1	1	1	19

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TABLE 3-9

Total Clients per Year vs Recent Trend in Repeat Clients: Guides

	Total Clients Per Year: Guides		Row Total
	1 to 100	102 to 200	
Trend in Repeat Clients			
increased	10	1	11
remained constant	4	1	5
Column Total	14	2	16

Bristol Bay Survey, 1986

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TABLE 3-10

Total Clients per Year vs Recent Trend in Repeat Clients: Lodges

	Total Clients Per Year: Lodges				Row Total
	1 to 100	102 to 200	201 to 300	401 to 500	
Trend in Repeat Clients					
increased	3	8	4	1	16
remained constant	3	2	3		8
Column Total	6	10	7	1	24

Bristol Bay Survey, 1986

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4.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 INTRODUCTION

The Bristol Bay Coastal Resource Service Area (CRSA) initiated this study of commercial recreation service providers to obtain information on the characteristics of commercial recreation activities in the Nushagak-Mulchatna River drainages. Two major products were developed as part of the commercial recreation study: a current directory of air taxi, guide and lodge operators currently providing commercial recreation services in the study area, and data collected through a survey of these operators.

The directory is a means of future communication and coordination between the CRSA Board and commercial recreation service providers. Data collected increases CRSA board, and other government agency, understanding of recreation needs and issues. This will result in facilitating incorporation of recreation considerations into permit review and planning activities.

4.2 SUMMARY OF DATA ANALYSIS

A short summary of selected data on commercial recreation characteristics is presented below:

OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS

Number and Type of Commercial Service Operator

	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
Sample TOTAL 71	24	22	25
Population TOTAL 127	42	47	38

CLIENT PROFILE

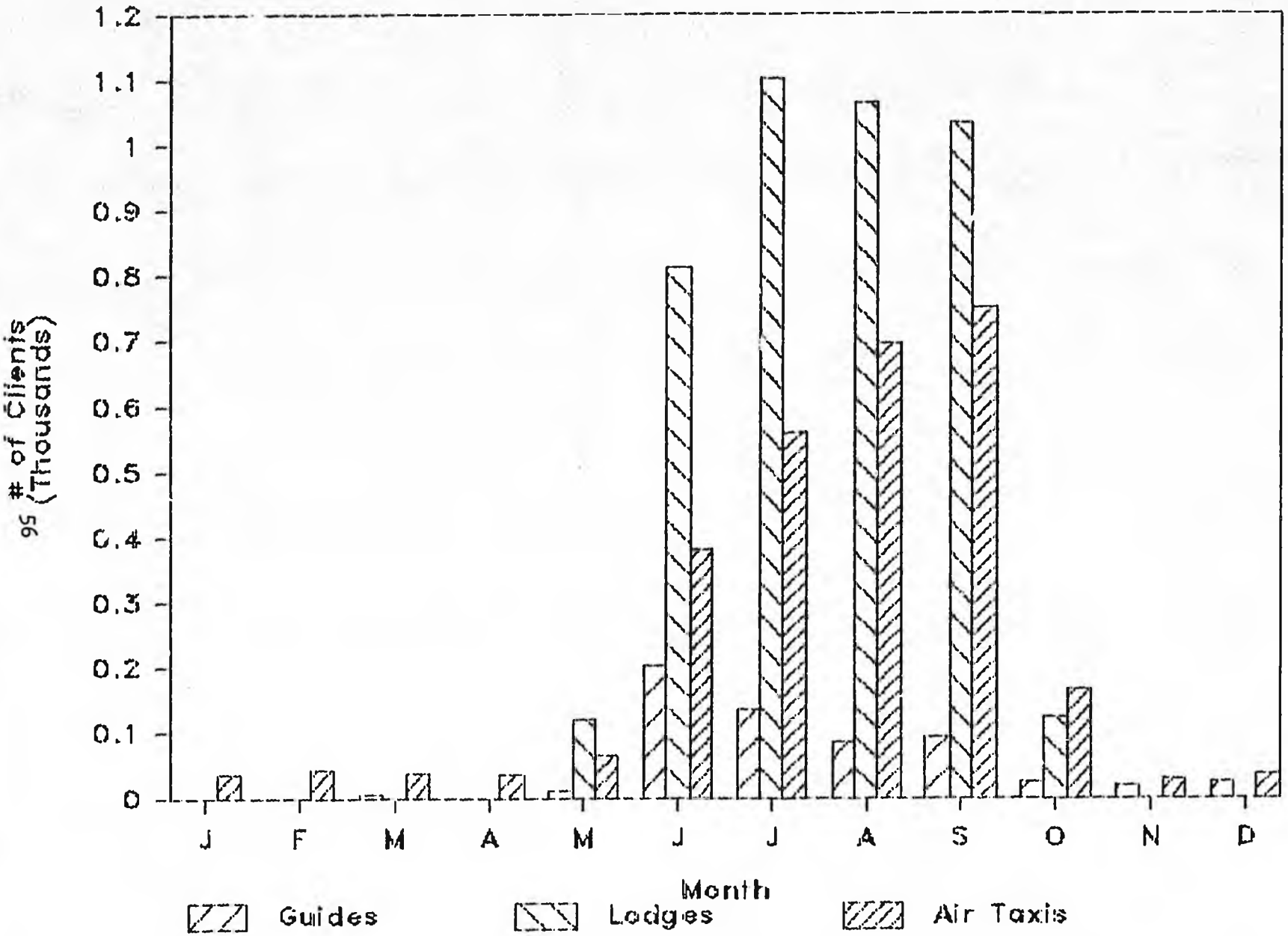
Average and Total # of Clients 1985

SAMPLE	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
Average	141	35	170
Total TOTAL 7673	2822	597	4254
POPULATION			
Projected	3300 to	926 to	5670 to
Total (90% Confidence Level)	8552	2378	7262

Clients by Month of Operation

See Figure 4-1

Figure 4--1 1985 Clients by Month



ACTIVITY PREFERENCES

Primary Activities Sought by Client (Ranking by total points)

Activity	Air Taxis	# of 1st Preference
Fishing	46	10
Hunting	39	7
Boating/rafting	22	1

	Guides	# of 1st Preference	Lodges	# of 1st Preference
Rainbow Trout	123	2	240	11
King Salmon	105	4	223	10
Silver Salmon	107	0	190	1
Guided Boating	112	8	30	0
Moose Hunting	42	1	22	0
Bear Hunting	47	2	14	0
Caribou Hunting	42	1	29	0

INCOME AND EXPENSES

Average Estimated Gross Income
(average of point estimate)

Air Taxi	$194,762
Guide	$ 56,447
Lodge	$354,792

Projected Total Study Area Income of Operator Population
(point estimate)

Air Taxi	$ 8,810,004
Guide	$ 2,653,009
Lodge	$13,492,096
TOTAL	$24,955,109

EMPLOYMENT

Maximum # of Employees Per Month by Category

	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
Guides	7	35	111
Pilots	82	2	45
Cooks	0	7	67
Maintenance	29	12	4
Management/Marketing	34	4	4

AREA USE PERCEPTIONS

Perception of Restrictions to Access (% of Sample)

	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
Access Restrictions From National Park Creation or Expansion	55	40	48
Access Restrictions From Conveyance of Land to Native Corporations	50	40	75
Hunting and Fishing Restrictions on National Parks	45	10	40
Other Restrictions	5	25	20
No Change In Use	25	30	20

Changes in Areas Used for Recreation Since 1981 (% of Sample)

	Air Taxis	Guides	Lodges
Decline in Quality From Crowding	41	55	80
Decline in Abundance of Fish	23	5	36
Decline in Abundance of Wildlife	14	10	16

DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVITY AND EFFORT

Distribution of Air Taxi Activity by Subregion

See Figure 4-2

Distribution of Guide Activity by Subregion

See Figure 4-3

Distribution of Lodge Activity by Subregion

See Figure 4-4

For further information on survey results, refer to Chapter 3.0 of this report.

Client Residency

See Figure 4-5

Figure 4—2 Air Activity Distribution

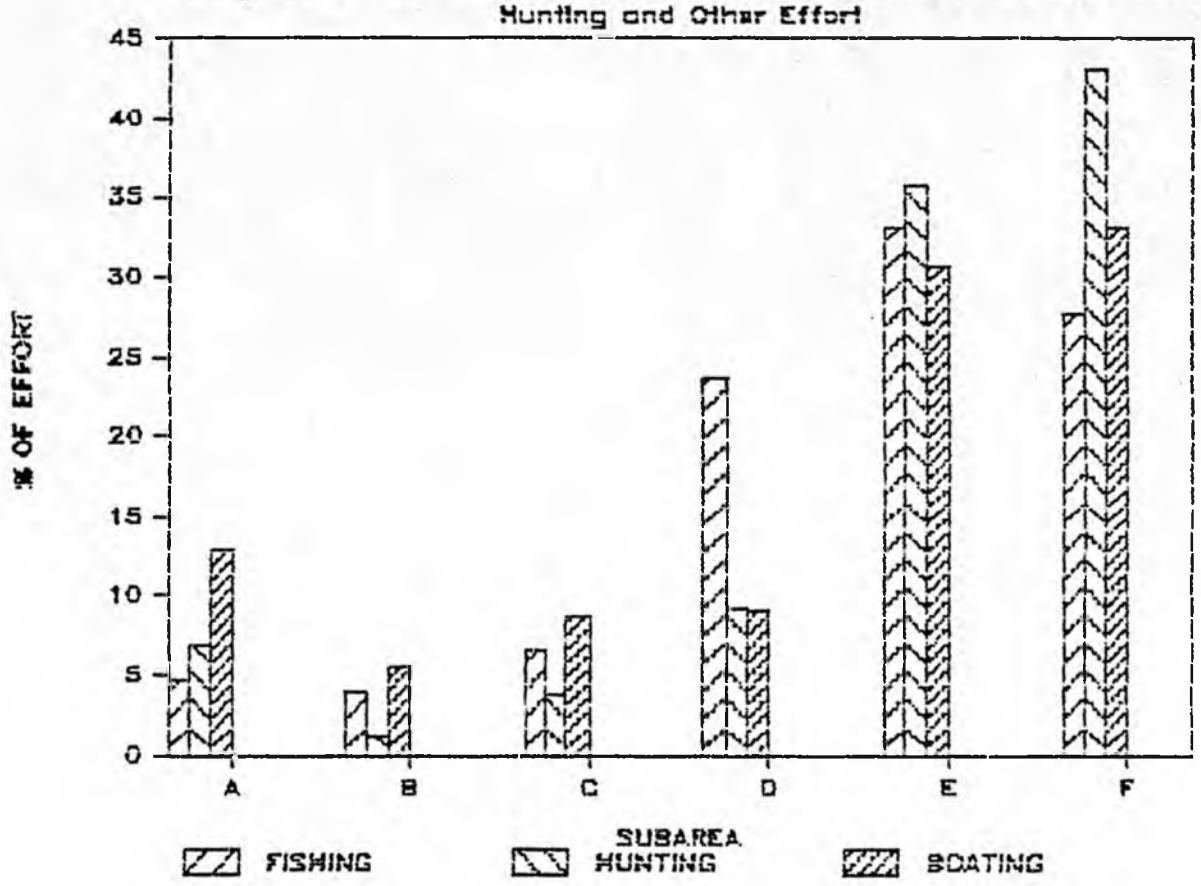


Figure 4—3 Guide Activity Distribution

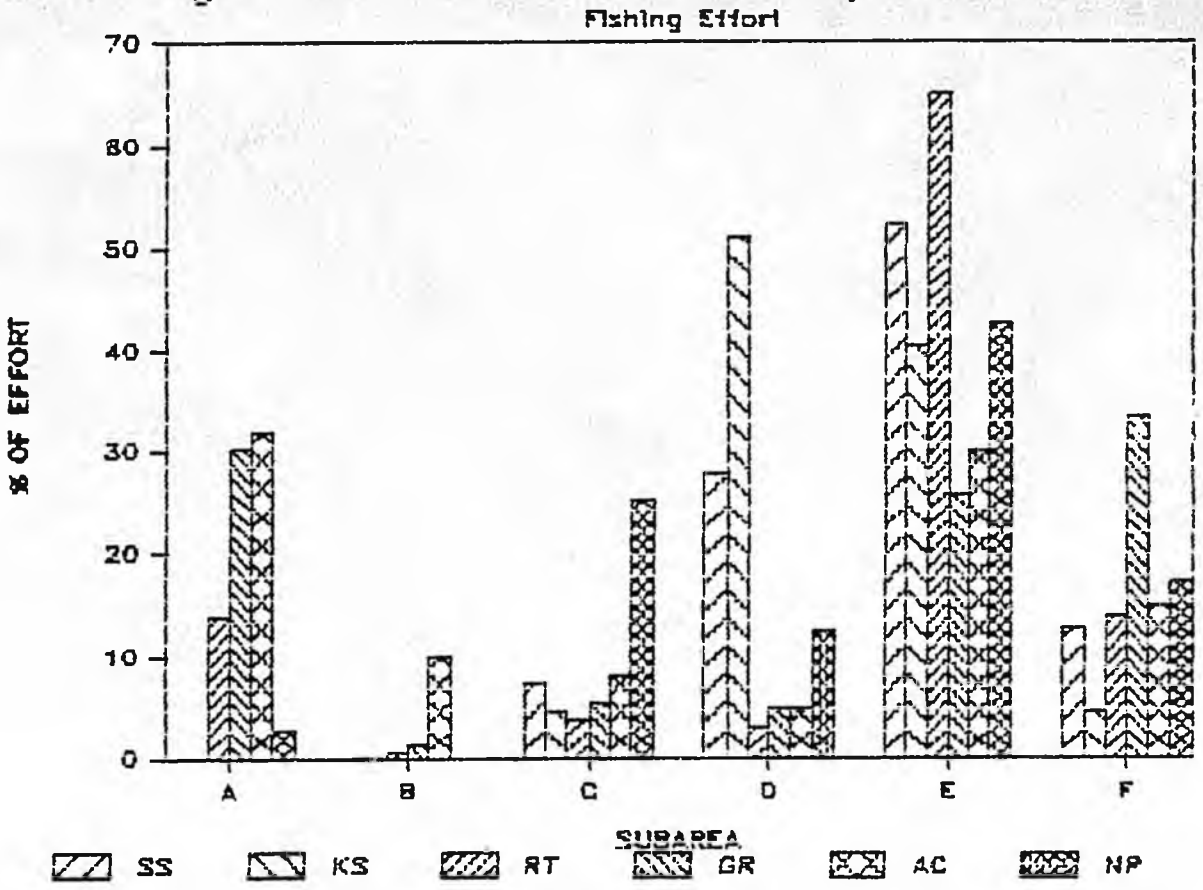


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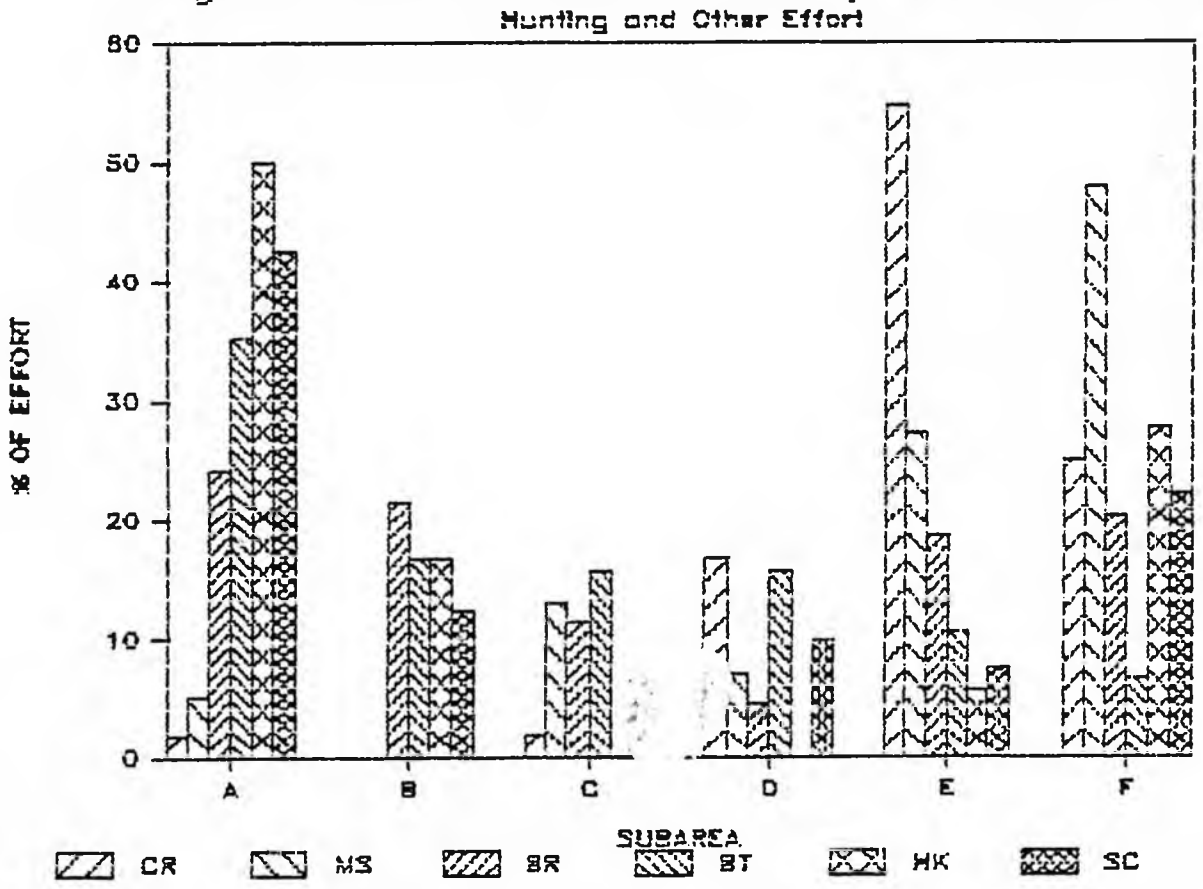


Figure 4-4 Lodge Activity Distribution

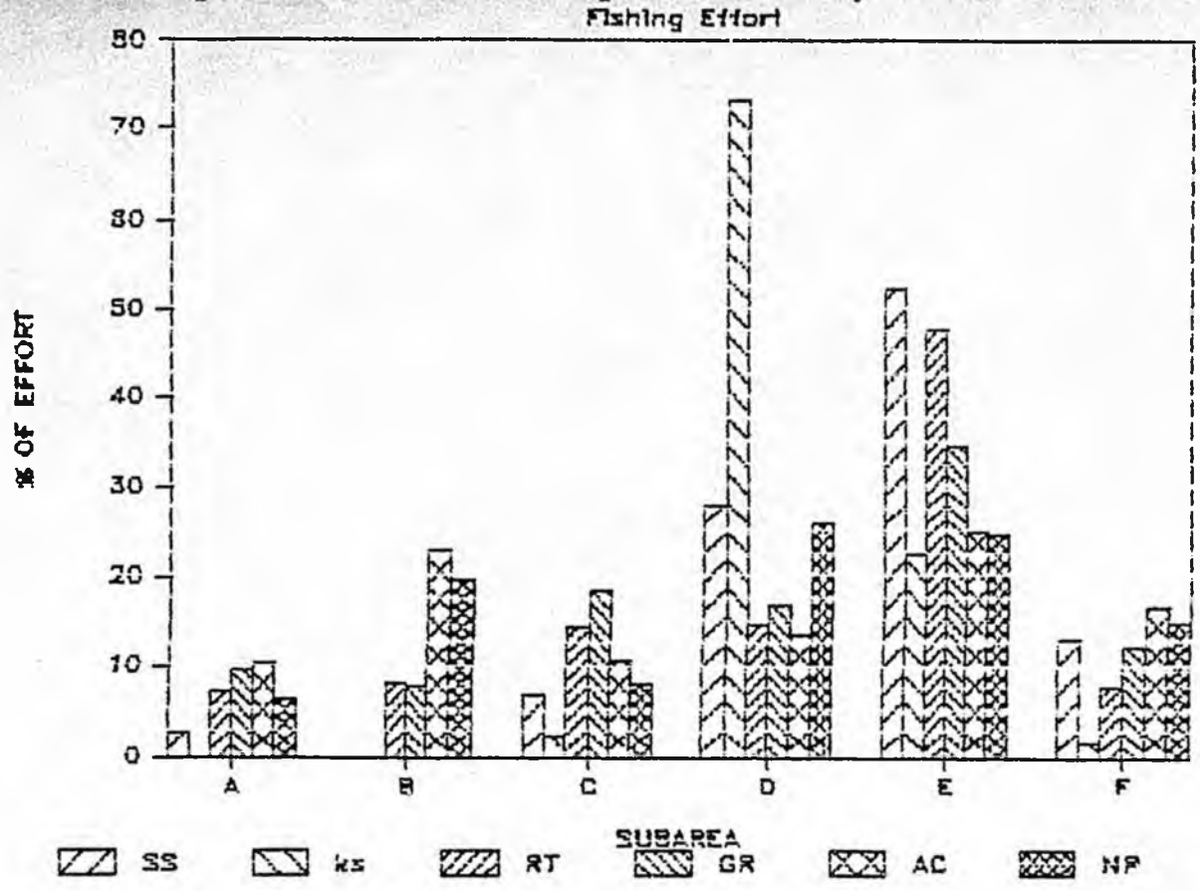


Figure 4-4 Lodge Activity Distribution

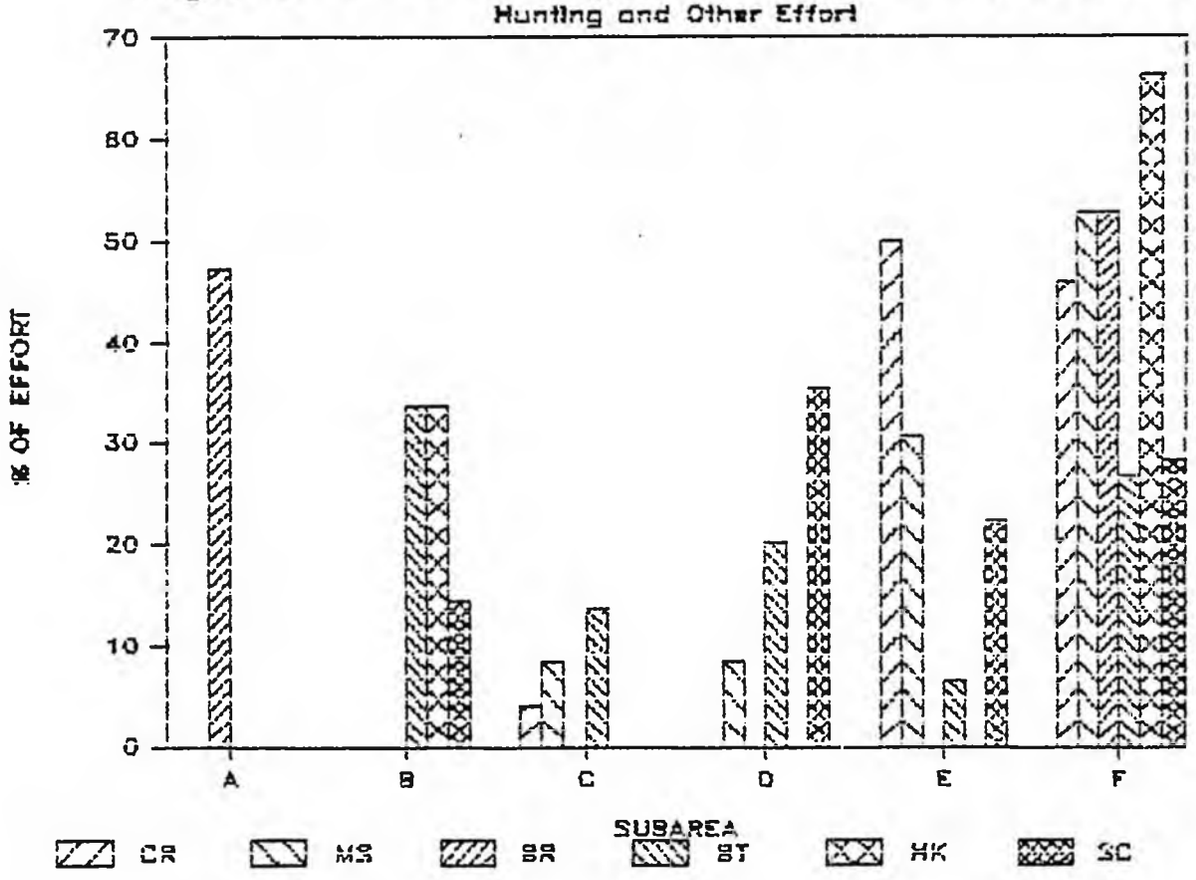


Figure 4–5a Client Residence:Air Taxi

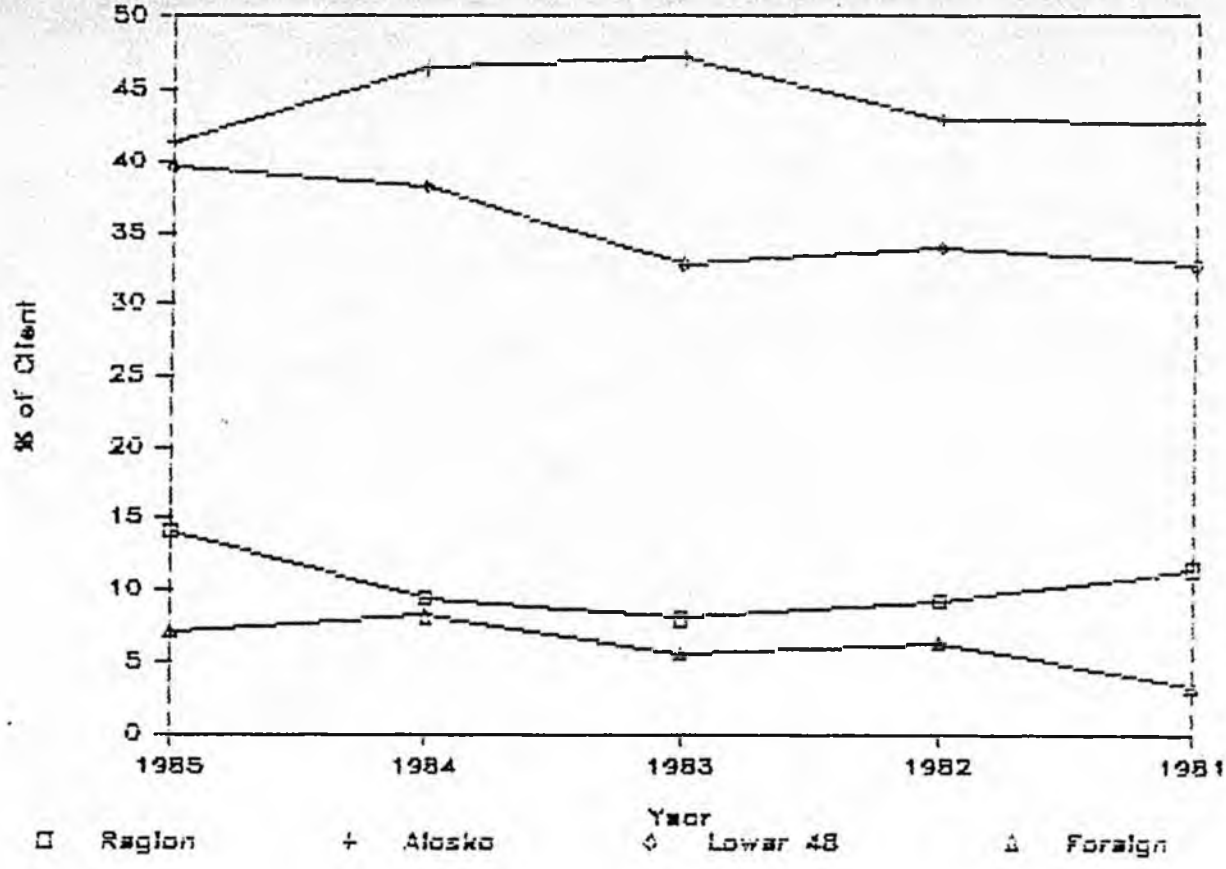


Figure 4–5b Client Residence:Guide

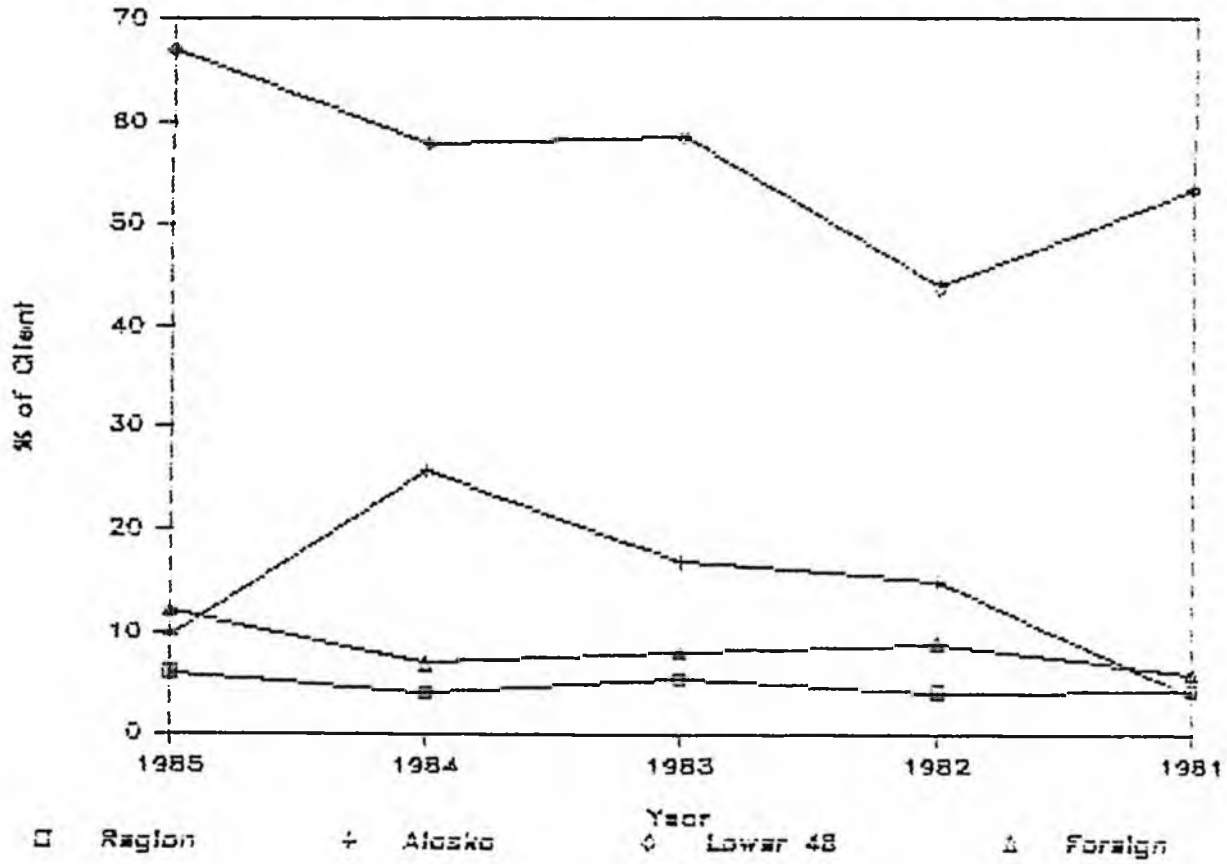
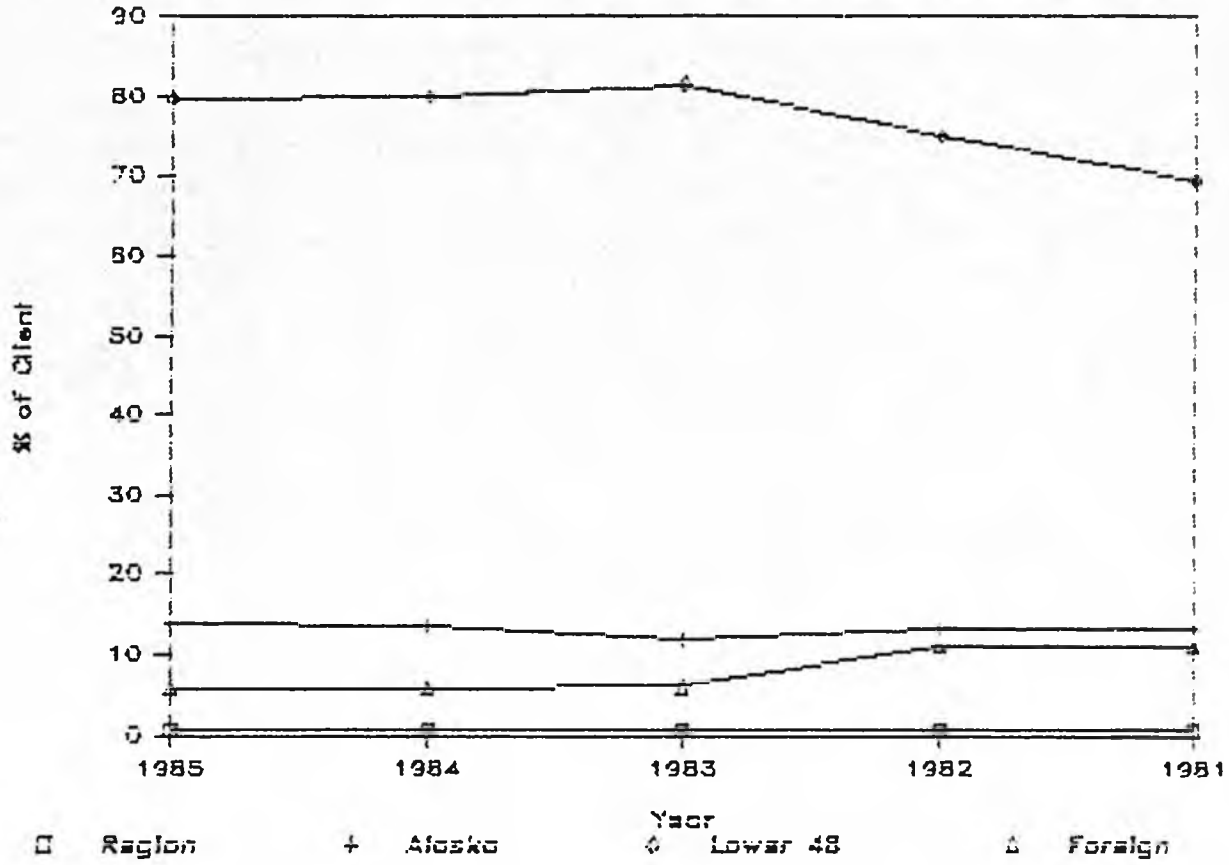


Figure 4-5c Client Residence:Lodge



4.3 COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

COMMUNICATION

The relative lack of communication between commercial recreation service providers and residents of the region has historically limited cooperation between the two groups. At the outset of the project, an atmosphere of mutual suspicion existed between the Bristol Bay CRSA and commercial service providers. The CRSA was aware of potential conflicts between recreation activities and other uses of area resources, primarily subsistence and commercial fishing. The CRSA realized they knew little of the extent and nature of commercial recreation activities and sponsored this study to obtain information. The study revealed that most commercial recreation service providers knew little of the purpose and responsibilities of the Bristol Bay CRSA, and what interests they represented. Service providers were also unclear as to the purpose of collecting survey data and how the data would be used.

As contact was made with service providers and communication initiated between providers and CRSA staff, providers were made aware of the purpose of the study and the CRSA became aware of some of the problems faced by service providers. Once the survey effort got underway, service providers showed exemplary cooperation in participating in the survey. The CRSA began notifying service providers on issues such as House Bill 440, that proposes the establishment of a recreation management plan for the area covered by the Bristol Bay Area plan, which includes the study area.

Improved communication has not alleviated the responsibility of the CRSA to make permit recommendations and conduct future planning in a manner that balances the various uses of CRSA resources or the fact that CRSA actions can impact commercial recreation uses and activities. However, it has indicated that both groups have some mutual concerns and can benefit by working together in the future.

COORDINATION

In a sense, service providers are both potential permit applicants and a constituent group that could provide input to the CRSA on consistency recommendations. Continued coordination is the best means of keeping channels of communication open between the CRSA and recreation service providers. For the purpose of coordination, the CRSA should either utilize existing service provider associations within the study area or work with providers to form a recreation provider working group. Once representation on the working group is finalized, two options for coordinating activities are recommended: keeping service providers informed of applicable permits before the CRSA Board for consistency review, and seeking provider input as appropriate during consistency review and future planning efforts.

Keeping Commercial Recreation Service Providers Informed

During the consistency review process, the CRSA board should consider notifying commercial service providers of any permits that could adversely impact commercial recreation activities and incorporate service provider concerns into the review. This could be done by either contacting the individual providers potentially affected or the recreation provider working group, depending on the

scale of the activity. Notification would also be provided of appropriate planning activities sponsored by either the CRSA, or other parties. In both cases, it would then be the responsibility of commercial recreation service providers to initiate participation in public comment or planning processes.

Seeking Input

In the second option, the CRSA seeks to more actively involve service providers in consistency review and planning activities. In addition to notifying service providers of applicable permits and planning activities, CRSA staff would also ask for input on the proposed action for consideration during the consistency recommendation process. Service provider input would be considered along with input from other affected parties in the area such as villages, private landowners such as Native corporations and commercial fishing groups. The CRSA would only be committed to reviewing input, and it is recommended that recreation service providers still comment on permit actions through existing public review processes.

Where planning activities are involved, CRSA staff would work with service providers to ensure their representation on planning teams, as appropriate with other interest groups in the region.

4.4 POLICY IMPLEMENTATION AND FUTURE PLANNING

CONSISTENCY REVIEW PROCESS

The information provided by this study can be used by the Bristol Bay CRSA in making consistency recommendations in the Nushagak and Mulchatna river watersheds.

Consistency of Recreation Activity Permits

The CRSA may eventually be faced with a consistency review of a permit for an activity associated with commercial recreation, such as construction of a new lodge. Data presented in this study will be useful in evaluating potential effects of recreation on other coastal resource uses and activities, and consistency with policies in the Bristol Bay CRSA Coastal Management Plan. With a better understanding of the distribution and characteristics of commercial recreation activities, the need for requesting additional data (with a potential delay in permit review) should be reduced. For example, the CRSA now knows more about potential numbers of clients, equipment used for access and types of waste disposal facilities. Similarly, the ability to work with service providers to agree on conditions that make proposed actions consistent with program policies will be enhanced.

Consistency of Other Permits with Recreation Activities

Certain types of activities subject to consistency review, such as placer mining and large scale logging operations, have potential adverse effects on recreation, subsistence, commercial fishing and other resource uses. Stipulations can be recommended in order to minimize detrimental impacts, particularly during the CRSA's consistency review of permit application.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A major study objective of the CRSA was to develop a database on recreation activities that could be used in future planning activities. Of particular concern is the management of recreation to maintain the quality of the resource and minimize conflicts with other uses and activities.

House Bill 440/Recreation Management Plan

Alaska House of Representatives Bill 440 (HB 440), introduced by Representative Adelheid Herrmann during the 1986 session, did not pass in the Senate. The bill would require preparation of a Recreation Management Plan for the geographic area contained within the Bristol Bay Area Plan. It implements a recommendation by the Bristol Bay Area Plan to prepare a recreation management plan.

The impetus to this bill is the observed growth of commercial and public recreation within the Bristol Bay Region, that could potentially result in degradation of the quality of recreation and increased conflicts with other resource users, particularly subsistence users. Passage of the bill was supported by the CRSA, communities within the CRSA and several commercial recreation service providers. One of the most important provisions of HB 440 is the deferral of development of permanent commercial recreation facilities until a management plan is adopted.

Both the Commercial Recreation Service Provider Directory and the data presented in this study would be useful in preparing the Recreation Management Plan. The directory would be useful in contacting commercial recreation service providers for participation in the planning process and any additional survey work that may be required for other portions of the region. If desirable, the survey could be used to obtain data on recreation characteristics from portions of the Bristol Bay region not addressed by this study. Finally the data from this study could be used to develop management guidelines for recreation activities in the Nushagak and Mulchatna River watersheds.

AMSA's and other Planning Activities

Most of the study applications discussed above could be used for other planning applications. If preparation of a recreation management plan is not feasible in the near term, the coastal management process of Area Meriting Special Attention (AMSA) designation could be used to develop policy guidance for recreation activities. Preparation of an AMSA plan for the Nushagak-Mulchatna river drainages would require assembling a planning team that, at a minimum, would include representatives of the following groups: CRSA board, affected villages, commercial recreation service providers and the Alaska Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Game.

The AMSA process would likely evaluate all the resource uses taking place within the area, including subsistence and potential resource extraction. The plan would develop policy guidelines that could be implemented through coastal management consistency and potentially through Memoranda of Understanding with state permitting agencies.

The CRSA is also interested in more detailed data collection and planning for the study area to avoid potential conflicts over resource use. Maps of the area were prepared at a scale of 1:63,360 and village workshops have been discussed.

Information obtained from this study will be beneficial in determining the extent, and intensity, of recreational use in the Nushagak-Mulchatna river drainages. This will result in aiding governmental agencies in resolving both existing, and potential, conflicts between recreational activities and subsistence, commercial fishing and other resource uses.

APPENDIX A: DIRECTORY

5.1 METHODOLOGY

OBJECTIVE

To develop a directory of commercial recreation service providers currently operating on the Nushagak and Mulchatna River drainages. Such providers include air taxi, guide and lodge operations.

DIRECTORY COMPILATION

The development of an updated directory of recreation service providers using the Nushagak and Mulchatna River drainages involved the review of numerous primary and secondary data sources. Primary sources included personal contact with persons knowledgeable about existing operators in these drainages, while secondary sources entailed the review of both published and unpublished materials that revealed information about air, guide and lodge operators in and around the study area.

First, primary sources were contacted. They provided not only information about operators within the study area, but also other potentially valuable primary and secondary sources. Additional primary sources were subsequently contacted prior to all secondary sources. Next, secondary sources of information were reviewed for commercial service providers operating in the study area. (Lists of both primary and secondary sources follow.)

Finally, all potential commercial recreation providers in the study area were entered into a computer data base to create a draft directory. After the information was entered, a cross-check was run to eliminate any duplication of service provider records. (It should be noted, however, that where a contact person operated more than one service, a separate record for each service was entered into the data base. For instance, where the same contact person operated an air taxi and guide service with different business names, both business names were entered into the data base.)

After completing the draft directory, telephone contact was attempted with each recreation service provider listed in the data base. If reached, operators were asked if they had used the Nushagak or Mulchatna River drainages to provide recreation services during the 1985 or previous seasons. If so, the operator or contact person was given a brief description of the study and notified of the upcoming survey. Names of contact persons, winter and summer addresses, and phone numbers of the operator were verified. Operators that indicated they had either never used, or had not recently used, the Nushagak or Mulchatna drainages were deleted from the draft data base of service providers.

In some instances, current telephone numbers were not available for operators either from the original primary or secondary sources of information, or from other service providers. (Telephone books and information were checked as well.) In most of these cases, the operators' names and addresses were left on the directory so they could be sent mail questionnaires.

The survey questionnaire was developed and administered as either a face to face interview or mail out. A few mail surveys were returned non-deliverable and were deleted from the directory. Also many operators, upon reviewing the questionnaire, realized they did not operate in the study area and were also dropped from the directory. A few more names were added, however, as the survey respondents revealed new businesses.

The directory computer data base was updated to reflect the final information, including changes in names and addresses and a current directory was printed.

SOURCES

The following is a list of the primary and secondary sources used to compile the final recreation service provider directory. Primary sources area accompanied by brief descriptions. Secondary sources are listed in the order of their usefulness to the development of the final directory product.

Primary Sources

1. George Heim, Alaska Wilderness Guides Association, 1831 Kuskokwim, Anchorage, Alaska 99508. Alaska Wilderness Guides Association is a non-profit corporation that was created to provide business and operating skills, and medical and mountain rescue training to wilderness guides throughout Alaska. The association also assists guides in coordinating operations with various government agency regulations.

2. Ron Dalby, Alaska Magazine, 201 East 56th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99502. Alaska Magazine compiles a brief listing of air taxi operators in Alaska through their list of advertising clients. Other information regarding operators on the Nushagak and Mulchatna River drainages was obtained through Ron Dalby's personal knowledge.

3. Hunter Fisher Taxidermists, 5306 Arctic Boulevard, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Provided personal knowledge of guide, air taxi and lodge operators who operate in the study area.

4. Carole Guffy, The Fish Specialist, 3421 West 34th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Provided personal knowledge of guide and air taxi operators who might provide recreational services in the Nushagak and Mulchatna drainages.

5. Donna and Russ Redick, Directors of the Alaska Professional Sport Fishing Association, 3605 Arctic Boulevard, #800, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. As the head of the Alaska Professional Sport Fishing Association and through their own personal knowledge, the Redicks were able to provide several sources of information, as well as names and contact persons of air taxi, guide and lodge owners operating in the Nushagak and Mulchatna drainages.

The following sources also suggested secondary sources of information, in addition to providing their own directories of recreation service providers in the Nushagak/Mulchatna river drainage system.

6. Dan Hourihan, Wood-Tikchik State Park, Dillingham, Alaska

7. Alice Ruby, Choggiung Limited

8. Paul Haertel, Lake Clark National Park, National Park Service

9. Dave Morris, Katmai National Park, National Park Service

10. Dick Mylius, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands, Anchorage, Alaska

11. Eric Minard, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Commercial Fishing Division, Dillingham, Alaska

12. Lew Gwartney, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fishing Division, Dillingham, Alaska

13. Lee Hodgkiss, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Secondary Sources

1. List of Certified Air Taxi Operators, July 1985. The list of certified air taxi operators is an excellent, comprehensive directory published annually by the Federal Aviation Administration, Flight Standards Division in Anchorage, Alaska. The list gives information on the base of operation, name of business, address, rating held, area of operations and operating certification number.

2. Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Guide Licensing and Control Board, 1985 State of Alaska Guide Register. The Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Division of Tourism, provides an annually updated list of guides and the Game Management Units in which they operate. Since the Nushagak and Mulchatna River drainages fall within Game Management Unit Number 17, all operators licensed to operate in Unit 17 were included in the draft directory.

3. Alaska and Canada's Yukon Vacation Planner. Published annually by the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, the Vacation Planner is an excellent source of information on guides, air taxi operators and lodge owners throughout Alaska. Its directory of visitor services presented by intrastate air transportation, wilderness lodges and guide operations proved it to be especially useful in determining which commercial recreation providers operated in the Nushagak and Mulchatna River drainages.

4. U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Alaska Region. Comprehensive lists of guides, air taxi services and lodges authorized to provide visitor services in the Lake Clark and Katmai National Park and Preserve areas. Requirements for inclusion on the list include possession of a current Alaska State Business License and proof of adequate insurance. The information includes a breakdown of companies by type of service offered, with names, addresses and phone numbers.

5. U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. Annually updated list of guide and air taxi operators with

special use permits for the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. Includes names of business, contact persons and addresses.

6. Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks, Wood-Tikchik State Park. Comprehensive directory of permitted guides and lodge owners in Wood-Tikchik State Park. The list is a result of operators responding to advertisements requesting input for the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Plan.

7. Alaskan Air Taxi Operators Registered Under 298. List of air taxi operators prepared by the U.S. Department of Transportation (formerly the Civil Aeronautics Board). The list is comprised of insured operators and is updated as new air taxi operators are registered.

8. Choggiung Limited 1985 Special Land Use Permits. List of permits granted by Choggiung Limited to recreational users of Portage Creek. Provider's names of businesses that received permits for the 1985 sport fishing season, addresses and contact names.

9. Alaska Department of Revenue, 1985 Business License File. Business license file was reviewed using the Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) of the following:

   a. Class 45 - Transportation by Air
      Subclass 4521 - Air Taxi Operators, Non-certified and Flying Charter Service, Non-certified.

   b. Class 70 - Hotels and Other Lodging Places
      Subclass 7032 - Fishing Camps

   c. Class 7999 - Fishing and Hunting Guides

   The subclassifications were reviewed by city, which included Anchorage, Dillingham, Ekwok, Iliamna, King Salmon, Koliganek, Levelock, Nondalton, Newhalen, New Stuyahok, Pedro Bay and Port Alsworth.

10. Certificated Alaskan 401 Carriers. The Certificated Alaskan Carriers list is prepared by the U.S. Department of Transportation and is comprised of air taxi operations that are certified to perform scheduled flights between any two points in the United States. Carriers are added to the list as they become certified.

5.2 UPDATE AND MAINTENANCE

The compilation of the current directory was a relatively time-consuming task that revealed the fact that there is not one simple method available for keeping the directory up to date and current. One reason is that licensing or permits are not required for all operations in all regions of the study area. Also, there are many operations that are viable, but are secondary occupations for their owners. Many such businesses are not listed in the usual sources. Also, many operations rely on word of mouth and repeat clients for their business and do not advertise. Such businesses may not appear in any primary or secondary source either.

The use of a computer data base, however, would be effective for ease of maintenance. Up to date information would be gleaned from surveying the primary and secondary sources listed as well as additional sources as they arise in the future. As the new listings become available and are entered, the computer data base would be used for cross-checking data and eliminating duplications. Yearly maintenance would be required at a minimum.

APPENDIX B: SURVEY INSTRUMENTS

6.1 SURVEY DEVELOPMENT METHODOLOGY

OBJECTIVE

The principal objective of the survey instrument was to gather comprehensive information on the characteristics of commercial recreation use in the Nushagak and Mulchatna River drainages.

SURVEY POPULATION

A directory of air taxi operations, guides, lodges and combinations of the first three, was developed for the study area and became the survey population. (Please refer to Appendix A for a more detailed discussion of the directory.)

TABLE 3-1*
POPULATION AND SAMPLE SIZE BY OPERATOR TYPE

Population

Total Number in Directory	185
Did Not Operate in Study Area	(48)
Returned Non-deliverable	(10)
Revised Population	127

Sample

Completed Face to Face	52
Completed Mail Surveys	20
Total Non-respondents	(55)
Total Respondents (Sample Size)	72
Proportion of Sample to Population	57%

Breakdown by Type of Respondent

	Population	Sample	% of Population
Air Taxi	42	24	57
Guide	47	22	47
Lodge	38	25	66

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*Table 3-1 first appears in Section 3

QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGN

The design of the questionnaire was one of the most important phases of the study. The questionnaire had to be designed to ask the appropriate questions to solicit the desired information, yet it had to be readable, clearly understandable and the answers had to be given in a format that would enable computer tabulation for analysis. Additionally, three survey instruments would be needed to specifically address operators within the three categories (air taxis, guides and lodges).

A preliminary survey questionnaire prototype was designed that addressed aspects of commercial recreation service providers use. The questionnaire started with basic information such as the date, interviewer's name, the name and address of service provider and the purpose of the survey. The body of the questionnaire was divided into three parts as follows:

Part 1
1) History of Operation
2) Access to Operation
3) Marketing and Advertising
4) Client Profile
5) Income, Expenses and Operational Costs
6) Personnel
7) Equipment

Part 2 Each question in Part Two asked for information on the following by location within six divisions of the study area:
1) Facility Type
2) Facility Type and Client Capacity
3) Water, Wastewater and Refuse Systems
4) Fishing by Species
5) Policy on Limits and Catch and Release by Species (not by location)
6) Fishing by Species and Month
7) Hunting by Species
8) Hunting by Species and Month
9) Other Activities Preferences
10) Other Activities by Preference and Month

Part 3 Maps were provided with each questionnaire for mapping recreation service facilities and use areas.
1) Facilities and Access Areas
2) Sport Fishing Areas (Regularly Utilized)
3) Sport Hunting Areas (Regularly Utilized)
4) Boat/Float Trip Areas

A base map of the study area was produced by combining information provided by the Bristol Bay Coastal Resource Service Area (CRSA) with U.S. Geological Survey mylar base maps provided by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Bristol Bay Cooperative Management Program. The area encompassed the entire drainage area for both the Nushagak and Mulchatna Rivers and was divided into six sections. The six units, labeled A through F, divide both the rivers and the Wood-Tikchik State Park (part of the Nushagak River system) into lower and upper sections. The base map was used to produce a blueline map of the study area and its subdivisions to accompany the questionnaire for answering Part 3.

The preliminary questionnaire was then reviewed by the CRSA and two agencies: the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Both agencies extensively reviewed the questionnaire, met with the planners and provided comprehensive written comments that resulted in both modifications and the addition of several questions to the questionnaire.

A pre-test was conducted simultaneously using two representatives from each user group to insure that the questionnaire was readily understood by the respondents, produced relevant results and trained the surveyors. To maintain an unaffected original sample, respondents were chosen that did not operate within the study area.

All comments provided by the CRSA and the state agencies were reviewed by the study team and incorporated within the questionnaire. Final adjustments were also made according to comments and concerns raised by the pre-test, including:

A. Naming the three parts as follows:
   Part One: General Characteristics
   Part Two: Primary Resource and Equipment Use
   Part Three: Mapping

B. Adding two categories to the first part, called "Rates" and "Perceptions".
C. Part Three categories were given letter symbols and were organized as follows:
   1) Facilities and Access Areas
   2) Regularly Used Sport Fish Areas
   3) Regularly Used Sport Hunting Areas
   4) Float Trip Areas

D. Clarifying most of the questions to enhance response.

Next, the questionnaire was edited and simplified to reduce the overall length. The main body of the questions was then adapted to develop three separate questionnaires that specifically addressed the three user groups, although the same map would be used throughout. The final three questionnaires were subsequently approved for use by the CRSA.

6.2 SURVEY EXECUTION

The survey population was subdivided to execute the survey. Two groups of face to face candidates were identified that included operations headquartered in Anchorage and operations based in the Bristol Bay CRSA region. The consultant study team conducted face to face interviews in Anchorage and the CRSA staff interviewed the Bristol Bay operations. All other operations fell into the third group which became the mail survey sample. Anchorage and Bristol Bay operations that could not be reached by telephone also belonged to the mail survey sample. To insure uniformity, the same survey questionnaires were used for the face to face interviews as the mail survey. Both an introductory cover letter and brief summary of the survey purpose and objectives were included with each mail survey.

A list of commercial recreation providers headquartered in the Bristol Bay region and the appropriate number of survey questionnaires was sent to the CRSA for the staff to begin local interviews. Meanwhile, operators based in the Anchorage area were contacted and interview appointments were scheduled. (The length of the face to face interviews averaged approximately 45 minutes.) The remainder of the operators in the directory were sent mail surveys.

The survey execution process revealed new information. Many of the operators that could not be reached during the compilation of the original directory were reached at this point of the survey execution. Several of these operators indicated that they did not operate within the study area. Others had operated in the study area during previous years and were planning to in the future, but did not in 1985. Those people were also interviewed. Additionally, a few more businesses in the area were revealed and added to the directory and survey population.

Subsequent mail surveys were sent as calls to arrange interviews revealed that the operators could not be reached due to out-of-state winter headquarters, vacations or other reasons. Also, a few operators never responded to messages left either on their answering machines, or with their answering services, and thus were mailed surveys.

Another group of operators fell within the category of "returned, non-deliverable". Phone numbers were sought, but many did not have listings. This group remained unreachable.

Finally, calls were made to mail survey recipients that had not responded to inquire whether or not they had received the survey questionnaire, if they operated in the area and would they please respond. At this time, several indicated that once they looked at the questionnaire, they realized they did not operated within the study area. Others said they had not received the questionnaire and requested a new one which resulted in another mail out. Also a few never responded to the calls. There were a few individuals that refused to participate and there were also those that would not meet the interviewer, but most operators were friendly and cooperative.

The directory was finalized after all face to face interviews were completed and mail responses received.

6.3 BASIC SURVEY FORM

The questionnaire designed for the lodge operations formed the prototype survey questionnaire. The guide questionnaire differed only in question #25. The lodge questionnaire asked, "Do you contract out for your guide service?" Whereas, question #25 in the guide questionnaire read, "Do you sub-contract out for your guide service?" All other questions were identical between the two groups.

The air taxi questionnaire was substantially different from the other two. (This resulted from a pre-test finding indicating that air taxis could only provide limited detail on their recreation related activities.) It was shorter and less detailed as air taxi operators are more removed from the actual resources than either guides or lodge owners. Air taxis are the transportation means. Question #14 was simplified to only three primary activities: Fishing, Hunting and Boat/Raft Trip sought by clients (the comparable lodge and guide

question asked for the same information broken down by species and other activities). The greatest difference was in Part Two; the air taxi questionnaire did not include questions concerned with hunting and fishing.

A copy of the lodge survey questionnaire follows.

BRISTOL BAY COASTAL RESOURCE SERVICE AREA
COMMERCIAL RESOURCE USAGE SURVEY

DATE:_____ QUESTIONNAIRE #_____

INTERVIEWERS NAME:_____

NAME OF BUSINESS:_____

ADDRESS:_____

_____

OWNER:_____

PERSON COMPLETING SURVEY: _____

PURPOSE

This survey is being conducted by the Bristol Bay Coastal Resource Service Area Board. Its members are elected by the residents of the Bristol Bay region to oversee implementation of the region's coastal management program. The survey is part of a study of lodges, guides and air taxi operators that provide commercial recreation services on the Mulchatna and Nushagak River drainages.

The purpose of the study is to collect information on the location, timing and other use characteristics of commercial recreation activities that occur along both river drainages, as well as information on the general economic characteristics of these activities. The information collected will be used to increase resource managers' understanding of the extent and importance of commercial recreation activities in the area for future management decisions.

The study area includes the mouth of the Nushagak River to its headwaters in the Nushagak Hills, 100 miles northeast of Dillingham; the tributaries of the Nushagak River, including the Mulchatna and Chilikadrotna Rivers and their headwaters; and the Wood-Tikchik Lakes State Recreation Area (see areas A through F on the enclosed study area map).

The survey is divided into three parts: 1) general operating characteristics, 2) where activities take place within the study area and 3) mapping activities.

INSTRUCTIONS

ALL OF YOUR RESPONSES WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. YOU WILL NOT BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED IN ANY REPORT OR PRESENTATION.

If you own more than one operation, please fill out a separate questionnaire for each operation. Unless otherwise directed, all questions should be answered for the 1985 calendar year. A map of the study area is enclosed; please refer to it as necessary to answer the questions.

Any additional questions you may have on either the questionnaire or the study should be directed to:

Jon Isaacs
Jon Isaacs and Associates
2418 Forest Park Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
(907) 279-8900

PART ONE: GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

HISTORY OF OPERATION

1. Which of the following best describes the type of operation you have?

   1. Lodge
   2. Air Taxi
   3. Guide Service/Outfitters
   4. Combination of 1 and 2
   5. Combination of 2 and 3
   6. Combination of 1 and 3
   7. Combination of 1, 2 and 3
   8. Don't Know
   9. No Response

2. Is the business the sole or part-time occupation of the operator?

   1. Sole
   2. Part-time
   8. Don't Know
   9. No Response

   2a. If the business is a part-time occupation, what is the operator's other occupation?

   _____

3. How many years has this operation been in business while under the current owner?

1. 1-2 years
2. 3-5 years
3. 6-10 years
4. 11-15 years
5. 16-20 years
6. More than 20 years
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

4. How many years has this operation been in business while under prior owners?

1. None
2. 1-2 years
3. 3-5 years
4. 6-10 years
5. 11-15 years
6. 16-20 years
7. More than 20 years
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

5. Please circle the months of the year your business was in operation in the area identified on the map as the study area (including preseason start-up and post season clean-up):

1. January
2. February
3. March
4. April
5. May
6. June
7. July
8. August
9. September
10. October
11. November
12. December
13. All year
88. Don't Know
99. No Response

ACCESS TO OPERATION

6. What is the main means of access to your business operations? (Base camp is your primary facility in the study area; satellite camps include cabins and wall tent sites.)

	A. Plane	B. Boat	C. Road
1. Base Camp			
2. Satellite Camps			
3. Hunting Areas			
4. Fishing Areas			
5. Other			

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

MARKETING AND ADVERTISING

7. Which of the following media sources does your business use for advertising?

1. Magazines
2. Newspaper
3. Radio
4. Television
5. Brochures
6. Other _____
7. None
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

CLIENT PROFILE

8. How many clients did your business have during each month of 1985? (Estimate if necessary.)

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

9. Please estimate the average number of clients you had during the following years. (Mark N/A if you did not operate in a specific year.)

1984_____
1983_____
1982_____
1981_____
1980_____

10. Please estimate the percentage of your clientele during the last five years that fell within the following residency categories:

1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980

1. Bristol Bay region resident
2. Alaskan resident outside Bristol Bay region
3. Out of state, U.S. resident
4. International
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

11. Please estimate what percentage of your clientele during 1985 fell within the following age categories:

1. 0-17 _____%
2. 18-24 _____%
3. 25-34 _____%
4. 35-49 _____%
5. 50-64 _____%
6. 65+ _____%
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

12. During 1985, what percentage of your clientele were repeat clients?

1. _____%
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

13. Over the past several years, has the proportion of repeat clients to your business _____?

1. Increased
2. Decreased
3. Stayed the same
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

14. What is the primary activity sought by your clientele? Please rank (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) the preference of your clientele for the following activities: (Leave blank if your clients did not participate in a particular activity.)

FISHING

1. Rainbow Trout _____
2. Arctic Char _____
3. King Salmon _____
4. Silver Salmon _____
5. Grayling _____
6. Northern Pike _____

OTHER ACTIVITIES

07. Moose Hunting _____
08. Brown Bear Hunting _____
09. Caribou Hunting _____
10. Guided Boat/Raft Trip _____
11. Unguided Boat/Raft Trip _____

88. Don't Know
99. No Response

RATES

15. What is your current (1985) rate per client for a typical package? (Please indicate unit of time; a seven day package, for example.)

1. $_____ per _____
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

16. Does the package include round trip transportation from Anchorage?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

17. If not included in a standard package, what is the average cost per passenger for round trip transportation to your operation from Anchorage?

1. $_____
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

18. What other services, if any, does your lodge offer and how much do they cost? (Include units, such as per day or per hour, etc.)

SERVICE	FEE
1. _____	$_____
2. _____	$_____
3. _____	$_____
4. _____	$_____
5. _____	$_____

6. None
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

INCOME, EXPENSES AND OPERATIONAL COSTS

We are going to ask a few questions on the financial characteristics of your operation. This information will be kept STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL; it will be used only to prepare a general economic profile of the commercial recreation industry in the study area.

19. What is the range of your estimated gross income from your business operation for 1985?

1. $0-5,000
2. $5,100-20,000
3. $21,000-30,000
4. $31,000-50,000
5. $51,000-75,000
6. $76,000-100,000
7. $101,000-200,000
8. $201,000-300,000
9. $301,000-400,000
10. $401,000-500,000
11. $501,000-1,000,000
12. Over $1,001,000
88. Don't Know
99. No Response

20. Over the past several years, has the gross income from your business tended to _____?

1. Increase
2. Decrease
3. Stay the same
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

21. What is the range of your estimated total business expenses for the 1985 season?

1. $0-5,000
2. $5,100-20,000
3. $21,000-30,000
4. $31,000-50,000
5. $51,000-75,000
6. $76,000-100,000
7. $101,000-200,000
8. $201,000-300,000
9. $301,000-400,000
10. $401,000-500,000
11. $501,000-1,000,000
12. Over $1,001,000
88. Don't Know
99. No Response

22. Over the past several years, have your business expenses tended to _____?

1. Increase
2. Decrease
3. Stay the same
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

23. Please estimate what percentage of your gross business income during 1985 can be attributed to activities and operations in the study area?

1. _____%
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

24. Please estimate what percentage of your gross income from the 1985 season was spent in the study area?

1. _____%
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

PERSONNEL

25. Do you contract out for your guide service?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

26. What is the average guide to client ratio?

1. Number of Guides _____:_____ Number of Clients
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

27. For the following chart please indicate how many people you employed for each of the listed positions in the months designated:

1. Guides
2. Pilots
3. Cooks
4. Maintenance
5. Management/Marketing

#	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1.												
2.												
3.												
4.												
5.												

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

28. What is the <u>average</u> monthly salary for each of the following positions in your business operation?

1. Guides $_____/month
2. Pilots $_____/month
3. Cooks $_____/month
4. Maintenance $_____/month
5. Management/Marketing $_____/month
6. Other_____ $_____/month
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

29. What is the total number of local employees you hired <u>from the study area</u> during each month of the 1985 season?

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

EQUIPMENT

30. For the following section please indicate the number of each type of boat you use for your operation within the study area:

1. Skiff #_____
2. Kayak #_____
3. Canoe #_____
4. Jet Boat #_____
5. Raft #_____
6. None
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

31. In the following chart please indicate the number of each type of plane you operate within the study area and the total capacity (i.e., number of seats not including the pilot):

Type of Plane	Number	Carrying Capacity (all planes)
1. Fixed Wing (wheels)		
2. Fixed Wing (floats/ amphib.)		
3. Helicopter		

4. None
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

32. Please indicate how many of the following vehicles you use in your operation within the study area:

1. All Terrain Vehicles #_____
2. Snow Machines #_____
3. Automobile/Truck #_____
4. Other _____ #_____
5. None
8. Don't Know
9. No Response

33. For the following chart please indicate where your equipment is headquartered. If you have equipment in one category at two locations, i.e., both the satellite camp and main headquarters, please indicate the number of each equipment type you have in each location.

(Base camp is your primary facility in the study area, satellite camps include cabins and wall tent sites; main headquarters refers to your year-round business address.)

LOCATION	BOATS	PLANES	VEHICLES
1. Base Camp			
2. Satellite Camp			
3. Main Headquarters			

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

PERCEPTIONS

34. Have the areas you use for your business changed since 1980 for any of the following reasons:

1. _____ Restrictions on access due to expansion or creation of National Parks or National Wildlife Refuges.
2. _____ Restrictions on access due to conveyances of lands to Native Corporation ownership.
3. _____ Restrictions on hunting and fishing in National Parks.
4. _____ Other (explain) _____
5. _____ No change in areas used since 1980

35. Have the areas you use for your business changed since 1980 for any (or all) of the following reasons:

1. _____ Decline in quality of the experience due to crowding
2. _____ Decline in the abundance of fish
3. _____ Decline in the abundance of wildlife

36. If the areas you use for your business have changed due to crowding, what is the source of crowding?

1. _____ Other Lodges
2. _____ Other Outfitters
3. _____ Individual parties from outside the region
4. _____ Increased use by local residents
5. _____ Other

PART TWO: PRIMARY RESOURCE AND EQUIPMENT USE

The enclosed map of the study area has been divided into six sections labeled A-F. During this portion of the survey, we will ask questions about your activities in each of these sections. Please be as specific as possible.

1. Please indicate the number and type of facility that you have located in each section of the study area as of 1985.

FACILITY TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F	OUTSIDE REGION
1. Base Camp							
2. Wall Tents/ Temp. Camps							
3. Cabins							
4. Storage Sheds							
5. Caches							
6. Main Headquarters							
7. Riverbank Dock Areas							
8. Riverbank Ramps							

88. Don't Know
99. No Response

2. For the following facilities, what is the total client capacity for each building type as of 1985. Please specify the client capacity for each section where a facility type is located.

FACILITY TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F	OUTSIDE REGION
1. Base Camp							
2. Wall Tents/ Temp. Camps							
3. Cabins							
4. Main Headquarters							

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

3. In the chart below please indicate which type of water, wastewater and refuse systems you use in each section of the study area:

SYSTEM TYPE	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Septic System						
2. Portable						
3. Permanent Outhouse						
4. Temporary Outhouse						
5. Water Well						
6. Incinerate Trash						
7. Landfill Trash						
8. Fly Out Trash						

88. Don't Know
99. No Response

4. In the following chart please indicate by section where your clients fished and what species they fished for within the study area in 1985. Answer in terms of percentage of time spent in each section fishing for that particular species (percentages can be estimated and should equal 100%).

SPECIES	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Silver Salmon							100%
2. King Salmon							100%
3. Rainbow Trout							100%
4. Grayling							100%
5. Arctic Char							100%
6. Northern Pike							100%

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

5. The following questions concern your operation's policy on catch and release and harvest limits:

5a. Do you have a catch and release only (no kill) policy for the following species?

	YES	NO
1. Silver Salmon		
2. King Salmon		
3. Rainbow Trout		
4. Grayling		
5. Arctic Char		
6. Northern Pike		
8. Don't Know		
9. No Response		

5b. Do you insist that clients keep fewer fish than the legal limits imposed for that species by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game?

	YES	NO
1. Silver Salmon		
2. King Salmon		
3. Rainbow Trout		
4. Grayling		
5. Arctic Char		
6. Northern Pike		
8. Don't Know		
9. No Response		

6. Please estimate how many man-days (i.e., number of clients times the number of days fished) in the following months your clients fished for each species in 1985. (Count each man-day only once for the primary species being sought.)

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. Silver Salmon												
2. King Salmon												
3. Rainbow Trout												
4. Grayling												
5. Arctic Char												
6. Northern Pike												

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

7. In the following chart please indicate what species your clients hunted in each section of the study area during 1985 and the percentage of time spent hunting for each particular species (percentages should equal 100%).

SPECIES	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Caribou							100%
2. Moose							100%
3. Brown Bear							100%

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

8. Please indicate how many man-days (number of clients times the number of days) in the following months during 1985 your clients hunted for each species:

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. Caribou												
2. Moose												
3. Brown Bear												

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

9. For clients for whom fishing or hunting were not the primary activities, please indicate which type of recreational activities your clients participated in during the 1985 season in each section of the study area, and what percentage of the total time you spent doing that activity:

ACTIVITY	A	B	C	D	E	F	100%
1. Boating							100%
2. Hiking							100%
3. Scenic/Wildlife Viewing							100%
4. Other							100%

8. Don't Know
9. No Response

10. Please indicate how many man-days (number of clients times the number of days) in the following months in 1985 your clients participated in the following activities:

ACTIVITIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1. Boating												
2. Hiking												
3. Scenic/ Wildlife Viewing												
4. Other												

3. Don't Know
9. No Response

PART THREE: MAPPING

INSTRUCTIONS

The third part of this survey consists of mapping recreation service facilities and use areas. The enclosed map shows the study area divided into six sections labeled A through F. Township and Range lines are included.

THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE ON SPECIFIC LOCATIONS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED. It will be used to understand the density of current recreation use for future planning purposes. However, some general aggregated information, such as density of lodges or high density fishing areas, may be shown in the final report.

Please map the following facilities and important use areas using the symbols in parentheses ( ). A sample map is attached. If specific stretches of river are used for activities rather than single locations (such as float trips or fishing), please circle the appropriate stretch of river in each map.

Facilities and Access Areas

Lodge Facilities (L)
Cabins (C)
Wall Tent Camps (T)
Storage Areas (S)
Air Strips (A)

For each of the facilities mapped above, please indicate land ownership (if known) as federal, state, Native or private.

Sandbar Landing Areas (AS)
Floatplane Landing Areas (AF)
Boats Docks and Ramps (D)

Regularly Used Sport Fishing Areas

Rainbow Trout Areas (FT)
Salmon Areas:
- King Salmon (FK)
- Silver Salmon (FS)
- Red Salmon (FR)
- Chum Salmon (FC)
- Pink Salmon (FP)

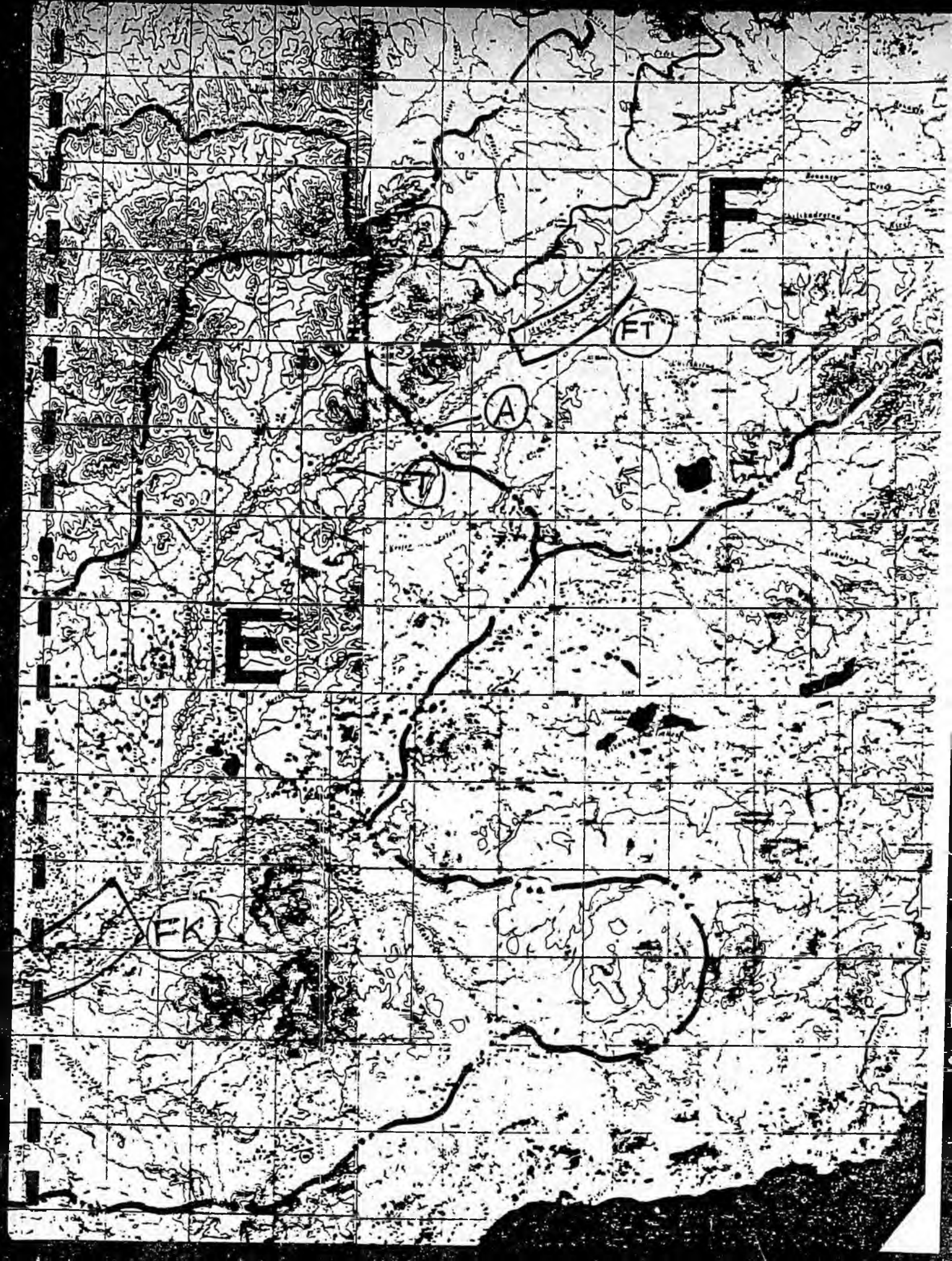
Grayling areas (FG)

Regularly Used Sport Hunting Areas

Moose Hunting (HM)
Caribou Hunting (HC)
Brown Bear Hunting (HB)

Float Trip Areas

Guided Boat/Raft Trips (BG)
Unguided Boat/Raft Trips (BN)


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THE PRECEDING PAGES WERE TREATED AS
A UNIT IN THE ORIGINAL FILE.

To: Ned Farquhar
From: Jeff Parker
Re: Rec. Rivers, H.B. 93, suggested amendments
Date: 2-24-87

1. Delete "multiple use" where it occurs in the bill, at p. 1, line 14; page 2, line 7; p. 3, lines 13 and 22.

Explanation: Ric Davidge and I agreed to delete this in our recent consensus drafts because recreation is the primary use of these lands and waters, and because other activities are subject to compatibility determinations.

2. At p. 1, line 18, insert the following and thereafter renumber 41.23.200(b)(1)-(3) accordingly as (1) - (4):

"(1) development, management and conservation of diverse opportunities for river dependent recreation and tourism in order to promote and manage such recreation and tourism for the benefit of the state, its economy, it citizens, its fish and wildlife resources, and the diverse character of its tourist and recreation based industry,"

Explanation: This suggested purpose is politically useful for both the borough and RDC. The borough, the property owners Association and the Chamber of Commerce asked Rep. Cotten for a purpose oriented toward tourism and economics. From a management perspective, this language is very beneficial in that it allows management plans to manage recreational uses when they conflict with each other. This ability is necessary for several reasons: (1) without this language, the compatibility test effectively prohibits such management, (2) we need such management on the Talchalitna because of a new, trespass air boat guide service that has upset the Alaska Sportfishing Association and others, probably including the existing lodge industry, (3) because the Alaska Professional Sportfishing Association supports it in order to maintain a quality industry, and (4) because other conservationists and sport people see various needs to manage potentially conflicting uses. You can use language such as this to satisfy RDC, the borough and supporters of the bill.

3. At p. 1, line 28, strike "(3)" and insert "(4)" as a conforming amendment.

4. At p. 2, line 4, strike "(3)" and insert "(4)" as a conforming amendment.

5. At p. 2, strike lines 9-14, and insert:

"(b) There is hereby reserved to the State within each recreation river designated by this Act an instream flow or level of water sufficient to meet the requirements of AS 41.23.200(b)(1) - (4). The commissioner shall, after consultation with state and local agencies, establish under AS 46.15.145 such instream flows

(1)

or levels consistent with AS 41.23.200(b)(1) - (4)."

Rationale: This suggested language addresses fiscal and substantive concerns. Under the language in H.B. 93 as introduced we run a risk of a $200,000 cost for setting instream flows according to Christopher Estes, the instream flow person at ADF&G. As a substantive concern, under water appropriation law, first in time is first in line. This suggested language sets the state's appropriation date as the date of enactment, thereby putting the public ahead of future applicants who apply before the state establishes the instream flow reservation.

6. On p. 2, line 16, after the word "responsibility" insert "or authority", or in the alternative substitute "authority" for "responsibility".

Rationale: Responsibility is duty; authority is power. The purpose of this subsection is to protect the agencies' statutory authorities.

7. On pp. 2 - 3, rewrite 41.23.210(d) as follows:

"(d) Except as provided in this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict, within a recreation river, the use of --

(1) methods and means authorized by the Board of Game and used in trapping on tended traplines,

(2) methods and means authorized by the Board of Game and used in hunting, including firearms,

(3) methods and means authorized by the Board of Fisheries and used in fishing.

Provided, that the commissioner may only restrict such methods and means within a recreation river at sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds or parking areas when the use of such methods or means constitutes a threat to public safety or property.

Rationale: The problem with subsection (d) in the bill as introduced is in the phrase "the exercise of fishing, hunting or trapping". It is a DA's nightmare. For example, if the commissioner adopts a regulation prohibiting snowmobiles on wetlands with less than six inches of snowcover, and a trapper gets cited for violating the regulation, his defense attorney will tell the DA that he (the defense attorney) will seek to overturn the regulation as a restraint on the "excercise of trapping". The DA will look at his case load of more major crimes and decline to prosecute the trapper. He will tell the commissioner the legislature enacted a vague law and the legislature should correct it. That will leave such regulations unenforceable.

On p. 3, lines 9 - 11, strike "threatens the quality of the water or an essential habitat within the recreation river" and substitute in its place the following: "is incompatible with AS

41.23.200(b)(1) - (4) or is inconsistent with an approved management plan."

Rationale: Davidge, myself, Alaska Sportfishing Association, and Alaska Professional Sportfishing Association agree such language is necessary to deal with conflicting uses, even if pre-existing, such as the situation on the Talchalitna, of which I wrote above.

8. Page 4, delete subsection (d) at lines 21 - 24.

Rationale: This is unnecessary; it jeopardizes ADF&G emergency closure authority; it is cumbersome; and it addresses no problem.

9. On pp. 5 - 6, delete subsections (a) and (b), but retain the title of the section and substitute the following text:

"During the pendancy of any recommendation by the commissioner that a river be designated under this Act, and prior to any draft or final recommendation that a river be designated under this Act, the commissioner shall protect the public ownership of lands and waters and interests therein from private appropriation, and the commissioner shall protect existing recreational and fish and wildlife values associated with the river, until such time as the legislature has either designated the river or released from consideration, by joint resolution, the lands and waters recommended by the commissioner."

Rationale: Sec. 41.23.270(a) in H.B. 93 as introduced codifies existing policy of DNR. However, it allows opponents of a future candidate river that is recommended independently by a legislator in response to constituent interests, to oppose such a recommendation on the grounds that it does not come from a planning process. It thereby is contrary to constituent interests and legislative independence. This point is particularly important with respect to southwest Alaska, for which the Bristol Bay Area Plan pre-dated the first recommendations of recreational rivers. The Bristol Bay Area Plan therefore contains no recreation river recommendations, but it is probably the next area many people feel should be addressed.

The language I recommend addresses the actual problems that occurred on Lake Creek, where a miner who deals in selling mining claims (rather than mining), staked all 60 miles of Lake Creek after the draft Susitna Area Plan was released but before DNR instituted the protective mineral withdrawal. It therefore keeps appropriators from jumping in under an expected "grandfather clause".

If 41.23.270(a) - (b) are left in the bill (which they should not be), I recommend the above language as a new subsection (c). If that were the case, then (b)(1), line 29 on p. 5 should have the phrase "at least" insertd after the word "in", so that under 41.23.270(b)(2) on page 6, at lines 3 - 6 there would also

be a summary of hearings held in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and other communities not proximate to the river but which contribute users of the river.

10. Page 6, lines 21 22, delete "within one-half mile of a lakeshore and within one-half mile upland of the meander of the ordinary high-water make of a river".

Rationale: Multiple boundaries are cumbersome, expensive, unnecessary, and address no factual problem. Meander boundaries are expensive to survey and they shift over time. The fact of the matter is that DNR has not and will never include lands with mineral values in the boundary of a recreation river. The language in this section about meander boundaries on a mineral closure only invites phony mining claims, for purposes of building trespass recreational cabins under the guise of mining claims, on land within the recreational river boundary that is closed to disposal but open to mining claims where the land is more than a half mile from the river. DNR has spent a great deal of money evicting phony miners from the Little Susitna River, and it should not invite such needless expenses on these rivers.

~~(6) The Talkeetna State Recreation River shall include the following lands and waters:~~

Art 3 Cont.

ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 2. INTERIM MANAGEMENT. Until a management plan or regulations have been adopted for a recreation river under AS 41.23.220 as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280. The commissioner shall adopt management plan required by this Act ~~by July 1, 1989.~~

* Sec. 3. RELEASE. Any lands adjacent to Alexander Creek, Kroto and Moose Creeks, Lake Creek, Little Susitna, Talkeetna, and Talkeetna State Recreation Rivers, as designated by this Act, are released from legislative consideration for management by the Department of Natural Resources.

* Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

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P.V. Consensus Draft #3

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ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter --

(1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources;

(2) "compatible" means to be drafted

(3) "special recreational values" means recreational, scenic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, geologic or other similar values that are of local, regional, national or international significance;

(4) "water quality" the same level of purity required by the Department of Environmental Conservation;

(5) "multiple use" means: the management of various renewable surface resources of recreational rivers so that they are utilized in the combination that will best meet the needs of Alaskans; making the most judicious use of the resources over areas large enough to provide sufficient latitude for periodic adjustments in use to conform to changing needs and conditions; that some land will be used for less than all of the resources; and harmonious and coordinated management of the various resources, each with the other, without impairment of the productivity of the land and water, with consideration being given to the relative values of the various resources, and not necessarily the combination of uses that will give the greatest dollar return or the greatest unit output.

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under AS 41.23.280 constitute a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Alaska Constitution. State-owned land and water may be designated as a recreation river only by the legislature.

(b) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water described in AS 41.23.280 is closed to mineral entry and leasing under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175 and 38.05.185 - 38.05.275. Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water described in AS 41.23.280 is closed to land disposals under AS 38.05.035(b), 38.05.045 - 38.05.069; AS 38.08 and AS 38.09.

Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS. The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are designated recreation rivers:

(a) Alexander Creek State Recreation River.

(1) Special Purposes -- In addition to the general purposes under AS 41.23.200(a)(1) - (5), the special purposes of the Alexander Creek State Recreation River include protection of riparian and salmon spawning habitat, protection of moose winter range and moose calving areas, maintenance of motorized access to the lower reaches of the river for purposes of fishing and hunting, management of snowmachines to maintain wintering moose populations, float values on the upper river, air access to Alexander Lake, and protection of moose winter range and brown bear concentration areas.

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(b) Prior to the adoption of a plan recommending the establishment of a recreation river, the commissioner shall

(1) after notice under AS 38.05.945, hold a public hearing in at least each community that is located proximately to or within the boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river;

(2) prepare a summary of the testimony offered at each public hearing held under (1) of this subsection with regard to the establishment of the proposed recreation river for inclusion in the plan;

(3) consult with each fish and game advisory committee with responsibilities for an area within the boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river;

(4) provide ~~a~~ copy of the plan to each community in which a hearing was held under (1) of this subsection.

(c) During the pendancy of any recommendation to the legislature that a river be designated under this Act, and prior to any draft or final recommendation that a river be designated under this Act, the commissioner shall protect the public ownership of lands and waters and interest therein from private appropriation, and shall protect the existing recreational, fish and wildlife values associated with the river, until such time as the legislature has designated or released from consideration the lands and waters recommended by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.275. CLASSIFICATION AND RETENTION OF PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN A RECREATION RIVER. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water designated as a recreation river

regulations adopted under AS 41.23.220 as they apply to municipal land.

Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) For purposes of furthering the purposes of this Act, the commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280 by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange.

(b) The commissioner [may] shall not acquire land for inclusion in a recreation river by eminent domaine.

Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 to provisions of AS 38.04; AS 38.05; and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280.

Sec. 41.23.260. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.280 or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river described in AS 41.23.280 to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

Sec. 41.23.270. RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMISSIONER. (a) Before recommending the establishment of a recreation river to the legislature, the commissioner shall adopt a plan for the area encompassing the proposed recreation river.

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable [and necessary] access to public land and private inholdings and to land and water beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review [future] proposed uses for compatibility with the purposes of this Act;

(8) establish quidelines [and setback restrictions] for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.200.

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement each plan. The commissioner shall adopt regulations to implement (a)(1) - (8) of this section whenever this Act does not require a plan and the commissioner finds that a plan is unnecessary. Any regulations adopted shall be adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) and after consultation with local agencies.

(c) A comprehensive management plan adopted or revised by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river designated under AS 41.23.280, the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan or

41.23.280 as requiring a management plan. The commissioner may adopt and revise such a plan for each river designated under AS 41.23.280 as not requiring such a plan when the commissioner finds such a plan is necessary to further the purposes of this Act. The commisssioner shall consult with the Department of Fish and Game and local agencies during the formulation or revision of any such plan. The commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 in formulating such plans or revisions. Prior to the adoption or revision of a management plan, the commissioner shall hold at least one public hearing, for local fish and game advisory committees and the public, in the municipalities and communities that are either proximately located to the recreation river [and with the local fish and game advisory committee in the area.] or significantly contribute to recreation on the river. Consistent with the purposes and provisions of this Act, each comprehensive management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices to

(1) protect the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level and intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated recreational and nonrecreational development;

(4) [manage] set standards for commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(2) restricting the use of [weapons and other] methods and means authorized by the Board of Game and used in hunting, including firearms, [authorized or not prohibited by the Board of Game,]

(3) restricting the use of methods and means authorized by the Board of Fisheries and used in fishing. [of fishing authorized by the Board of Fisheries.]

Provided, that the Department of Natural Resources may only restrict such devices, weapons, methods or means within a recreation river at sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds or parking areas when the use of such devices, weapons, methods or means constitutes a threat to public safety or property.

(e) Subject to compatibility with the general and special purposes of a river, the commissioner may lease land competitively within a recreation river to a person, partnership, unincorporated association, or corporation for the construction and operation of a public use facility within the recreation river.

(f) The Department of Natural Resources may not restrict commercial activities existing at the time of designation within the boundaries of an area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280 unless the commercial activity either threatens the quality of the water or an essential habitat within the recreation river or is inconsistent with AS 41.23.280.

Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLANS AND REGULATIONS. (a) The commissioner shall adopt and may revise a comprehensive multiple use management plan for each river designated under AS

Sec. 41.23.210. ~~GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF A RECREATION RIVER.~~ (a) The land and water within the each area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280 is assigned to the Department of Natural Resources for multiple use management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(b) Within three years from the effective date of the designation of a river as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280, the commissioner shall, after consultation with appropriate state and local agencies, reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the river described in AS 41.23.280 that is adequate to achieve the recreational and biological purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the responsibility or authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) Except as provided in this subsection, the Department of Natural Resources and any of the Divisions in the Department are prohibited within a recreation river from

(1) restricting the use of [devises] methods and means authorized by the Board of Game and used in trapping on tended traplines,

required under this Act or is found desirable by the commissioner.

(3) protect and maintain the fish and wildlife populations and their habitats on a sustained yield basis so as to maintain, restore, and enhance fishing, hunting, and trapping [activities] opportunities,

(4) protect the recreational values and integrity of the river and the continuation of the traditional recreational uses of the river by the public including but not limited to boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, camping and wildlife viewing;

(5) manage upland and wetland activities [for the] to [protection] protect and [maintenance] maintain [of] water quality and stream flow for purposes of recreation and habitat, and

(6) manage for the special recreational and fish and wildlife purposes identified, under AS 41.23.280, for each recreation river designated under this Act.

(b) The commissioner shall allow an activity when compatible with the general and special purposes, identified in subsection (a) of this section and in AS 41.23.280, of a river including, but not limited to use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized transportation, harvest of wood products, sand and gravel extraction for public use, and public use facilities. AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 may not be construed as permitting an activity that is incompatible with the general and special purposes of a recreation river.

Comments Requested (276-7048)
Potential Consensus DRAFT No. 3
after Parker/Davidge/Bris. B. CRSA Meet'g 2/12/87

IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For and Act entitled: "An Act designating recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 2.
ALEXANDER CREEK, KROTO AND MOOSE CREEK, LAKE CREEK, LITTLE SUSITNA, TALCHALITNA RIVER, TALKEETNA RIVER STATE RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. GENERAL PURPOSES. (a) The general purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 are to:

(1) develop, promote and conserve diverse opportunities for river dependent recreation in order to maintain, encourage, develop and manage river dependent tourism and recreation for the benefit of the state, its economy, its citizens, its fish and wildlife and the diverse character of its tourist and recreation based industry,

(2) establish management guidelines for those rivers designated for recreation under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 while permitting each river to be individually managed for multiple use and under a multiple use management plan if such a plan is

February 28, 1987

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Representative Sam Cotten
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Re: HB 93, Recommendation to include lands along the seven most heavily used miles of the Talkeetna River

Dear Representative Cotten:

I would like to express my support for HB 93, but would like to point out an omission as it pertains to the Talkeetna River portion of the bill (pg. 23, line 10).

While the bill includes the upper portions of the Talkeetna River (miles 10-25) it doesn't include the lower portion (miles 1-9). In checking with DNR, I was informed this is because miles 1-9 are mental health lands. After reviewing the land status, I find that only the first two miles are mental health lands, with miles 3-9 patented to the state under the general selection entitlement, and therefore available for inclusion in the bill. These

seven miles are the most heavily used on the Talkeetna River (they even include the mouth of Clear Creek).

The lands involved total approximately 3,030 acres. The legal descriptions are contained herein, and a map showing the affected river miles, presently omitted in HB 93, is also enclosed. I recommend you amend HB 93 to include the lands described below.

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Sec. 1: exclusive of ASLS 79-149
Sec. 2: exclusive of ASLS 79-149 and USS 4714 Lot 1
Sec. 3: exclusive of ASLS 79-149 and USS 4712 Lot 2
Sec. 4: exclusive of ASLS 79-149 and USS 4712 Lots 2 & 3
Sec. 8: exclusive of ASLS 79-149
Sec. 9: exclusive of ASLS 79-149
Sec. 16: N½ exclusive of ASLS 79-149
Sec. 17: N½ exclusive of USS 4713 Lot 1

Sincerely,
Keith R. Quintavell

cc: House Resources Committee
Rep. Pourchot
Rep. Rieger
Rep. Gruenberg
Rep. Davidson

RIVER MILES PRESENTLY OMITTED IN HB 93

Talkeetna
(DM 346)

Talkeetna
VABM 575

Talkeetna
Airfield

Gravel Pit

Cabin

Cemetery

Landing Strip

Beacon

Towers

Gravel Pit

Mile 230
BM 375

Wiggle Creek

Willow Creek

Mama Bear Lake

Papa Bear Lake

Ketie Lake

Bartlett Earth Station

Christiansen Lake

Twister Creek

Larson Lake

Bald Mountain

Cabins

Camping Site

Cabin

TALKEETNA RIVER

TALKEETNA HILLS

TALKEETNA LAKES

Cooper → AWF

"I support legislative designation of state recreation rivers and would consider introducing a bill, if legislators don't do so themselves. Alaska's recreation rivers are important to residents and visitors alike. The situation on the Kenai River should be a lesson to us about the need for sound management of recreational resources.

Northward expansion of recreation rivers will help take the pressure off the Kenai River, help guard against over use and degradation, and provide valuable recreational resources for both residents and visitors."

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HB93

Mike Abbott:
- system -

2 yr study period -
- land description or alignment parts -
the ~~#~~ exig corridor isn't appropriate -
more analysis is necy beg.

1/21 - protection → consv'n

scenic? - drop or change?

— → region-specific - in title - Mat-Su -
min'l / easony -
planning - mandate a coord'd plan -
state participation w/ Boro on adj. lands.

call may be made → instream flow - impact on fisheries —

Drive on minerals policy etc. - wd Sam hv hrgs?
CZMA -

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Re: HB-93 Recreational Rivers

During separate discussions you both suggested the Alaska Miners Association evaluate this bill specifically defining the most onerous problems in it for the industry and develop a compromise position rather than a blanket objection to the bill. We have done just that and by this letter wish to formally propose changes.

First let me state that the Alaska Miners Association is opposed to mineral closures and believes that closures should be utilized only as a last resort when the facts of a particular situation show that mineral development cannot coexist with other uses that are deemed to have greater value by the State. Mineral closures are a decision not to manage, but rather to "divide up the pie." Minerals are where you find them; one cannot énhance or up grade mineral habitat. As a result, when an area is closed to mineral entry its mineral values, although possibly unknown at the time of closures, are lost as a potential source of wealth for the economy.

Regarding the modifications that are required to HB-93 to make it

cc:

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Paul Fischer	John Sund	Dorthy Jones
Lloyd Jones	Mike Navarre	Rick Daivdge
Jim Duncan	Cliff Davidson	RDC
Fred Zharoff	Drue Pearce	AK Minerals Comm.
Richard Eliason	Heinrich Springer	
	Lyman Hoffman	
	Richard Shultz	

acceptable to the mining industry, there are six items that need be changed:

1. Access
2. Reference to "Discovery"
3. Talachulitna area coal potential
4. Chelatna Lake upland mineral areas
5. Talkeetna River mineral areas
6. Total acres of closures

In order to provide you and our selves with a clear picture of the areas being affected, we have plotted the area on topographic maps and these are enclosed. MAP 1 covers the Eastern portion of the area and includes Palmer North. MAP 2 is to the immediate West adjacent to MAP 1 and covers the area from the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge at the mouth of the Susitna River going North to Talkeetna and Petersville. MAP 3 is to the West, adjacent to MAP 2 and covers the area from just North of Beluga Lake North to the South boundary of Denali National Park at Chelatna Lake.

Specific items that must be addressed

1. Access: The current wording does not clearly state that access across the closed areas is guaranteed. In Sec.41.23.230(6) the terms "reasonable and necessary" are too vague and depend on who is making the arguments. Such phrases can and are often used to force illogical and expensive limitations on an individual who is trying to proceed with some form of development activity.

There are two wording changes that are required:

A. Sec.41.23.230(6) should read "(6) allow access to cross over and thru the river corridors to public lands, to private in holdings, including municipal lands that are offered for sale or lease, and to land beyond the recreation river corridor." Access should be guaranteed with the exact route selection defferred until these is a need.

B. Sec.41.23.210 should include an item "(5) the

construction of roads to access lands between the river corridors and beyond the given corridors."

2. References to "Discovery": The term "discovery" should be removed. This term is not defined in State law and contains an enormous history of case law in the Federal sector. The phrase "upon a mineral discovery validated by the commissioner," should be removed.

3. Talachulitna area coal potential: There is high probability that some areas covered by the Talachulitna river corridor will include large amounts of coal. Much of this area is of the same geologic setting as the adjacent Beluga coal field to the south.

The Division of Geological and Geophysical Survey (DGGS) publication "Map of Alaska's Coal Resources" published in 1986 shows that this area contains subbituminous coals (see lower part of MAP 3). Parts of the area were previously under lease for coal development. This coal is close to the inlet and may, therefore, one day become a major economic contributor for the State. The currently depressed world coal market will change in the future and Alaska should do nothing that will prevent this coal from being developed when the market does appear.

Wording is therefore required that will allow development of these coal resources. Coal development should be specifically addressed in Sec.41.23.230 by adding "(7) allow for coal development in the Talachulitna river corridor under exploration and mining safeguards and procedures now in effect for State lands."

4. Chelatna Lake upland mineral areas: The closures proposed in the bill extend to an elevation of nearly 4000 ft. above sea level which is approximately 2600 ft. above the elevation of Chelatna Lake. (See upper most portion of MAP 3). This is a mineralized area known to have various minerals including molybdenum and should not be closed to mineral entry.

The most logical alternative for correcting this problem is to stop the corridor at the lower end of Chelatna Lake. This would still provide the restrictions on the river that are the focus of this bill and would allow for mineral development of the uplands away from the lake and river.

5. Talkeetna river mineral areas: This area, as now defined, also affects lands far upland from the river. The area affected extends to typically 1000 ft. above the elevation of the river. In this case however the whole area has excellent mineral

potential for both placer and hard rock mining. Parts of this area were mined as early as 1880.

This entire area should be removed from the bill. Another although less desirable alternative would be to close the stream bed plus 100 ft. to either side.

6. Total acres of closures: The total acreage of lands closed to minerals entry by this bill should be stated. It is important for all parties to be aware of the amount of land that is removed from consideration for future development. Mineral closures of State lands are often proposed but nowhere can a clear picture be seen showing the large amounts of land that have been and are being closed to development and describing what this really means to the long range economic welfare of the State. The sentence should be added to Sec.41.23.290. stating that "(c) the total acreage closed to mineral entry in the recreational rivers corridors adds 260,000 acres." This acreage must be confirmed for inclusion in the bill.

As you both know very well, the use of mineral closures rather than multiple use management, is vigorously opposed by the Alaska Miners Association. We have however sought to find a "middle ground" that will both protect the mineral development future of these areas and at the same time, allow restrictions on use of the river corridors. Please remember that approximately 60% of the total area of Alaska is closed to any form of development---including mining. For the economic health of the State we must not allow the remaining areas to be closed to development.

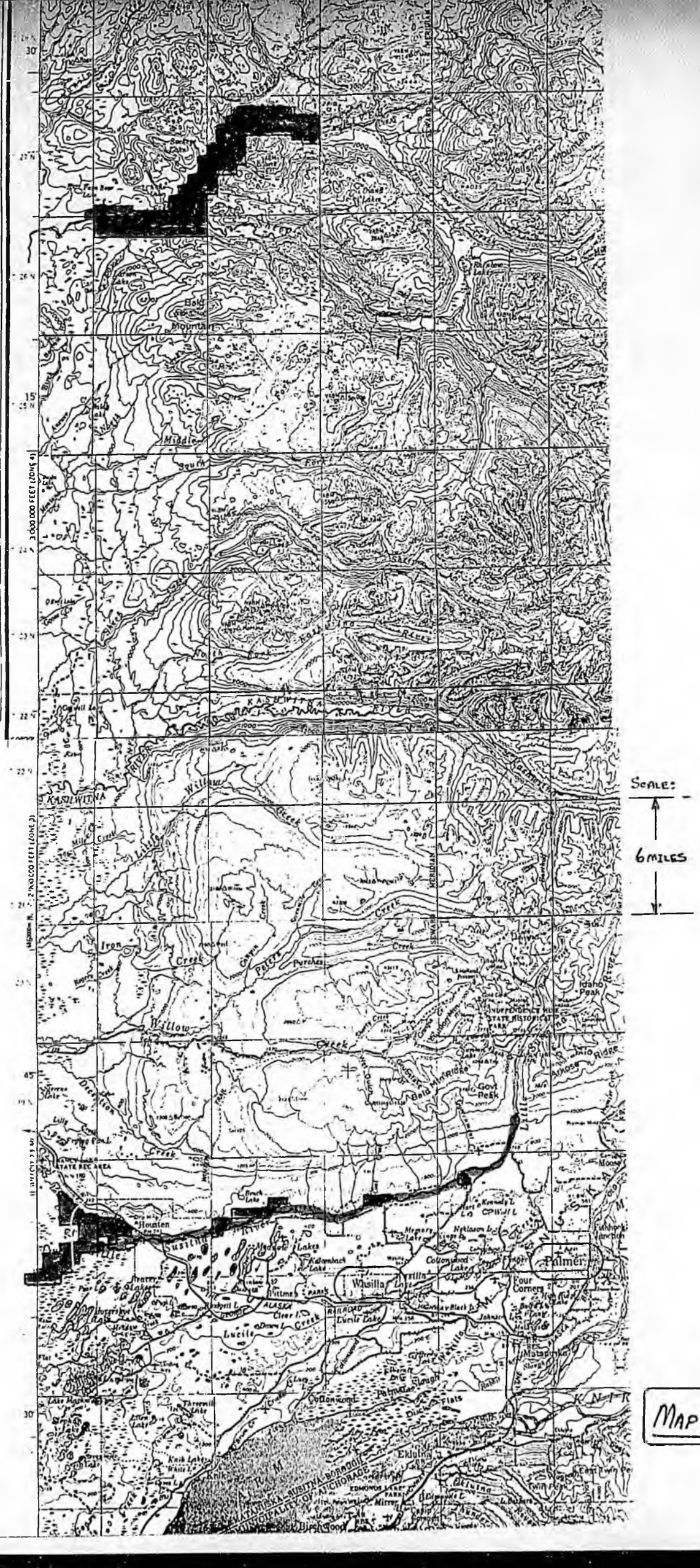
We are convinced good professional land management using current scientific knowledge along with existing constraints described in regulations and permits would allow for the continued protection of fisheries, wildlife and recreation values while allowing for the development of the mineral reserves. The best of both world's is possible.

Sincerely,

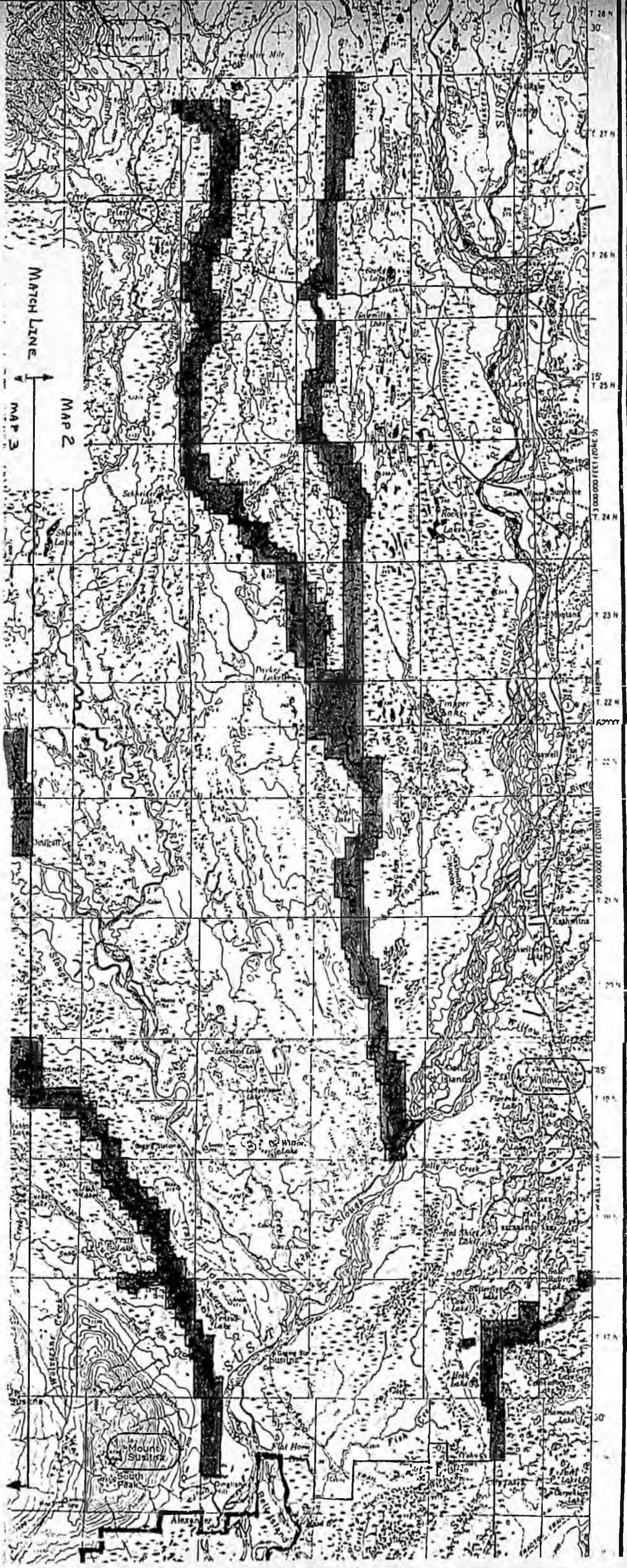
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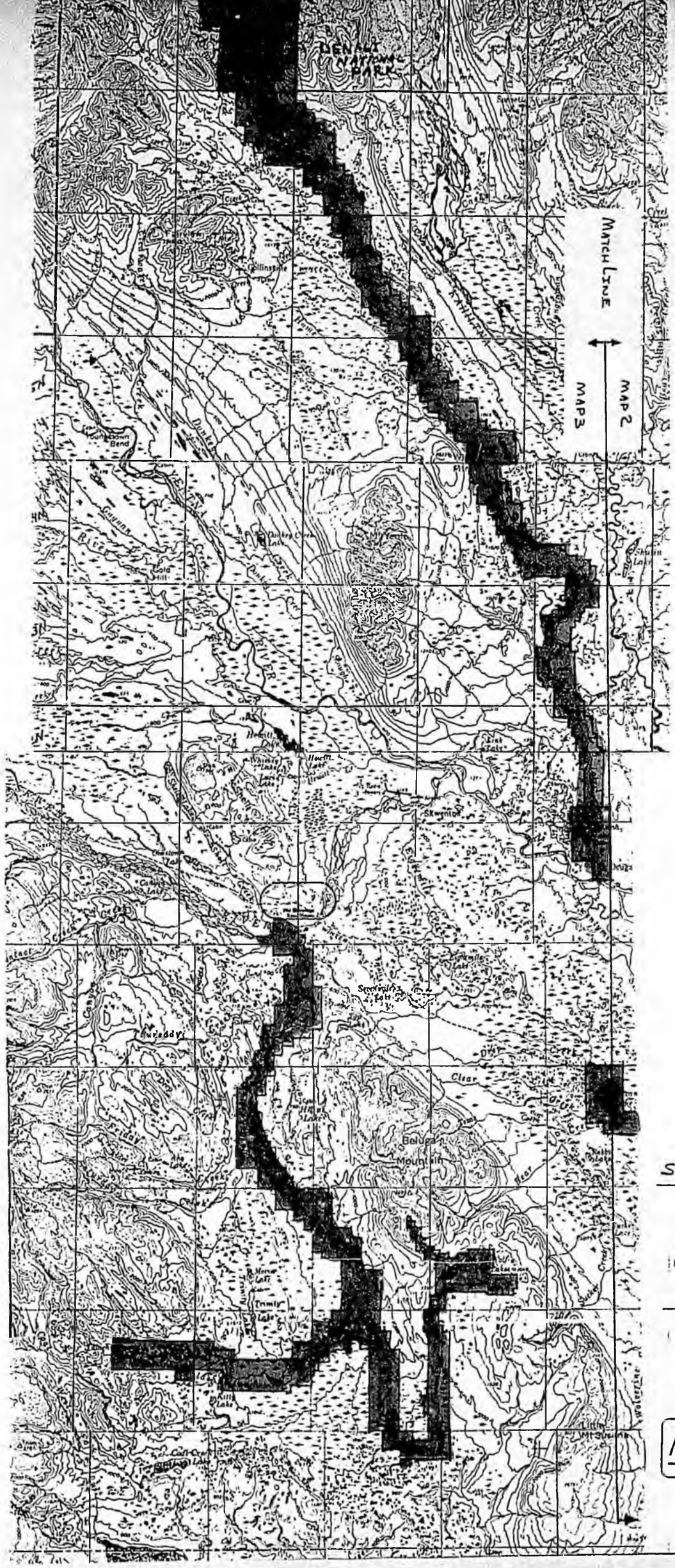
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Bald Mountain
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Iron Creek
Peters Creek
Willow Creek
Bald Mtn Ridge
Govt Peak
Houston
Wasilla
Palmer
Four Corners
Lucile Creek
Cottonwood
Eklutna
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Wasilla-Knik-Eklutna Flats
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Municipality of Anchorage
SCALE:
6 MILES

MAP 1


MATCH LINE
MAP 3
MAP 2
SUSITNA RIVER
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SUSITNA
Petersville
Peters Creek
Ridge
Schrock Lake
Shulin Lake
Parkers Lake
Rabideux Creek
Rocky Lake
Sunshine
Meadows
Timber Lake
Trapper Lake
Caswell
Trapper Creek
Kashwitna
Willow
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Red Shirt Lake
Kashwitna Lake
Willow Creek
Slough
Mount Susitna
South Peak
Flat Horn
Alexander
Bell Island
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Holk Lake
Butterfly Lake
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SCALE:
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MAP 2


DENALI NATIONAL PARK
MATCH LINE
MAP 2
MAP 3
Gillinsville
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Clear
Beluga
Mountain
Trinity
Lake
Little Mt Susitna
SCALE:
6 MILES
MAP 3

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Comments Requested (276-4048)
POTENTIAL CONSENSUS DISCUSSION DRAFT No. 5
2/18/87

IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For and Act entitled: "An Act establishing a recreation river system and program; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 2.
ALEXANDER CREEK, KROTO AND MOOSE CREEK, LAKE CREEK, LITTLE SUSITNA, TALCHALITNA RIVER, TALKEETNA RIVER STATE RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. (a) The purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 [IS] are to:

(1) to provide a programatic approach to the identification, deliniation, planning for, economic development and conservation of the values of certain rivers in Alaska of high recreational value, and to direct state agencies, in cooperation with local governments and user groups, to develop management plans for such rivers,

(2) develop, promote and conserve diverse opportunities for river dependent recreation and tourism in order to maintain, encourage, develop and manage river dependent tourism and

recreation for the benefit of the state, its economy, its citizens, its fish and wildlife resources and the diverse character of its tourist and recreation based industry,

(3) establish management [GUIDELINES] standards for those rivers identified for designation [DESIGNATED FOR RECREATION] under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 while permitting each river to be individually managed for [MULTIPLE] uses [AND] under a [MULTIPLE USE] recreation river management plan.

[(b) THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES BY WHICH A RECREATION RIVER SHALL BE MANAGED INCLUDE]

[(1) THE PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF] (4) conserve the fish and wildlife populations and their habitats on a sustained yield basis so as to maintain, restore, and enhance compatible and diverse recreational uses, such as fishing, hunting, and trapping [ACTIVITIES. (2) PROTECTION OF THE SCENIC AND NATURAL INTEGRITY OF THE RIVER AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE TRADITIONAL RECREATIONAL USES OF THE RIVER BY THE PUBLIC INCLUDING] boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, camping and wildlife viewing, while ensuring the recreational values and integrity of the river;

[(3)] (5) manage [UPLAND] activities within the boundaries of each recroation river designated by this Act [FOR THE PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF] to conserve and maintain water quality and stream flow for purposes of recreation and habitat, and

[(c)] (b) The commissioner shall allow an activity when compatible with [(b)(1) - (3)] the purposes, identified in

subsection (a) of this section and consistent with a management plan, including but not limited to use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, [AND] other motorized transportation, harvest of wood products, sand and gravel extraction for public use, and public use facilities. AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 may not be construed as permitting an activity that is incompatible [WITH THE PURPOSES OF AS 41.23.200(b)(1) - (3)].

Sec. 41.23.210. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF A RECREATION RIVER. (a) The state-owned land and water within the each area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280 is assigned to the Department of Natural Resources for [MULTIPLE USE] management consistent with [THE PURPOSES OF AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280] this Act and an approved management plan.

(b) [WITHIN THREE YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE DESIGNATION OF A RIVER AS A RECREATION RIVER UNDER AS 41.23.280,] There is hereby reserved to the State within each recreation river designated by this Act an instream flow or level of water sufficient to ensure the purposes of this Act. The commissioner shall, after consultation with appropriate state and local agencies, [RESERVE TO THE STATE] establish under AS 46.15.145 [AN] such instream flows or levels consistent with the purposes of this Act. [FOR THE WATER IN THE RIVER DESCRIBED IN AS 41.23.280 THAT IS ADEQUATE TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.]

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the responsibility or authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) Except as provided in this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict, within a recreation river, the use of [WEAPONS, INCLUDING FIREARMS,]

(1) methods and means authorized by the Board of Game and used in trapping on tended traplines,

(2) methods and means authorized by the Board of Game and used in hunting, including firearms,

(3) methods and means authorized by the Board of Fisheries and used in fishing.

[EXCEPT IN] Provided, that the Department of Natural Resources may only restrict such devices, weapons, methods or means within a recreation river at sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds or parking areas when the use of such devices, weapons, methods or means constitutes a threat to public safety or property. [EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT RESTRICT THE EXCERCISE OF FISHING, HUNTING, OR TRAPPING WITHIN A RECREATION RIVER.]

(e) The commissioner may lease land competitively within a recreation river to a person, partnership, unincorporated association, or corporation for the construction and operation of

a [PUBLIC USE] facility or service within the boundaries of a recreation river and which provides compatible visitor facilities or services as identified in an approved recreation river plan.

(f) The commissioner may not restrict commercial activities existing at the time of designation on state-owned lands or waters within the boundaries of an area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280 [AT THE TIME OF DESIGNATION] unless the commercial activity [EITHER THREATENS THE QUALITY OF THE WATER OR AN ESSENTIAL HABITAT WITHIN THE RECREATION RIVER] is incompatible or inconsistent with an approved management plan.

Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) The commissioner shall adopt and may revise a comprehensive [MULTIPLE USE] management plan for each river designated or to be designated under AS 41.23.280. The commisssioner shall consult with [THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME] state and local agencies during the formulation or revision of a management plan [GOVERNING THE USE AN AREA WITHIN A RECREATION RIVER]. The commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 in formulating such plans or revisions. As early as possible in any process leading to the recommendation, adoption or revision of a management plan, the commissioner shall hold at least one public hearing in the municipalities and communities that are either [PROXIMATELY LOCATED TO] within the vicinity of the [RECREATION] river [AND WITH THE LOCAL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE AREA IN THE ADOPTION OR REVISION OF A MANAGEMENT PLAN] or significantly contribute to recreation along the river. [THE] Each [COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT] plan shall establish long-range

guidelines and management practices consistent with the purposes and provisions of [AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280] this Act to

(1) [protect] maintain or enhance the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify [SPECIAL] recreational and other values, including surface and subsurface,

(3) [MANAGE] provide management guideance on the level and intensity and types of recreational uses;

[(3)] (4) designate compatible [LAND] uses and management guidelines for associated recreational and nonrecreational development;

[(4)] (5) [MANAGE] set standards for commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

[(5)] (6) provide for necesary public services, such as transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

[(6)] (7) allow reasonable [AND NECESSARY] access to public land and water, to private inholdings and to land and water beyond the recreation river corridor;

[(7)] (8) establish criteria and timelines to review [FUTURE] proposed uses for compatibility with the purposes of this Act;

[(8)] (9) establish quidelines and [SETBACK RESTRICTIONS] standards for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.200(b).

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement [THE] each plan. Any regulations adopted by the commissioner shall be adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) and only after consultation with local governments.

(c) A comprehensive management plan adopted or revised by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision by the commissioner.

[(d) THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE BOARDS OF FISH AND GAME SHALL CONSULT WITH THE COMMISSIONER BEFORE ADOPTING OR REVISION REGULATIONS GOVERNING FISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A RECREATION RIVER.]

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river designated under AS 41.23.280, the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan or regulations proposed under AS 41.23.220 as [IT APPLIES] they apply to municipal land.

Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) Only to further the purposes of this Act, the commissioner may acquire [IN THE NAME OF THE STATE] land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280 by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange.

(b) The commissioner [MAY] shall not acquire land for inclusion in a recreation river by eminent domaine.

Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 to provisions of AS 38.04; AS 38.05; and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280.

Sec. 41.23.260. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.280 or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municiipality of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river described in AS 41.23.280 to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

Sec. 41.23.270. RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMISSIONER. (a) Before recommending the establishment of a recreation river to the legislature, the commissioner shall adopt a plan for the area encompassing the proposed recreation river.

(b) Prior to the adoption of a plan recommending the establishment of a recreation river, the commissioner shall

(1) after notice under AS 38.05.945, hold a public hearing in at least each community that is located proximately to or within the boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river;

(2) prepare a summary of the testimony offered at each public hearing held under (1) of this subsection with regard to

the establishment of the proposed recreation river for inclusion in the plan;

(3) consult with each fish and game advisory committee with responsibilities for an area within the boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river;

(4) provide a copy of the plan to each community in which a hearing was held under (1) of this subsection.

(c) During the pendancy of any recommendation to the legislature that a river be designated under this Act, and prior to any draft or final recommendation that a river be designated under this Act, the commissioner shall protect the public ownership of lands and waters and interests therein from private appropriation, and shall protect the existing recreational, fish and wildlife values associated with the river, until such time as the legislature has designated or released from consideration the lands and waters recommended by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.275. DESIGNATION OF RECREATION RIVERS. State-owned land and water may be designated as a recreation river only by the legislature.]

Sec. 41.23.280 DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water designated as a recreation river under (c) of this section constitute a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Alaska Constitution.

(b) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water described in this section [WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF A LAKESHORE AND WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE UPLAND OF THE MEANDER OF THE ORDINARY HIGH-WATER MARK OF A RIVER] is closed to mineral entry

and leasing under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175 and 38.05.185 - 38.05.275. Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water described in AS 41.23.280 is closed to land disposals under AS 38.05.035(b), 38.05.045 - 38.05.069; AS 38.08 and AS 38.09.

(c) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are designated as the interim boundaries of recreation rivers (1) - (6) until final plans are adopted for such rivers. The boundary for rivers (1) - (6) may be expanded by an approved plan to include habitats and recreational lands adjacent to the river that are important to the functioning of the river and its recreational values, and may be contracted to exclude lands that are unimportant for such purposes.

(1) Alexander Creek State Recreation River.

(2) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River.

(3) Lake Creek State Recreation River.

(4) Little Susitna State Recreation River.

(5) Talchalitna State Recreation River.

(6) Talkeetna State Recreation River.

ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter --

(1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources;

(2) "compatible" means that the use will not interfere with or detract from the purposes for which a recreational river is managed.

(3) "recreational values" means recreational, scenic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, geologic or other similar values that are of local, regional, national or international significance;

* Sec. 2. INTERIM MANAGEMENT. Until a management plan or regulations [HAS] have been adopted for a recreation river under AS 41.23.220 as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280. [THE COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL ADOPT MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR EACH RECREATION RIVER ESTABLISHED UNDER AS 41.23.280(c) AS ENACTED BY SEC. 1 OF THIS ACT BY JULY 1, 1992, EXCEPT THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL ADOPT A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MOST EXTENSIVELY USED RIVERS BY JULY 1, 1989.] The commissioner shall adopt management plans required by this Act by July 1, 1989.

* Sec. 3. RELEASE. Any state-owned lands or waters adjacent to Alexander Creek, Kroto and Moose Creeks, Lake Creek, Little Susitna, Talachaiitna, and Talkeetna State Recreation Rivers, as designated by this Act, are released from legislative consideration for management by the Department of Natural Resources or the appropriate agency.

* [SEC. 3] Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

LAND DISPOSALS

41.23.210(g) With approval and funding by the Legislature, the commissioner may dispose of land in a recreation river corridor in accordance with AS 38 under the following conditions:

1) the land sale must be compatible with the purposes and management of the recreation river and with an adopted management plan;

2) the amount of land in the sale may not exceed 50 acres, and no more than two sales may occur in any recreation river unit;

3) the title to lands sold under this section will be restricted to:

A) assure adequate public access to streamside areas;

B) prevent commercial use or further subdivision; and

C) provide for design controls, including lot coverage, building heights, setbacks, landscaping, and road design, that will protect the quality of the environment; and

4) the commissioner of administration shall separately account for revenue generated by a land sale within a recreation river unit, and the Legislature may withdraw funds from this account for purposes of managing, improving, and protecting recreation river units.

Delete the references to land disposals in .280(b).

MINERAL LEASING

Delete 41.23.270 and replace it with:

Sec. 41.23.270. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor are closed to mineral location and entry under AS 38.05.195.

(b) The commissioner may allow coal leasing under AS 38.05.150 or mineral leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river subject to the following conditions:

(1) leasing must be recommended in an adopted management plan for the recreation river and must be compatible with AS 41.23.200(b);

(2) all permits and operating plans must assure protection of the resources of the recreation river, with appropriate restrictions on size, seasonality, location, access, and type of mining operations;

(3) the commissioner of administration shall separately account for revenues derived from coal and mineral leasing under this section and the Legislature may withdraw funds from this special account for management, improvement, and protection of recreation river units.

(c) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river are available for oil and gas leasing except that the commissioner shall assure that surface entry and use for oil and gas exploration and development shall not disturb the river and shall occur in accordance with AS 41.23.200(b).

(d) Except where inconsistent with management of a recreation river corridor, the provisions of AS 38 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280(c).

Delete minerals language in AS 41.23.280(b).

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IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing [redacted] recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 2. [redacted] RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. (a) The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 is to establish management guidelines for those rivers [redacted] designated [redacted] under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 while permitting each [redacted] to be individually managed under a multiple use management plan.

(b) The goals and objectives by which a recreation river shall be managed include

(1) the protection and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained yield basis [redacted]

(2) protection of the scenic and natural integrity of the [redacted] and continuation of the traditional recreational uses of the [redacted] by the public including boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of upland activities for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow;

(c) The commissioner shall allow an activity when compatible with (b)(1) - (3) of this section including, but not limited to use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other

motorized transportation; harvest of wood products; sand and gravel extraction for public use; and public use facilities. [AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 may not be construed as permitting an activity that is incompatible with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.]

Sec. 41.23.210. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER. (a) The land and water within the area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280(c) is assigned to the commissioner for multiple use management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(b) [Within three years from the effective date of the designation of a river as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280(c),] the commissioner shall [after consultation with appropriate state agencies] reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the river described in AS 41.23.280(c) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the responsibility of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145-(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) Except as provided in this subsection the commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in this subsection, the commissioner may

not restrict [redacted] fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

(e) The commissioner may lease land competitively within a recreation river corridor ~~to a person~~ for the construction and operation of a public use facility ~~within the recreation river~~.

(f) The commissioner may not restrict commercial activities existing within the boundaries of an area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280(c) at the time of the designation unless the commissioner determines that the commercial activity threatens the quality of the water or an essential habitat within the recreation river corridor.

g) With the approval of the Legislature the commissioner may ~~offer~~ dispose of land ~~for sale~~ in a recreation river corridor if the land sale will be compatible with the purposes ~~of the~~ and management of the recreation river and will be conducted in a way that prevents further subdivision or commercial use of the land, or as a planned unit development.

(1) protect the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management

guidelines for associated development;

(4) [redacted] commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable [redacted] access to public land and private inholdings and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280;

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.200(c).

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement [redacted] plan.

(c) A comprehensive management plan adopted or revised by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision by the commissioner.

(d) The Department of Fish and Game and the Boards of Fish and Game shall consult with the commissioner before adopting or revising regulations governing fish and game management in an area designated as a recreation river.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river designated under AS 41.23.280(c), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.220 as it applies to municipal land.

Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280(c) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a recreation river by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.-23.200 - 41.23.280 the provisions of AS 38.04; AS 38.05; AS 38.35; and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280(c).

Sec. 41.23.260. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.280(c) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river described in AS 41.23.280(c) to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river described in AS 41.23.280(c)(1) - (6) as a unit of the state park system.

Sec. 41.23.270. RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMISSIONER. (a) Before recommending the establishment of a recreation river to the legislature, the commissioner shall adopt a plan for the area encompassing the proposed recreation river.

(b) In the adoption of a plan recommending the establishment of a recreation river, the commissioner shall

(1) after notice under AS 38.05.945, hold a public hearing in each community that is located proximately to or within the

boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river;

(2) prepare a summary of the testimony offered at each public hearing held under (1) of this subsection with regard to the establishment of the proposed recreation river for inclusion in the plan;

(3) consult with each fish and game advisory committee with responsibilities for an area within the boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river and include the recommendations of the local fish and game advisory committee in the plan; and

(4) provide a copy of the plan to each community in which a hearing was held under (1) of this subsection.

Sec. 41.23.275. DESIGNATION OF RECREATION RIVERS. State-owned land and water may be designated as a recreation river only by the legislature.

Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water designated as a recreation river under (c) of this section constitute a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Alaska Constitution.

(b) The state-owned land and water described in this section within one-half mile of a lakeshore and within one-half mile upland of the meander of the ordinary high-water mark of a river is closed to mineral entry and leasing under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175 and 38.05.-185 - 38.05.275. The state-owned land and water described in this section is closed to land disposals under AS 38.05.035(b), 38.05.045 - 38.05.069; AS 38.08 and AS 38.09.

(c) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are

designated recreation rivers:

(1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 3

Section 11: N1/2

Section 12: N1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2E1/2

Section 3: W1/2

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: S1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: W1/2

Section 25: E1/2E1/2

Section 26: W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

Section 35: W1/2

(E) Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Section 13

Section 14: S1/2

Section 15: S1/2

Section 16: S1/2

Sections 17 - 18

Section 20: E1/2

Sections 21 - 23

Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

Section 9. S1/2

Section 10: S1/2

Section 11: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Sections 13 - 16

Section 24: N1/2

(G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2

Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

(H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 16: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 21: W1/2

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

(I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2

Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

(J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 10: NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Sections 27 - 28

Section 34

Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

(K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: W1/2

Section 19: W1/2

(L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: N1/2

Section 11: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 14: E1/2

Sections 23 - 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2

Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 35: NW1/4

(M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31: SW1/4

(N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 25: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 26: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 35: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 36: that portion south of the Skwentna River

(2) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Sections 18 - 19

(B) Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4

Section 19

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: W1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4

Section 3: N1/2N1/2

Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4

Section 11: NE1/4

Section 12

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 24: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 9

Section 10: SW1/4

Section 14: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 15: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 22: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 23: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 26: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Section 34: S1/2S1/2

Section 35

Section 36: W1/2

(E) Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30

Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 32

(F) Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Sections 9 - 10

Section 13: S1/2

Section 14: S1/2

Sections 15 - 16

Section 22: N1/2

Section 23: N1/2

Section 24

(3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: Excluding Tracts A, B, C and D

Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

Section 10

Section 15

(B) Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 5: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 10: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 21: E1/2

Section 22: W1/2

Section 27: W1/2

Section 28: E1/2

Section 34

(C) Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: W1/2W1/2

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 8: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 9: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 17: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 29

Section 30: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 32

Section 33: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(D) Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 30

Section 31: N1/2

Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

(E) Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2

Section 10

Section 11: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4

Section 13: W1/2W1/2

Section 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 24: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4

Section 25

Section 36: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

(F) Township 25 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 16: W1/2

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2

Section 25: SW1/4

Section 26: S1/2

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

Sections 34 - 35

Section 36: W1/2

(G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

(H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31

(I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Section 9: E1/2

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 23

Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 26

Section 27: NE1/4

Section 35: NE1/4

Section 36

(J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20

Section 21: SW1/4

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: NE1/4

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: W1/2

(K) Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3

Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

Sections 11 - 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: NE1/4

Section 24: N1/2

(L) Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 5

Sections 8 - 12

Sections 13 - 17

Sections 21 - 24

Sections 25 - 28

Sections 33 - 36

(4) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3

Section 10: E1/2

Section 11

Section 14

Section 15: E1/2E1/2

Section 22: E1/2E1/2

Section 23

Section 25: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2E1/2

Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 35

Section 36: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

(B) Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16

Section 21: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 10

Section 15: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4

Section 16

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2E1/2, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4

(D) Township 22 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Sections 7 - 9

Sections 16 - 18

Sections 20 - 21

Section 27

Section 28: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 34

(E) Township 23 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 7: W1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

Section 21

Section 28

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: S1/2

Section 33

(F) Township 23 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

(G) Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 9

Section 15: SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4

Section 21: E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 28: E1/2W1/2, E1/2

Section 33

(H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 17

Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2

Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4

Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 36: SW1/4

(I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

(J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17

Section 18: SE1/4

Section 19: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 20: W1/2W1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: E1/2

Section 32: W1/2W1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

(K) Township 25 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 7: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4

Section 8: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(L) Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

(M) Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 19: SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2, SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

Section 30: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side of MHWM)

Section 32: lands within 150' of MHWM

(N) Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Section 8

Section 9: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19

Section 20: W1/2

Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 30

Section 31: NE1/4

Section 32

(O) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: E1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: E1/2

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: W1/2

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 9: W1/2

Section 16

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: NE1/4

(R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

Section 33: S1/2S1/2

(5) Talkeetna State Recreation River

(A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2

Sections 3 - 6: excluding ASLS 81-196, ASLS 80-94, ASLS 80-84

(B) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3: S1/2

Section 4: S1/2

Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Sections 8 - 12

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 19

Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 30: W1/2

(C) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 24: E1/2

Section 25

Section 26: SE1/4

Section 31: S1/2

Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149 and ASLS 76-138

Sections 35 - 36

(D) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74-78 and ASLS 74-77

(6) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river crosses the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

(A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

(B) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12

Section 13

Section 14

Section 15

Section 21: NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 26: W1/2W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

(E) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 16: S1/2

Section 17: S1/2

Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

(F) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19

Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NW1/4

Section 30: NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(G) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 14

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: S1/2

Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

Section 34

Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 2. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreational river under AS 41.23.220(a) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.-280. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt management plans for each recreation river established under AS 41.23.280(c) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act by July 1, 1992, except that the commissioner of natural resources shall adopt a management plan for the most extensively used rivers by July 1, 1989.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For and Act entitled: "An Act designating recreation rivers;
and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 2.
ALEXANDER CREEK, KROTO AND MOOSE CREEK, LAKE CREEK,
LITTLE SUSITNA, TALCHALITNA RIVER, TALKEETNA RIVER
STATE RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. GENERAL PURPOSES. (a) The general purposes of AS 41.23.200 -41.23.280 are to:

(1) develop, promote and conserve diverse opportunities for river dependent recreation in order to maintain, encourage, develop and manage river dependent tourism and recreation for the benefit of the state, its economy, its citizens, its wildlife and the diverse character of its tourist and recreation based industry,

(2) establish management guidelines for those rivers designated for recreation under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 while permitting each river to be individually managed for multiple use

and under a multiple use management plan if such plan is required under this Act or is found desirable by the commissioner.

(3) protect and maintain the fish and wildlife populations and their habitats on a sustained yield basis so as to maintain, restore, and enhance fishing, hunting, and trapping activities;

(4) protect the scenic and natural integrity of the river and the continuation of the traditional recreational uses of the river by the public including boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(5) manage upland activities for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow, and

(6) manage for the special purposes identified for each recreation river designated under this Act.

(b) The commissioner shall allow an activity when compatible with the general and special purposes of a river including, but not limited to use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized transportation, harvest of wood products, sand and gravel extraction for public use, and public use facilities. AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 may not be construed as permitting an activity that is incompatible with the general and special purposes of a recreation river.

Sec. 41.23.210. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF A RECREATION RIVER. (a) The land and water within the each area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280 is assigned to the Department of Natural Resources for multiple use management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(b) Within three years from the effective date of the designation of a river as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280, the commissioner shall, after consultation with appropriate state agencies, reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the river described in AS 41.23.280 that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the responsibility or authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) Except as provided in this subsection, the Department of Natural Resources and any of the Divisions in the Department are prohibited within a recreation river from

(1) restricting the use of devises used in trapping on tended traplines,

(2) restricting the use of weapons and other methods and means used in hunting, including firearms, authorized or not prohibited by the Board of Game,

(3) restricting the methods and means of fishing authorized by the Board of Fisheries.

Provided, that the Department of Natural Resources or the Division identified as the managing division under AS 41.23.280 for each river may only restrict such devices, weapons, methods or means within a recreation river at sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds or parking areas when the use of such devices, weapons, methods or means constitutes a threat to public safety or property.

(e) Subject to compatibility with the general and special purposes of a river, the commissioner may lease land competitively within a recreation river to a person for the construction and operation of a public use facility within the recreation river.

(f) The Department of Natural Resources may not restrict commercial activities existing at the time of designation within the boundaries of an area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280 unless the commercial activity either threatens the quality of the water or an essential habitat within the recreation river or is inconsistent with AS 41.23.280.

Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLANS AND REGULATIONS. (a) The commissioner shall adopt and may revise a comprehensive multiple use management plan for each river designated under AS 41.23.280 as requiring a management plan. The commissioner may adopt and revise such a plan for each river designated under AS 41.23.280 as not requiring such a plan when the commissioner finds such a plan is necessary to further the purposes of this Act. The commisssioner shall consult with the Department of Fish and Game during the formulation or revision of any such plan. The commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS

38.05.945 in formulating such plans or revisions. Prior to the adoption or revision of a management plan, the commissioner shall hold at least one public hearing in the municipalities and communities that are proximately located to the recreation river and with the local fish and game advisory committee in the area. Consistent with the purposes and provisions of this Act, each comprehensive management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices to

(1) protect the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level and intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necesary public services, such as transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings and to land beyon the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with the purposes of this Act;

(8) establish quidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.200.

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement each plan. The commissioner shall adopt regulations to implement (a)(1) - (8) of this section whenever this Act does not require a plan and the commissioner finds that a plan is unnecessary. Any regulations adopted shall be adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62).

(c) A comprehensive management plan adopted or revised by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river designated under AS 41.23.280, the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan or regulations adopted under AS 41.23.220 as they apply to municipal land.

Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) For purposes of furthering the purposes of this Act, the commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280 by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a recreation river by eminent domaine.

Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS

41.23.200 - 41.23.280 to provisions of AS 38.04; AS 38.05; and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280.

Sec. 41.23.260. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.280 or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river described in AS 41.23.280 to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

Sec. 41.23.270. RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMISSIONER. (a) Before recommending the establishment of a recreation river to the legislature, the commissioner shall adopt a plan for the area encompassing the proposed recreation river.

(b) Prior to the adoption of a plan recommending the establishment of a recreation river, the commissioner shall

(1) after notice under AS 38.05.945, hold a public hearing in at least each community that is located proximately to or within the boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river;

(2) prepare a summary of the testimony offered at each public hearing held under (1) of this subsection with regard to the establishment of the proposed recreation river for inclusion in the plan;

(3) consult with each fish and game advisory committee with responsibilities for an area within the boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river;

(4) provide a copy of the plan to each community in which a hearing was held under (1) of this subsection.

(c) During the pendancy of any recommendation to the legislature that a river be designated under this Act, and prior to any draft or final recommendation that a river be designated under this Act, the commissioner shall protect the public ownership of lands and waters and interests therein from private appropriation, and shall protect the existing recreational, fish and wildlife values associated with the river, until such time as the legislature has designated or released from consideration the lands and waters recommended by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.275. CLASSIFICATION AND RETENTION OF PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN A RECREATION RIVER. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280 constitute a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Alaska Constitution. State-owned land and water may be designated as a recreation river only by the legislature.

(b) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water described in AS 41.23.280 is closed to mineral entry and leasing under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175 and 38.05.185 - 38.05.275. Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water described in AS 41.23.280 is closed to land disposals under AS 38.05.035(b), 38.05.045 - 38.05.069; AS 38.08 and AS 38.09.

Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS. The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are designated recreation rivers:

(a) Alexander Creek State Recreation River.

(1) The Alexander Creek State Recreation River shall be managed by the Division of Land and Water.

(2) Special Purposes -- In addition to the general purposes under AS 41.23.200(a)(1) - (5), the special purposes of the Alexander Creek State Recreation River include protection of riparian and salmon spawning habitat, protection of moose winter range and moose calving areas, maintenance of motorized access to the lower reaches of the river for purposes of fishing and hunting, management of snowmachines to maintain wintering moose populations, float values on the upper river, air access to Alexander Lake, and protection of moose winter range and brown bear concentration areas.

(3) Conditionally Compatible Special Uses -- The following special uses may be compatible with the general and special purposes of the river if they are appropriately designed, managed, and located: commercial development to support recreation in the lower reaches of the river, public cabins and other public facilities on the lower river, harvest of wood products in the upper portion of the river, and personal use timber harvest in the lower portion of the river.

(4) Specially Prohibited Uses -- Grazing, trapper cabins, commericial timber harvest in the lower reaches of the river.

(5) Management Plan and Special Provisions -- The commissioner may adopt a management plan, if necessary, for the Alexander Creek State Recreation River. The commissioner may not offer remote cabins, commercial timber harvest or lease lands for commercial development to support recreation unless found compatible with the general and special purposes of the river in a management plan.

(6) The Alexander Creek State Recreation River shall include the following lands and waters:

(b) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River.

(1) The Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River shall be managed by the Division of Land and Water.

(2) Special Purposes -- In addition to the general purposes under AS 41.23.200(a)(1) - (5), the special purposes of the Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River include protection of fishery values, fish habitat, moose winter range and riparian habitat, maintenance of motorized access to the mouth of Kroto (Deshka) Creek upstream to the confluence of Moose and Kroto Creeks, maintenance of air access to Neil Lake and access between Neil Lake and the river, maintenance of quality float opportunities upstream from the confluence of Moose and Kroto

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Creeks, maintenance of quality trout fisheries upstream from the confluence of Moose and Kroto Creeks, and maintenance of salmon spawning and rearing habitat upstream of the confluence.

(3) Conditionally Compatible Special Uses -- The following special uses may be compatible with the general and special purposes of the Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River if they are appropriately designed, managed and located: harvest of wood products, public use cabins and other public facilities downstream from the confluence of Moose and Kroto Creeks. Gravel extraction for public purposes and airstrips may be permitted in the area north of the confluence of Moose and Kroto Creeks only if there is no feasible and prudent alternative.

(4) Prohibited Special Uses -- grazing.

(5) Management Plan and Special Provisions -- The commissioner may adopt a management plan, if necessary, for the Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River. Remote cabins will not be offered unless determined appropriate under a management plan. Road crossings of Kroto Creek of and Moose Creek upstream from their confluence shall be minimized. The commissioner shall seek to acquire public access at the junction of Moose Creek and Oil Well Road. The commissioner shall manage lands and waters near the confluence of Kroto Creek and the Susitna River in a manner that promotes public safety as it relates to air access and other users of the area.

(6) The Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River shall include the following lands and waters:

(c) Lake Creek State Recreation River.

(1) The Lake Creek State Recreation River shall be managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

(2) Special Purposes -- In addition to the general purposes under AS 41.23.200(a)(1) - (5), the special purposes of the Lake Creek State Recreation River include maintenance of visual and wilderness quality and riparian habitat, management for a high quality fishing guide and lodge industry, maintenance of its nationally know fisheries including its high quality trophy rainbow trout fishery and anadromous fisheries, maintenance of high scenic qualities at Chelatna Lake and high quality float and float fishing opportunities from Chelatna Lake downstream.

(3) Conditionally Compatible Special Uses -- In the upper portion of the designated river corridor, personal use timber harvest will be permitted only if compatible with the scenic and wilderness qualities of the area and the other general and special purposes of the area. In the lower portion of the corridor, commercial timber harvest may be permitted only if compatible with the scenic and wilderness qualities of the area and the other general and special purposes of the area.

(4) Prohibited Special Uses -- Commercial timber harvest in the upper portion of the designated area.

(5) Management Plan -- The commissioner shall adopt a management plan for the Lake Creek State Recreation River.

(6) The Lake Creek State Recreation River shall include the following lands and waters:

(d) Little Susitna State Recreation River.

(1) The Little Susitna State Recreation River shall be managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

(2) Special Purposes -- In addition to the general purposes under AS 41.23.200(a)(1) - (5), the special purposes of the Little Susitna State Recreation River include protection of its river banks from erosion due to recreational use, protection of waterfowl concentration areas, maintenance of a natural vegetative separation for visual and sound screening between the river and adjacent human and wildlife uses, provision of sanitation, waste and boat launch facilities in a manner compatible with the Susitna Flats Game Refuge, coordination of the siting of such facilities with the needs of different interests, including fishing, hunting, boating and other recreational uses, and minimizing new road access to or across the designated area, and providing public use cabins subject to compatibility determinations in a management plan.

(3) Conditionally Compatible Special Uses -- Limited commercial recreational services if public use and enjoyment is not diminished.

(4) Specially Prohibited Uses -- Road access between Houston and the Burma Road.

(5) Management Plan -- The commissioner shall prepare a management plan for the Little Susitna State Recreation River.

(6) The Little Susitna State Recreation River shall include the following lands and waters:

(e) Talchalitna State Recreation River.

(1) The Talchalitna State Recreation River shall be managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

(2) Special Purposes -- In addition to the general purposes under AS 41.23.200(a)(1) - (5), the special purposes of the Talchalitna State Recreation River include maintenance of its wilderness recreation, its high quality guide and lodge industry, its rainbow trout and arctic grayling fisheries, and its float trip opportunities.

(3) Conditionally Compatible Special Uses -- timber harvesting for personal use only.

(4) Specially Prohibited Uses -- Commercial timber harvest, grazing.

(5) Management Plan -- The commissioner shall prepare a management plan for the Talchalitna State Recreation River.

(6) The Talchalitna State Recreation River shall include the following lands and waters:

(f) Talkeetna State Recreation River.

(1) The Talkeetna State Recreation River shall be managed by the Division of Land and Water.

(2) Special Purposes -- In addition to the general purposes under AS 41.23.200(a)(1) - (5), the special purposes of the Talkeetna State Recreation River include protection of moose rutting concentration areas, maintenance of motorized boat access to tributary streams upstream of the town of Talkeetna, maintenance of high quality whitewater recreation, and cooperative management with adjacent land owners, particularly land owners upstream of the designated area, so as to promote white water wilderness recreation.

(3) Conditionally Compatible Special Uses -- Remote cabins and commercial harvest of wood products may be permitted only if found compatible under a management plan.

(4) Specially Prohibited Uses -- none, except as otherwise prohibited.

(5) Management Plan -- The commissioner may adopt a management plan, if necessary.

(6) The Talkeetna State Recreation River shall include the following lands and waters:

ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 2. INTERIM MANAGEMENT. Until a management plan or regulations have been adopted for a recreation river under AS 41.23.220 as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280. The commissioner shall adopt management plan required by this Act by July 1, 1989.

* Sec. 3. RELEASE. Any lands adjacent to Alexander Creek, Kroto and Moose Creeks, Lake Creek, Little Susitna, Talachalitna, and Talkeetna State Recreation Rivers, as designated by this Act, are released from legislative consideration for management by the Department of Natural Resources.

* Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

add to 41.23.250

(b) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor are closed to mineral location and entry under AS 38.05.195. [except on state-owned lands below ordinary high-water.]

(c) The commissioner may allow coal leasing under AS 38.05.150 or mineral leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river [corridor] where leasing is allowed by an adopted management plan. The commissioner shall establish appropriate conditions in permits, operating plans, and leases to protect the environment [and] prevent degradation of the recreational uses of the river.

(d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor are available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions that prevent surface entry below ordinary high water.

(e) With approval and funding by the Legislature, the commissioner may dispose of land within a recreation river corridor after the adoption of a management plan and under conditions that protect streamside access, prevent further subdivision and commercial use, and retain appropriate design controls over affected lands.

(f) The commissioner of administration shall separately account for funds collected under this section. The annual estimated balance in the account may be used by the Legislature to make appropriations to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BILL ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT	DIVISION	BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR
Fish and Game	Habitat	HB 93	Representative Cotten

DEPARTMENT POSITION

The department strongly supports the intent of this bill.

PREPARED BY	DATE	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
Carl M. Yanagawa Bruce H. Baker	2/6/87		2/11/87

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL
Alaska Department of Natural Resources Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Sportsmen, trappers, miners, loggers, recreationalists
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL	**ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL**
Sportsman's groups, boaters, conservationists	None known

FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ NONE ☐ FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The bill would establish a recreational river system for the state and include six highly valuable recreational rivers in southcentral Alaska. The Susitna Area Plan identified and proposed these areas for legislative designation. Primary uses would include sport hunting, fishing, trapping, protection and maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat, traditional recreational uses, a natural integrity of the river. Uses allowed if found compatible would include timber harvest, use of motorized vehicles, sand and gravel

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ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

The bill would retain public lands along and including the bed of rivers and streams important for the fish and wildlife production and use. The bill would also require that all uses be compatible with the primary uses which are fish and wildlife production and related uses. The enactment of this legislation would establish long term management for the rivers designated; management plans would focus attention on resources issues, the need for land acquisition, facility development, access development, research needs, resource enhancement needs, and long term recreational use objectives. The requirement for management planning would also ensure public involvement concerning the management of the rivers. Establishing the recreational rivers at this time will avoid future, costly buy-back of shorelands and allow the state to manage the river as a continuous resource producing system.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

None

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR ANALYSIS.

Department	Sponsor	Bill Number
ADF&G	Representative Cotten	HB 93

Background/Legislative Intent (continued)

extraction, and other compatible uses. Prohibited uses would include new mineral entry and leasing. The plan would require the development of a management plan by 1992; an instream flow reservation would also b required within three years of the effective date. The public comment received on the Susitna Area Plan strongly supported the legislative designation of the rivers.

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Bill Version : HB93
Publish Date : 1/30/87

Revision Date:

Agency Affected : Fish and Game

Title : Establishing recreational rivers

BRU : Sport Fish, Habitat

Sponsor : Cotten, Pourchot, Rieger

Components :

Requestor : & Gruenberg

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

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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Approved by Commissioner :
Date : 2/11/87
Agency : Fish and Game

Distribution (by preparer):
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- Requestor
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- Impacted Agency(ies)
- Senate Secretary

What is a recreation river corridor?

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Goals + obj. are for plans -- purposes for legislation

lead dispositions - out conflicting social uses - ? mineral leasing - in

IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. (a) The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 is to establish recreation rivers on state-owned land and water and establish guidelines for the management of the recreation river corridors. keep this

SHOULD BE PURPOSES - 41 23 220 contains objectives

these are goals what is purpose statement?

(b) The goals and objectives by which a recreation river corridor shall be managed include

(1) the protection and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis; very important!

(2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the recreation river corridor and continued [recreational and economic] uses by the public, use & enjoyment. including hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of upland activities within the recreation river corridor for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow; and

for recreation compatible uses

(4) accommodation of access, tourism, and economic uses of the river corridor.

205. COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES

The commissioner shall allow an activity when compatible with (b) (1)-(4) of this section including, but not limited to

→ concern

airboats, etc. couldn't prohibit just for separation of uses economic + motorized

(1) use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized transportation;

(2) harvest of wood products; — natural entry, scenic

(3) mineral and oil and gas leasing;

(4) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and ok

(5) public use facilities.

Sec. 41.23.210. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area designated as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.280(b) is assigned to the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.-145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in AS 41.23.280(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.-200 - 41.23.280. within 5 yrs no deadline / ltr of intent

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145-(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in

along the river banks

this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

(e) The commissioner may lease land competitively within a recreation river corridor for the construction and operation of a public use facility.

(f) The commissioner may not restrict commercial or private activities existing on state-owned land within the boundaries of an area designated as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.280(b) at the time of the designation unless the commissioner determines that the commercial activity is incompatible with AS 41.23.200(b).

Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt and may revise a management plan for a recreation river corridor. The commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least one public hearing in the municipalities and communities near the recreation river corridor and with the local fish and game advisory committee in the area in the adoption or revision of a management plan. The management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200(b) to

(1) protect the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as

transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings and to land beyond the recreation river corridor; "To and across"

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with AS 41.23.200(b);

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.200(c) or for mineral and oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.250(b) - (d).

new

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement the plan. should be shall

(c) A management plan adopted or revised by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision by the commissioner. Crazy

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor designated under AS 41.23.280(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23 220 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent to a recreation river corridor. Why - drain of resources

new

Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280(b) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a

recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05, AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280(b).

(b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, the state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is closed to mineral location and entry under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175. no coal

(c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water, all hardrock the commissioner may permit mineral prospecting under AS 38.05.245 and, upon a subsequent discovery, mineral leasing under AS 38.05.255 in an area within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appropriate conditions in permits, operating plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of the river.

(d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions in an adopted management plan.

(e) The commissioner of administration shall separately account for funds collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 41.23.260. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.280(b) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the

state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.280(b) to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

Except when designated by the legislature, DUMB!

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.280(b) as a unit of the state park system. The commissioner may assign management of a recreation site such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation activities in a recreation river corridor.

park

concessions included?

Sec. 41.23.270. DESIGNATION OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. State-owned land and water may be designated as a recreation river corridor only by the legislature.

Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water designated as a recreation river corridor under (b) of this section constitutes a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska.

(b) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are designated recreation rivers:

(1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 3

Section 11: W1/2

Section 12: N1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2E1/2

Section 3: W1/2

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: S1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: W1/2

Section 25: E1/2E1/2

Section 26: W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

Section 35: W1/2

(E) Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Section 13

Section 14: S1/2

Section 15: S1/2

Section 16: S1/2

Sections 17 - 18

Section 20: E1/2

Sections 21 - 23

Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

Section 9: S1/2

Section 10: S1/2

Section 11: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Sections 13 - 16

Section 24: N1/2

(G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2

Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

(H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 16: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 21: W1/2

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

(I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2

Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

(J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 10: NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Sections 27 - 28

Section 34

Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

(K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: W1/2

Section 19: W1/2

(L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: N1/2

Section 11: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 14: E1/2

Sections 23 - 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2

Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 35: NW1/4

(M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31: SW1/4

(N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 25: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 26: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 35: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 36: that portion south of the Skwentna

River

(2) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Sections 18 - 19

(B) Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4

Section 19

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: W1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4

Section 3: N1/2N1/2

Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4

Section 11: NE1/4

Section 12

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 24: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 9

Section 10: SW1/4

Section 14: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 15: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 22: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 23: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 26: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Section 34: S1/2S1/2

Section 35

Section 36: W1/2

(E) Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30

Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 32

(F) Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Sections 9 - 10

Section 13: S1/2

Section 14: S1/2

Sections 15 - 16

Section 22: N1/2

Section 23: N1/2

Section 24

(3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: Excluding Tracts A, B, C and D

Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

Section 10

Section 15

(B) Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 5: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 10: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 21: E1/2

Section 22: W1/2

Section 27: W1/2

Section 28: E1/2

Section 34

(C) Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: W1/2W1/2

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 8: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 9: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 17: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 29

Section 30: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 32

Section 33: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(D) Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 30

Section 31: N1/2

Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

(E) Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2

Section 10

Section 11: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4

Section 13: W1/2W1/2

Section 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 24: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4

Section 25

Section 36: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

(F) Township 25 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 16: W1/2

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2

Section 25: SW1/4

Section 26: S1/2

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

Sections 34 - 35

Section 36: W1/2

(G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

(H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31

(I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Section 9: E1/2

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 23

Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 26

Section 27: NE1/4

Section 35: NE1/4

Section 36

(J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20

Section 21: SW1/4

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: NE1/4

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: W1/2

(K) Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3

Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

Sections 11 - 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: NE1/4

Section 24: N1/2

(L) Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 5

Sections 8 - 12

Sections 13 - 17

Sections 21 - 24

Sections 25 - 28

Sections 33 - 36

(4) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3

Section 10: E1/2

Section 11

Section 14

Section 15: E1/2E1/2

Section 22: E1/2E1/2

Section 23

Section 25: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2E1/2

Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 35

Section 36: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

(B) Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16

Section 21: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 10

Section 15: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4

Section 16

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2E1/2, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4

(D) Township 22 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Sections 7 - 9

Sections 16 - 18

Sections 20 - 21

Section 27

Section 28: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 34

(E) Township 23 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 7: W1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

Section 21

Section 28

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: S1/2

Section 33

(F) Township 23 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

(G) Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 9

Section 15: SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4

Section 21: E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 28: E1/2W1/2, E1/2

Section 33

(H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 17

Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2

Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4

Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 36: SW1/4

(I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

(J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17

Section 18: SE1/4

Section 19: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 20: W1/2W1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: E1/2

Section 32: W1/2W1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

(K) Township 25 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 7: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4

Section 8: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(L) Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

(M) Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 19: SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2, SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

Section 30: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side of MHWM)

Section 32: lands within 150' of MHWM

(N) Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Section 8

Section 9: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19

Section 20: W1/2

Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 30

Section 31: NE1/4

Section 32

(O) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: E1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: E1/2

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: W1/2

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 9: W1/2

Section 16

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: NE1/4

(R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

Section 33: S1/2S1/2

(5) Talkeetna State Recreation River

(A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2

Sections 3 - 6: excluding ASLS 81-196, ASLS 80-94, ASLS 80-84

(B) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3: S1/2

Section 4: S1/2

Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Sections 8 - 12

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 19

Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 30: W1/2

(C) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 24: E1/2

Section 25

Section 26: SE1/4

Section 31: S1/2

Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

and ASLS 76-138

Sections 35 - 36

(D) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74-78 and ASLS 74-77

(6) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river crosses the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

(A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

(B) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12

Section 13

Section 14

Section 15

Section 21: NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 26: W1/2W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

(E) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 16: S1/2

Section 17: S1/2

Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

(F) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19

Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NW1/4

Section 30: NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(G) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 14

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: S1/2

Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

Section 34

Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 2. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.220(a) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt management plans for the three most extensively used rivers by July 1, 1989.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

HB

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STATE OF ALASKA
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Mary Van Nimwegen

House Resources 3-31-87
10:00am

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Bill Version : HB 93
Publish Date :

Revision Date: February 11, 1987
Title : Recreation Rivers

Agency Affected : Natural Resources
BRU : Land and Water Management

Sponsor : Rep. Cotten
Requestor : House Resources Committee

Components :

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		86.5	86.5			
TRAVEL		2.0	2.0			
CONTRACTUAL		74.7	74.7	66.7		
SUPPLIES		3.0	3.0			
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		166.2	166.2	66.7		
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		100.2	100.2	66.7		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		100.2	100.2	66.7		

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		2	2			
PART-TIME		1	1			
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attachment

Prepared by : Tom Hawkins
Division : Land and Water Management
Phone : 465-2400
Date : 2/11/87

Approved by Commissioner : Ronald D Arnold, Deputy
Date : 2/11/87
Agency : Natural Resources

Distribution (by preparer):
Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor
Office of Management and Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)
Senate Secretary

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. HB 93

This bill would require the Department of Natural Resources to do instream flow studies and reservations, and produce management plans for six river areas. The instream flow reservations are to be completed within three years; the management plans are to be completed in two stages, 1989 and 1992. We hope to have the instream flow studies and reservations completed by a contractor over a three year period, for a total cost of approximately $200,000. The planning team would require a Range 16 Natural Resource Officer II, a Range 12B Natural Resource Technician II, and a half-time Range 8 Clerk Typist III. The team would need approximately two years to complete the plans.

100 - Two and one-half positions for two years.

200 - Per diem and travel for meetings.

300 - Travel and printing expenses for the plans.

400 - Supplies and commodities for staff.

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Jim Richardson -

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- Shultz
- Davidson

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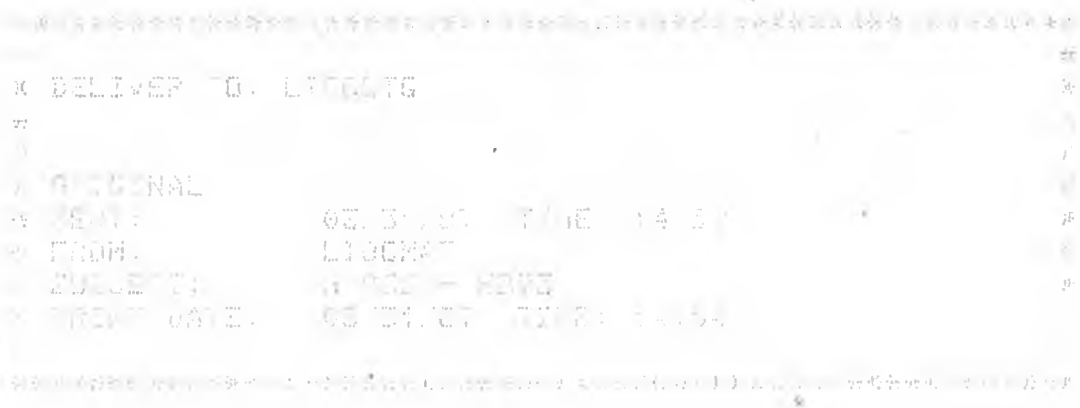
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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date referred: 1/30/87

FURTHER REFERRALS: Finance

DATE: _____

The Resources Committee has considered HB 93

"An Act establishing a system of recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDS:

[ ] replace with CSHB 93 (Res) [ ] the same title

[ ] attached amendment(s) [✓] a new title

- [ ] do pass
- [ ] do not pass
- [ ] no recommendation
- [ ] individual recommendations
- [ ] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: [ ] _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s):

- [ ] fiscal impact
- [ ] zero fiscal note
- [ ] zero with analysis
- [ ] same as previous fiscal note published _____
- [ ] same as previous zero fiscal note published _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

Sam Cotten

Cliff Davidson

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adelbert Hoffman No Rec

Lyman Hoffman No Rec

Sam Cotten

Chairman's signature

Official Business

COMMITTEE: Resources

DATE: March 9, 1987

SIGN-IN

Subject of meeting:
HB 93
HB 18
HB 111

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	REPRESENTING	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?
Ron King	3134 Duran St, Juneau	789-4871 Hm 586-2315	A.S.P.L.S. Land Surveyors	Observing HB 111
Rep. Larson	Box V Capital	465-3727	Sponsor	yes
Rep. Menard	" "	"	Co-sponsor	yes
Mayor Dor. Jones	Box P, Palmer Mat-Su Borough	745-4801	Mat-Su Borough	yes
Barbara Hunt	Box V, Capital	465-3727	Aide to Rep. Larson	yes
John Dunker	609 Main St., Juneau	586-4409	Sponsor	Observing HB 111
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ag to Ned F. 2/25/87

MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

State of Alaska
DIVISION OF LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Ned

TO Salli Slaughter

DATE February 6, 1987

FILE NO 505.7942

TELEPHONE NO 762-4416

FROM Marty Welbourn MW
NRM I

SUBJECT Recreation Rivers Legislation

I have reviewed the 1/30/87 version of HB 93 for consistency with past bills and the Susitna and Willow area plans. The bill is nearly identical with past versions, and is compatible with the plans' intent. I have just three more specific comments on the proposed legislation.

1. Minor corrections

All recent versions of the bill have several minor errors in the legal descriptions. I don't know that these areas were excluded on purpose -- they may be typos. The total acreage involved is small, but some of the parcels missed are located in the middle of the corridors, and they should not be excluded. Corrections are listed below and inserted on the attached copy of the bill.

a. Talachulitna River -- T16N R10W sect. 7: add N1/2 SW1/4
T16N R11W sect. 11: add N1/2 S1/2
sect. 12: add N1/2 S1/2
T21N R11W sect. 31: should be W1/2 <u>not</u> SW1/4

b. Alexander Creek -- T17N R8W sect. 11: add E1/2 SE1/4

c. Lake Creek -- T22N R9W sect. 27: add W1/2 SE1/4

d. Talkeetna River -- T26N R3W sect. 1 and sect. 2 should both read "that portion north of the Sheep River"

e. Little Susitna River -- T16N R5W sect. 4: should be E1/2 NE1/4 <u>not</u> NE1/4 NE1/4
sect. 21: should be deleted

2. Talkeetna River deletions

Two large stretches of the Talkeetna River have been deleted from the present bill, greatly reducing its value as a state recreation river. As in the FY85 and FY86 versions, the upper reaches of the river have been excluded from the bill. This area is shown in yellow on the attached map. Copies of a previous memo describing the reasons for including this stretch of river in the recreation river corridor proposed by the Susitna Area Plan are attached.

The current version also excludes the lower third of the river (brown on the attached map). This includes the portions of the river closest to public access, and therefore the portion most likely to get increased use for public recreation in the near future. We strongly recommend putting

these lands back in the legislation. A complete legal description for the Talkeetna corridor is attached.

3. Mineral Closures

The area within the legal descriptions in the legislation was closed to mineral entry by the MCOs for the Susitna Area Plan. The legislation closes the area within a half-mile of the river. The difference in the acreage closed is small, and does not jeopardize the intent of the bill. However, it may be awkward or expensive to administer: if the MCOs are rewritten, it will create innumerable slivers along the aliquot part boundaries that are either not closed to entry but within the river corridor, or closed by administrative rather than legislative order. In either case it would be a confusing land management situation. The boundaries for the recreation rivers, including the MCOs, were originally drawn in aliquot parts to simplify and clarify the MCOs and classification orders. In addition, the aliquot part boundary prevents the need for an expensive meander survey.

"OMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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TALKEETNA STATE RECREATION RIVER

(a) The water column of the Talkeetna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the line dividing T28N and T29N S.M. downstream to its confluence with the Susitna River and the water column of Chunilna Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the line dividing T27N and T28N S.M. downstream to its confluence with the Talkeetna River.

(b) T28N R1E S.M.
Section 2
Section 3 SE1/4
Section 9 SE1/4
Section 10
Section 11 NW1/4, W1/2 NE1/4, W1/2 SW1/4
Section 15 N1/2, SW1/4
Section 16 E1/2 SW1/4
Section 20 SE1/4
Section 21
Section 22 NW1/4
Section 28 N1/2, SW1/4
Section 29 E1/2, SW1/4, SE1/4 NW1/4
Section 31 SW1/4, E1/2
Section 32
Section 33 NW1/4

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T28N R1W S.M.
Section 36 SE1/4 SE1/4

T27N R1E S.M.
Section 5 NW1/4
Section 6

T27N R1W S.M.
Section 1
Section 2 S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2 NW1/4
Section 3 S1/2, S1/2 N1/2
Section 4 SE1/4
Sections 7-10
Section 11 N1/2
Section 12 NW1/4
Section 15 NW1/4
Section 16 N1/2
Section 17 N1/2
Section 18 N1/2

T27N R2W S.M.
Section 2 SW1/4
Section 3 S1/2
Section 4 S1/2
Section 5 SE1/4, E1/2 SW1/4
Section 7 SE1/4
Sections 8-12
Section 13 N1/2
Section 14 N1/2NE1/4
Section 17
Section 18 E1/2, SE1/4
Section 19
Section 20 N1/2, SW1/4
Section 30 W1/2

T27N R3W S.M.
Section 24 E1/2
Section 25
Section 26 SE1/4
Section 31 S1/2
Section 32 S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149
Section 33 S1/2 S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149
Section 34 S1/2 S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149 and ASLS 76-138
Section 35
Section 36

T27N R4W S.M.
Section 36 S1/2 SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74-78 and ALSL 74-77

T26N R3W S.M.
Section 1 North of the left bank of the Sheep River
Section 2 North of the left bank of the Sneep River
Section 3 All land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract B of ASLS 81-196
Section 4 All land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 81 196
Section 5 All land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract C of ASLS 80-94
Section 6 All land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 80-84

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T26N R4W S.M.
- Section 1 exclusive of ASLS 79-149
- Section 2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149
- Section 3 exclusive of ASLS 79-149
- Section 4 E1/2, SW1/4 exclusive of ASLS 79-149
- Section 7 S1/2
- Section 8 S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149
- Section 9 E1/2; E1/2 W1/2
- Section 10 W1/2 W1/2, NE1/4 NE1/4 (borough)
- Section 11 N1/2 N1/2 (borough)
- Section 15 W1/2 NW1/4 (borough)
- Section 16 N1/2, N1/2 S1/2 (borough)
- Section 17 That portion north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River
- Section 18 Exclusive of DOT 200642

T26N R5W S.M.
- Section 12 E1/2 SE1/4
- Section 13 E1/2, E1/2 SW1/4, SW1/4 SW1/4
- Section 23 That portion northeast of the left bank of the Susitna River
- Section 24 That portion east of the left bank of the Susitna River and west of the right bank of the main channel of the Talkeetna River (that channel of the river that runs diagonaly through the NE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of Sec. 24).

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IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the special values and uses of certain river corridors in southcentral Alaska ~~[illegible]~~ justify their retention for public use. The river corridors can support many public uses, including some that will enhance the local economy as well as improve public access to retained lands. The designation of these corridors as recreation rivers recognizes the value of the affected land and should not become an undue impediment to the use and enjoyment of adjacent lands or to ~~[illegible]~~ development of access within, across, and around the rivers.

(2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the recreation river corridor and continued recreational and economic use and enjoyment by the public, including hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of land activities within the recreation river corridor for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow; and

(4) accommodation of access, for recreation, tourism, and economic uses of the river corridor that are compatible

Sec 41.23.205 COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES. In accordance with a management plan adopted pursuant to AS 41.23.220, the commissioner shall allow and may regulate activities including but not limited to:

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* Section 1. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec 41.23.200 PURPOSES. The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 is to establish as recreation rivers the land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired in the future by the state lying within the boundaries described in AS 41.23.280 (b). ~~The recreation rivers~~ The primary purposes for the establishment of the recreation rivers are

(1) the protection and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis;

(2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the recreation river corridor and continued recreational and economic ~~uses~~ use and enjoyment by the public, including hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of upland activities within the recreation river corridor for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow; and

(4) accommodation of ~~access~~ for recreation access, tourism, and other compatible economic uses of the river corridor.

Sec 41.23.205 COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES. In accordance with a management plan adopted pursuant to AS 41.23.220, the commissioner shall allow and may regulate ~~activities~~ activities including but not limited to:

(1) use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized transportation;

(2) harvest of wood products;

(3) mineral and oil and gas leasing;

(4) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and

(5) public use facilities.

Sec. 41.23.210. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.280(b) is assigned to the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in AS 41.23.280(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in

this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

~~(e) The commissioner may lease land competitively within a recreation river corridor for the construction and operation of a public use facility.~~

(~~f~~ e) The commissioner may not restrict commercial or private activities on state-owned land within the boundaries of a recreation river corridor ~~existing~~ permitted on the effective date of this Act unless the commissioner determines that the activity is incompatible with AS 41.23.200~~(b)~~.

Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt ~~and may revise~~ a management plan for a recreation river corridor. The commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least one public hearing in the municipalities and communities near the recreation river corridor and with the local fish and game advisory committee in the area in the adoption or revision of a management plan. The management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200~~(b)~~ to

(1) protect, maintain, or enhance the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as

transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement; , including municipal lands that may be offered for sale,

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with AS 41.23.200[(b)];

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.[200(c)] 205 or for mineral and oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.250(b) - (d).

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement the plan.

(c) A management plan adopted [or revised] by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established under AS 41.23.280(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.220 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent to a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280(b) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in -

recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05, AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280(b).

(b) ~~Except as provided in (c) of this section,~~ The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is closed to mineral entry by location ~~and entry~~ under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

(c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water or mean high tide, the commissioner may permit mineral prospecting under AS 38.05.245 and, upon a subsequent discovery, mineral leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appropriate conditions in permits, operating plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of the river.

(d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions in an adopted management plan.

(e) To enhance public use and enjoyment of a recreational river corridor in accordance with an adopted management plan, the commissioner may ~~[illegible] for~~ provide for the construction and operation of commercial facilities such as lodges, campgrounds, and boat launches by

1) competitively leasing land, among prequalified bidders, under ~~[illegible]~~ AS 38.05.070; and

2) contracting for the construction or operation of facilities ~~[illegible]~~ under AS 36.30.

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(b) ~~Except as provided in (c) of this section,~~ the state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is closed to mineral entry by location ~~and entry~~ under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

(c) Except on state-owned land ~~below ordinary high-water~~ (within 200 feet of or or mean high tide) the stream bed,

(d) The commissioner of administration shall separately account for funds collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 41.23.260. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.280(b) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the

state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.280(b) to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.280(b) as a unit of the state park system. The commissioner may assign management of a recreation facility or site such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and outdoor recreation and may adopt regulations allowing the division of parks and outdoor recreation to manage recreation activities in a recreation river corridor. ~~(Similar conditions ... in H B 467)~~

Sec. 41.23.270. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river ~~corridor~~ unit only by the legislature.

Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and is not subject to fee surface disposal under AS 38.

(b) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are established as recreation rivers:

(1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 2. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.220(a) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt management plans for the ~~[three] most extensively used~~ rivers by July 1, 1992.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

Opinion

Rivers bill makes sense for Valley

It's hard to fathom why property owners out in the Susitna Valley are so supportive of the Recreational Rivers Bill, while property owners in the Palmer-Wasilla region—far from any of the rivers covered in the bill—fear it as a villainous land "lock-up."

The bill, HB 93, would establish a system of recreation rivers and set management guidelines for those rivers, while permitting each to be individually managed under a multiple-use management plan.

Supported by sportsman's groups, the intent of the legislation is to protect the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis, protect the scenic and natural qualities of the rivers, while maintaining all traditional recreational uses. It would apply to most of the Talachulitna, Little Su andTalkeetna rivers, and Alexander, Kroto and Lake creeks, in a mile-wide corridor along each.

Our View

It covers only state-owned lands and waters in the 250,000 acres it covers, and would not infringe on the property rights of any current land owners, including the borough.

Contrast the comments on the bill given at a session in Wasilla with a later public meeting in Skwentna, both attended by Rep. Curt Menard. At the Wasilla meeting, crowded with members of the Mat-Su Property Owners Association, speakers lashed out against the bill because it would prevent disposal of state land along these rivers.

A provision for allowing the commissioner of Fish and Game to lease property for commercial use was too weak, said one speaker: it should say the commissioner *shall* lease land for development, he said, suggesting that it is the proper business of a state commissioner to drum up lessees for land under his or her authority.

"What's wrong with private ownership in Alaska?" asked another speaker, as if the bill foreclosed all disposals on the other 10 million acres of state land in the Susitna Valley.

Out in Skwentna, where the people who would be most affected by the legislation live, the attitude seems to be that the river management is overdue.

"You're talking about the best fishing creeks we have," said one. "It's too late, it's gone already," said another.

If the state is going to avoid another rats' nest of conflicting useage like it created on the Kenai River, it needs to take this step to limit future land-user conflict here.

With the bill's provision for leasing to developers in some circumstances, the door is not closed, the land is not "locked up."

This bill would be the beginning of a system of recreational rivers in the state, and is based on the principle that our scenic and natural resources can be of lasting value to the state if we act sensibly to preserve them. A healthy tourism economy will depend on such preservation, which makes the bill an important measure for economic development here.

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minor-security type. Now it looks like the state plans to run in heavy felons and put them to bed at night in a residential area that didn't want the minor misdemeanor inmates in the first place.

An official of the private clinic inspected the facility March 10, so he has at least the partial go-ahead from state officials. As members of the public, you will be the last to know, as usual.

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River quality in jeopardy

Editor:

I have read with interest the March 6 Frontiersman editorial and the Skwentna article regarding House Bill 93 the Recreational Rivers Bill. Obviously, there are some real feelings in the borough that our streams and rivers and their fish, wildlife, water quality are being ruined by development and that some sort of control is needed. Some people believe it is too late. Others may be optimistic that we can save and preserve the scenic and natural resources of our rivers if we act now.

I supported the concept of the recreational rivers designations during the Susitna Area Plan process. I was also pleased that the Department of Natural Resources was concerned with habitat and water quality protection for the future. But I am not sure whether I support HB 93 now.

First, I wonder if DNR has the money to undertake multiple-use management of the rivers as described in the bill. It costs money to form management plans and hold public hearings. If there is no money, then there is no teeth to the bill. With no money to carry out the programs, then there may be no *real* protection of the rivers.

It would be great for DNR public relations. The public would think there are protections that are not really there. This can cause future problems.

Second, I ask is DNR really interested in protecting our rivers? This bill gives the agency a lot of power. The commissioner of DNR used to work for an outfit that promoted development.

On the surface, it is great that HB 93 would establish a public participation program for multiple-use management. But my experience with DNR the past eight years shows that the agency will not listen and act on public comment that conflicts with their policies. Witness the Delta Barley Agricultural fiasco and the Chase III court battle.

DNR is all too often interested in promoting big money commercial exploitation of public resources such as the industrial tourism scheme at Curry Ridge than what the locals feel about these decisions that will affect their homes. With the bill's provision for leasing to developers in some circumstances, this provision might be used far too often, and we would be no better off except for a lot of frustrating and angry public hearings.

Personally I would rather work with DNR than against them. I get tired of complaining and babysitting their actions. But I do not want to set up a program giving DNR a lot of power unless I am sure that they are serious about going up against commercial interests in order to protect scenic, recreational and fish and wildlife resources of our rivers.

Becky Long
Talkeetna

Physicians oppose nuclear exercise

Editor:

Physicians for Social Responsibility, Alaska Chapter (PSR/AK) expresses strong opposition to state of Alaska involvement in the current national security exercise initiated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This exercise, a scenario of increasing world tension which began about 100 days ago, will end with "nudets" a few days after April Fools Day.

"Nudets" is a scenario of unbelievable destruction following multiple nuclear blasts in Alaska and the Northwest. Eleven Alaska communities are scheduled for devastation: Barter Island, Kotzebue, Adak, Murphy Dome, Eielson, Clear, Cold Bay, Fort Wainwright, Fort Richardson, Elemendorf and Juneau. Nudets is scheduled to begin at 1:48 p.m., March 31, beginning at Barter Island and ending at Juneau at 3:40 p.m.

Although the targets are military, life in Anchorage and Alaska would cease as we now know and enjoy it. All hospitals in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau would either be destroyed or made non-functional. What few doctors are alive would not have equipment or facilities to provide care to the injured. Adequate preparation for an event of this magnitude is a fantasy and survival is unlikely. Physicians for Social Responsibility believes this absurd exercise diverts our attention from the awful realities of nuclear war.

PSR believes that disasters are a part of human existence and planning for them is rational. But, participation in the lunacy of nudets is giving consent to an irrational strategy of nuclear confrontation. Nudets diverts our attention from developing alternatives that can lead to a healthy and secure wo d.

PSR is a no..profit, nonpartisan organization of 50,000 doctors, dentists and other concerned Americans dedicated to the prevention of nuclear war. PSR/AK, with a membership of 120, is one of 155 chapters nationwide. PSR is the U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

George Brenneman, M.D.
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STATE OF ALASKA

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BILL ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT	DIVISION	BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR
Fish and Game	Habitat	HB 93	Representative Cotten

DEPARTMENT POSITION

The department strongly supports the intent of this bill.

PREPARED BY	DATE	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
Carl M. Yanagawa Bruce H. Baker	2/6/87		2/11/87

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL
Alaska Department of Natural Resources Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Sportsmen, trappers, miners, loggers, recreationalists
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL	**ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL**
Sportsman's groups, boaters, conservationists	None known

FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ NONE ☐ FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The bill would establish a recreational river system for the state and include six highly valuable recreational rivers in southcentral Alaska. The Susitna Area Plan identified and proposed these areas for legislative designation. Primary uses would include sport hunting, fishing, trapping, protection and maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat, traditional recreational uses, and natural integrity of the river. Uses allowed if found compatible would include timber harvest, use of motorized vehicles, sand and gravel

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ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

The bill would retain public lands along and including the bed of rivers and streams important for the fish and wildlife production and use. The bill would also require that all uses be compatible with the primary uses which are fish and wildlife production and related uses. The enactment of this legislation would establish long term management for the rivers designated; management plans would focus attention on resources issues, the need for land acquisition, facility development, access development, research needs, resource enhancement needs, and long term recreational use objectives. The requirement for management planning would also ensure public involvement concerning the management of the rivers. Establishing the recreational rivers at this time will avoid future, costly buy-back of shorelands and allow the state to manage the river as a continuous resource producing system.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

None

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR ANALYSIS

Department	Sponsor	Bill Number
ADF&G	Representative Cotten	HB 93

Background/Legislative Intent (continued)

extraction, and other compatible uses. Prohibited uses would include new mineral entry and leasing. The plan would require the development of a management plan by 1992; an instream flow reservation would also be required within three years of the effective date. The public comment received on the Susitna Area Plan strongly supported the legislative designation of the rivers.

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version : HB93
Publish Date : 1/30/87

REQUEST:

Revision Date:
Title : Establishing recreational rivers
Sponsor : Cotten, Pourchot, Rieger
Requestor : & Gruenberg

Agency Affected : Fish and Game
BRU : Sport Fish, Habitat
Components :

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
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TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
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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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IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. (a) The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 is to establish recreation rivers on state-owned land and water and establish guidelines for the management of the recreation river corridors.

(b) The goals and objectives by which a recreation river corridor shall be managed include

(1) the protection and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis;

(2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the recreation river corridor and continued recreational and economic uses by the public including hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of upland activities within the recreation river corridor for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow; and

(4) accommodation of access, tourism, and economic uses of the river corridor.

Sec 41.23.205. COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES.
[X] The commissioner shall allow an activity when compatible with [AS 41.23.200] (b)(1) - (4) ~~of this section~~ including, but not limited to

(1) use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized transportation;

(2) harvest of wood products;

(3) mineral and oil and gas leasing;

(4) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and

(5) public use facilities.

Sec. 41.23.210. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.280(b) is assigned to the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in AS 41.23.280(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in

this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

(e) The commissioner may lease land competitively within a recreation river corridor for the construction and operation of a public use facility.

(f) The commissioner may not restrict commercial or private activities on state-owned land within the boundaries of a recreation river corridor existing on the effective date of this Act unless the commissioner determines that the activity is incompatible with AS 41.23.200(b).

Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt and may revise a management plan for a recreation river corridor. The commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least one public hearing in the municipalities and communities near the recreation river corridor and with the local fish and game advisory committee in the area in the adoption or revision of a management plan. The management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200(b) to

(1) protect the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as

transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with AS 41.23.200(b);

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.200(c) or for mineral and oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.250(b) - (d).

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement the plan.

(c) A management plan adopted or revised by the commissioner under (a) of this section snall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established under AS 41.23.280(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.220 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent to a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280(b) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a

recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05, AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280(b).

(b) Except as provided in (c) of this section, the state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is closed to mineral location and entry under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

(c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water, the commissioner may permit mineral prospecting under AS 38.05.245 and, upon a subsequent discovery, mineral leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appropriate conditions in permits, operating plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of the river.

(d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions in an adopted management plan.

(e) The commissioner of administration shall separately account for funds collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 41.23.260. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.280(b) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the

state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.280(b) to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.280(b) as a unit of the state park system. The commissioner may assign management of a recreation site such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation activities in a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.270. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river corridor only by the legislature.

Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and is not subject to surface disposal under AS 38.

(b) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are established as recreation rivers:

(1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 3

Section 11: N1/2

Section 12: N1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2E1/2

Section 3: W1/2

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: S1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: W1/2

Section 25: E1/2E1/2

Section 26: W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

Section 35: W1/2

(E) Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Section 13

Section 14: S1/2

Section 15: S1/2

Section 16: S1/2

Sections 17 - 18

Section 20: E1/2

Sections 21 - 23

Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

Section 9: S1/2

Section 10: S1/2

Section 11: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Sections 13 - 16

Section 24: N1/2

(G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2

Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4,

SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

(H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 16: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 21: W1/2

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

(I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2

Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

(J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 10: NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Sections 27 - 28

Section 34

Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

(K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: W1/2

Section 19: W1/2

(L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: N1/2

Section 11: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 14: E1/2

Sections 23 - 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2

Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 35: NW1/4

(M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31: SW1/4

(N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

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Section 26: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 35: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 36: that portion south of the Skwentna River

(2) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Sections 18 - 19

(B) Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4

Section 19

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: W1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4

Section 3: N1/2N1/2

Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4

Section 11: NE1/4

Section 12

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 24: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 9

Section 10: SW1/4

Section 14: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 15: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 22: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 23: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 26: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Section 34: S1/2S1/2

Section 35

Section 36: W1/2

(E) Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30

Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 32

(F) Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Sections 9 - 10

Section 13: S1/2

Section 14: S1/2

Sections 15 - 16

Section 22: N1/2

Section 23: N1/2

Section 24

(3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: Excluding Tracts A, B, C and D

Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

Section 10

Section 15

(B) Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 5: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 10: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 21: E1/2

Section 22: W1/2

Section 27: W1/2

Section 28: E1/2

Section 34

(C) Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: W1/2W1/2

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 8: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 9: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 17: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 29

Section 30: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 32

Section 33: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(D) Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 30

Section 31: N1/2

Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

(E) Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2

Section 10

Section 11: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4

Section 13: W1/2W1/2

Section 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 24: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4

Section 25

Section 36: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

(F) Township 25 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 16: W1/2

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2

Section 25: SW1/4

Section 26: S1/2

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

Sections 34 - 35

Section 36: W1/2

(G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

(H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31

(I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Section 9: E1/2

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 23

Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 26

Section 27: NE1/4

Section 35: NE1/4

Section 36

(J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20

Section 21: SW1/4

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: NE1/4

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: W1/2

(K) Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3

Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

Sections 11 - 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: NE1/4

Section 24: N1/2

(L) Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 5

Sections 8 - 12

Sections 13 - 17

Sections 21 - 24

Sections 25 - 28

Sections 33 - 36

(4) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3

Section 10: E1/2

Section 11

Section 14

Section 15: E1/2E1/2

Section 22: E1/2E1/2

Section 23

Section 25: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2E1/2

Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 35

Section 36: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

(B) Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16

Section 21: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 10

Section 15: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4

Section 16

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2E1/2, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4

(D) Township 22 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Sections 7 - 9

Sections 16 - 18

Sections 20 - 21

Section 27

Section 28: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 34

(E) Township 23 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 7: W1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

Section 21

Section 28

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: S1/2

Section 33

(F) Township 23 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

(G) Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 9

Section 15: SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4

Section 21: E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 28: E1/2W1/2, E1/2

Section 33

(H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 17

Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2

Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4

Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 36: SW1/4

(I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

(J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17

Section 18: SE1/4

Section 19: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 20: W1/2W1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: E1/2

Section 32: W1/2W1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

(K) Township 25 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 7: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4

Section 8: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(L) Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

(M) Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 19: SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2, SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

Section 30: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side of MHWM)

Section 32: lands within 150' of MHWM

(N) Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Section 8

Section 9: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19

Section 20: W1/2

Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 30

Section 31: NE1/4

Section 32

(O) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: E1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: E1/2

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: W1/2

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 9: W1/2

Section 16

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: NE1/4

(R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

Section 33: S1/2S1/2

(5) Talkeetna State Recreation River

(A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2

Sections 3 - 6: excluding ASLS 81-196, ASLS 80-94, ASLS 80-84

(B) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3: S1/2

Section 4: S1/2

Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Sections 8 - 12

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 19

Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 30: W1/2

(C) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 24: E1/2

Section 25

Section 26: SE1/4

Section 31: S1/2

Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149 and ASLS 76-138

Sections 35 - 36

(D) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74-78 and ASLS 74-77

(6) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river crosses the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

(A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

(B) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12

Section 13

Section 14

Section 15

Section 21: NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4

Section 22

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Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 26: W1/2W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

(E) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 16: S1/2

Section 17: S1/2

Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

(F) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19

Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NW1/4

Section 30: NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(G) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 14

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: S1/2

Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

Section 34

Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 2. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.220(a) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt management plans for the three most extensively used rivers by July 1, 1989.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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Bradley
3/19/87

Original sponsors: Cotten, Pourchot, Rieger, et al.

IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the special values and uses of certain river corridors in Southcentral Alaska justify their retention for public use. The river corridors can support many public uses, including some that will enhance the local economy as well as improve access to retained public land. The designation of these corridors as recreation rivers recognizes the value of the described land and is not intended to become an undue impediment to the use and enjoyment of adjacent land or to the development of access within, across, and around the rivers.

* Sec. 2. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 is to establish as recreation rivers the land and water now owned by the state and the land and water acquired in the future by the state that lies within the boundaries described in AS 41.23.290(b). The primary purposes for the establishment of the recreation rivers are

(1) the protection and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis;

(2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the recreation river corridor and continued recreational and economic use and enjoyment by the public including hunting, fishing, trapping,

boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of upland activities within the recreation river corridor for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow; and

(4) accommodation of access for recreation, tourism, and other compatible economic uses of the river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.210. COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES. (a) The commissioner shall allow and may regulate activities within a recreation river corridor as allowed in a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, including, but not limited to

(1) use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized transportation;

(2) harvest of wood products;

(3) mining leasing and oil and gas leasing;

(4) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and

(5) public use facilities.

(b) The commissioner shall allow the continuation of commercial or private activities occurring on the effective date of this Act under a valid permit for use of state-owned land within the boundaries of a recreation river corridor so long as the commissioner determines that the activity is compatible with AS 41.23.200.

Sec. 41.23.220. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.290(b) is assigned to the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290.

(b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in

AS 41.23.290(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.-200 - 41.23.290.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 do not affect the authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145-(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt a management plan for a recreation river corridor. During the planning process the commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least two public hearings in municipalities and communities near the recreation river corridor. The management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200 to

(1) protect, maintain, or enhance the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings, including municipal land that is offered for sale or lease, and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with AS 41.23.200;

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.210, including mining leasing and oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.260(b) - (d).

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement the plan.

(c) A management plan adopted by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.240. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established under AS 41.23.290(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.230 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent to a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.250. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.290(b) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange for inclusion within a recreation river corridor.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.260. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05, AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.290(b).

(b) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is closed to mineral entry by location under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

(c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water or mean high tide, the commissioner may, upon a mineral discovery validated by the commissioner, permit mining leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appropriate conditions for permits, operating plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of the river.

(d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions in an adopted management plan.

(e) To enhance public use and enjoyment of a recreation river corridor under a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, the commissioner may provide for the construction and operation of commercial facilities such as lodges, campgrounds, and boat launches by

(1) leasing land including competitive leasing to a pre-qualified bidder under AS 38.05.070; and

(2) contracting for the construction or operation of a facility under AS 36.30.

(f) The commissioner of administration shall separately account for funds collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 41.23.270. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.290(b) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) as a unit of the state park system. The commissioner may assign management of a recreation facility or site such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation activities in a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.280. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river corridor only by the legislature.

Sec. 41.23.290. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation

river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and is not subject to grant under AS 38.

(b) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are established as recreation rivers:

(1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 3

Section 11: N1/2

Section 12: N1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2E1/2

Section 3: W1/2

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: S1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NW1/4

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(G) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 14

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: S1/2

Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

Section 34

Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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* Sec. 3. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.230(a) as enacted in sec. 2 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt a management plan for each river by July 1, 1992.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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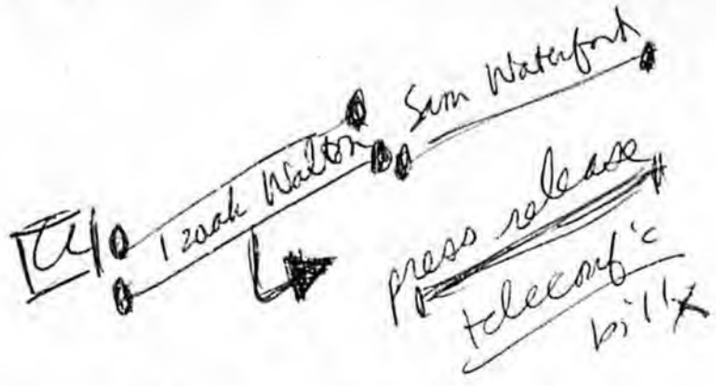
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(2) harvest of wood products;

~~(3) mining leasing and oil and gas leasing;~~

(4) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and

(5) public use facilities.

(b) The commissioner shall allow the continuation of commercial or private activities occurring on the effective date of this Act under a valid permit for use of state-owned land within the boundaries of a recreation river corridor so long as the commissioner determines that the activity is compatible with AS 41.23.200.

Sec. 41.23.220. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.290(b) is assigned to the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290.

(b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in

AS 41.23.290(b) that is adequate to achieve the .200 ~~purposes of AS 41.23.200.~~

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 do not affect the authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145-(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt a management plan for ~~a~~ each recreation river corridor. During the planning process the commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least two public hearings in municipalities and communities near the recreation river corridor. The management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200 to .

(1) protect, maintain, or enhance the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

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(2) ~~identify special recreational values and~~ manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities ~~or development~~, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings, including municipal land that is offered for sale or lease, and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with AS 41.23.200;

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.210, including mining leasing and oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.260(b) - (d).

(b) The commissioner ~~may~~ shall adopt regulations necessary to implement the plan.

(c) A management plan adopted by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.240. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established under AS 41.23.290(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.230 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent to a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.250. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.290(b) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange for inclusion within a recreation river corridor.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.260. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05, AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.290(b).

(b) Except for land within th Talkeetna State Recreation River north and east of Iron Creek, the state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) is closed to mineral entry by location under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

(c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water or mean high tide, the commissioner may, upon a mineral discovery, permit mining leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appropriate conditions for permits, operating plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of th river.

(d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions in an adopted management plan.

(e) To enhance public use and enjoyment of a recreation river corridor under a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, the

commissioner may provide for the construction and operation of commercial facilities such as lodges, campgrounds, and boat launches by

(1) leasing land including competitive leasing to a prequalified bidder under AS 38.05.070; and

(2) contracting for the construction and/or operation of a facility under AS 36.30.

(f) The commissioner of administration shall separately account for funds collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 41.23.270 COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.290(b) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) as a unit of the state park system. The commissioner may assign management of a recreation facility or site such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation activities in a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.280. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river corridor only by the legislature.

Sec. 41.23.290. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and ~~is not subject to grants under AS 29~~ shall be retained by the state or AS 29.

(b) The general grant land, acquired land, and the water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land and land redesignated after the effective date of this Act as general grant land, that lie within the following described parcels are established as recreation rivers:

(1) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Sections 18 - 19

(B) Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: Otter Lake, Weenie Lake, and that portion of the SW1/4 in Tract B, ASLS 81-77

Section 7: Otter Lake and Tracts F-2 and F-3 of ASLS 79-147

Section 18: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4

Section 19

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: W1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4

Section 3: N1/2N1/2

Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4

Section 11: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 12

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 24: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 9

Section 10: SW1/4

Section 14: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 15: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 22: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 23: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 26: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Section 34: S1/2S1/2

Section 35

Section 36: W1/2

(E) Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30

Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 32

(F) Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Sections 9 - 10

Section 13: S1/2

Section 14: S1/2

Sections 15 - 16

Section 22: N1/2

Section 23: N1/2

Section 24

(2) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3

Section 10: E1/2

Section 11

Section 14

Section 15: E1/2E1/2

Section 22: E1/2E1/2

Section 23

Section 25: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2E1/2

Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 35

Section 36: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

(B) Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16

Section 21: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 10

Section 15: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4

Section 16

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2E1/2, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4

(D) Township 22 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Sections 7 - 9

Sections 16 - 18

Sections 20 - 21

Section 27

Section 28: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: N1/2NE1/4 SE1/4NE1/4

Section 34

(E) Township 23 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 7: W1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

Section 21

Section 28

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: S1/2

Section 33

(F) Township 23 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

(G) Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 9

Section 15: SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4

Section 21: E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 28: E1/2W1/2, E1/2

Section 33

(H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 17

Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2

Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4

Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 36: SW1/4

(I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

(J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17

Section 18: SE1/4

Section 19: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 20: W1/2W1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: E1/2

Section 32: W1/2W1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

(K) Township 25 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 7: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4

Section 8: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(L) Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

(M) Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 19: SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2, SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

Section 30: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-

NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side of MHWM)

Section 32: land within 150' of MHWM

(N) Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Section 8

Section 9: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19

Section 20: W1/2

Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 30

Section 31: NE1/4

Section 32

(O) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: E1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: E1/2

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: W1/2

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 9: W1/2

Section 16

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: NE1/4

(R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

Section 33: S1/2S1/2

(3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: Excluding Tracts A, B, C and D

Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

Section 10

Section 15

(B) Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 5: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 10: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 21: E1/2

Section 22: W1/2

Section 27: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 28: E1/2

Section 34

(C) Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: W1/2W1/2

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 8: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 9: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 17: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 29

Section 30: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 32

Section 33: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(D) Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 30

Section 31: N1/2

Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

(E) Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2

Section 10

Section 11: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4

Section 13: W1/2W1/2

Section 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 24: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4

Section 25

Section 36: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

(F) Township 25 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 16: W1/2

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2

Section 25: SW1/4

Section 26: S1/2

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

Sections 34 - 35

Section 36: W1/2

(G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

(H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31

(I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Section 9: E1/2

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 23

Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 26

Section 27: NE1/4

Section 35: NE1/4

Section 36

(J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20

Section 21: SW1/4

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: NE1/4

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: W1/2

(K) Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3

Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

Sections 11 - 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: NE1/4

Section 24: N1/2

(L) Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 5

Sections 8 - 12

Sections 13 - 17

Sections 21 - 24

Sections 25 - 28

Sections 33 - 36

(4) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river crosses the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

(A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2NE1/4

Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

(B) Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 8: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4

(C) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 12 - 15

Section 22

Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 26: W1/2W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(D) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

(E) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

(F) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 16: S1/2

Section 17: S1/2

Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

(G) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19

Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,

W1/2NW1/4

Section 28: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 29: NE1/4

Section 30

(H) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 14

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: S1/2

Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

Section 34

Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

(5) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 3

Section 11: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

Section 12: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2E1/2

Section 3: W1/2

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: S1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: W1/2

Section 25: E1/2E1/2

Section 26: W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

Section 35: W1/2

(E) Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Section 13

Section 14: S1/2

Section 15: S1/2

Section 16: S1/2

Sections 17 - 18

Section 20: E1/2

Sections 21 - 23

Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

Section 9: S1/2

Section 10: S1/2

Section 11: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Sections 13 - 16

Section 24: N1/2

(G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2

Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

(H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 16: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 21: W1/2

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 36: E1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4

(I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2

Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

(J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 10: NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Sections 27 - 28

Section 34

Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

(K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: W1/2

Section 19: W1/2

(L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: N1/2

Section 11: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 14: E1/2

Sections 23 - 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2

Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 35: NW1/4

(M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31: W1/2

(N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 25: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 26: E1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 35: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 36

(6) Talkeetna State Recreation River: the water column of the Talkeetna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the line dividing Townships 28 and 29 North, Seward Meridian, downstream to its confluence with the Susitna River; the water column of Chunilna Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the line dividing Townships 27 and 28 North, Seward Meridian, downstream to its confluence with the Talkeetna River; and

(A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2: north of the left bank of the Sheep River

Section 3: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract B of ASLS 81 - 196

Section 4: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 81 - 196

Section 5: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract C of ASLS 80 - 94

Section 6: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 80 - 84

(B) Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3: exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 4: E1/2, SW1/4 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 7: S1/2

Section 8: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 9: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 17: that portion north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River

Section 18: exclusive of DOT 200642

(C) Township 26 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 23: that portion northeast of the left bank of the Susitna River

Section 24: that portion east of the left bank of the Susitna River and west of the right bank of the main channel of the Talkeetna River (that channel of the river that runs diagonally through the NE 1/4 and SW1/4 of Sec. 24)

(D) Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4

Section 3: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Section 4: SE1/4

Sections 7 - 10

Section 11: N1/2

Section 12: NW1/4

Section 15: NW1/4

Section 16: N1/2

Section 17: N1/2

Section 18: N1/2

(E) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3: S1/2

Section 4: S1/2

Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Sections 8 - 12

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 19

Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 30: W1/2

(F) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 24: E1/2

Section 25

Section 26: SE1/4

Section 31: S1/2

Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149 and ASLS 76 - 138

Sections 35 - 36

(G) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74 - 77 and ASLS 74 - 78

(H) Township 27 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 5: NW1/4

Section 6

(I) Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: SE1/4SE1/4

(J) Township 28 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 2

Section 3: SE1/4

Section 9: SE1/4

Section 10

Section 11: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 15: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 16: E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: SE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: NW1/4

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: SW1/4, E1/2

Section 32

Section 33: NW1/4

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 3. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.230(a) as enacted in sec. 2 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt a management plan for each river by July 1, 1992.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the special values and uses of certain river corridors in Southcentral Alaska justify their retention for public use. The river corridors can support many public uses, including some that will enhance the local economy as well as improve access to retained public land. The designation of these corridors as recreation rivers recognizes the value of the described land and is not intended to become an undue impediment to the use and enjoyment of adjacent land or to the development of access within, across, and around the rivers.

* Sec. 2. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 is to establish as recreation rivers the land and water now owned by the state and the land and water acquired in the future by the state that lies within the boundaries described in AS 41.23.290(b). The primary purposes for the establishment of the recreation rivers are

(1) the protection and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis;

(2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the recreation river corridor and continued recreational [and economic] use and enjoyment by the public including hunting, fishing, trapping,

boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of upland activities within the recreation river corridor for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow; and

(4) accommodation of access for recreation, tourism, and other compatible recreation-oriented economic uses of the river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.210. COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES. (a) The commissioner shall allow and may regulate compatible activities within a recreation river corridor as allowed in a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, including, but not limited to

(1) use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized transportation;

(2) harvest of wood products;

(3) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and

(4) public use facilities.

(b) The commissioner shall allow the continuation of commercial or private activities occurring on the effective date of this Act under a valid permit for use of state-owned land within the boundaries of a recreation river corridor so long as the commissioner determines that the activity is compatible with AS 41.23.200.

Sec. 41.23.220. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.290(b) is assigned to the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290.

(b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in

AS 41.23.290(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.-200.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 do not affect the authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145-(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt a management plan for a recreation river corridor. During the planning process the commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least two public hearings in municipalities and communities near the recreation river corridor. The management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200 to

(1) protect, maintain, or enhance the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings, including municipal land that is offered for sale or lease, and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with AS 41.23.200;

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.210, including mining leasing and oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.260(b) - (d).

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement the plan.

(c) A management plan adopted by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.240. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established under AS 41.23.290(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.230 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent to a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.250. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.290(b) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange for inclusion within a recreation river corridor.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.260. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05, AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.290(b).

(b) Except for land within the Talkeetna State Recreation River north and east of Iron Creek, the state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) is closed to mineral entry by location under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175. +205

(c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water or mean high tide, the commissioner may, upon a mineral discovery, permit mining leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appropriate conditions for permits, operating plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of the river.

(d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions in an adopted management plan.

(e) To enhance public use and enjoyment of a recreation river corridor under a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, the

commissioner may provide for the construction and operation of commercial facilities such as lodges, campgrounds, and boat launches by

(1) leasing land including competitive leasing to a prequalified bidder under AS 38.05.070; and

(2) contracting for the construction and operation of a facility under AS 36.30.

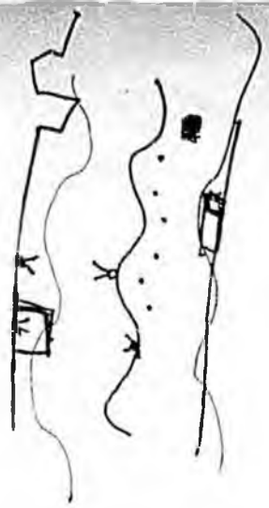
(f) The commissioner of administration shall separately account for funds collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 41.23.270. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.290(b) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) as a unit of the state park system. The commissioner may assign management of a recreation facility or site such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation activities in a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.280. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river corridor only by the legislature.



Sec. 41.23.290. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska and shall be retained by the state.

(b) The general grant land, acquired land, and the water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land and land redesignated after the effective date of this Act as general grant land, that lie within the following described parcels are established as recreation rivers:

(1) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Sections 18 - 19

(B) Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: Otter Lake, Weenie Lake, and that portion of the SW1/4 in Tract B, ASLS 81-77

Section 7: Otter Lake and Tracts F-2 and F-3 of ASLS 79-147

Section 18: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4

Section 19

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: W1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4

Section 3: N1/2N1/2

Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4

Section 11: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 12

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 24: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 9

Section 10: SW1/4

Section 14: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 15: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 22: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 23: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 26: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Section 34: S1/2S1/2

Section 35

Section 36: W1/2

(E) Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30

Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 32

(F) Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Sections 9 - 10

Section 13: S1/2

Section 14: S1/2

Sections 15 - 16

Section 22: N1/2

Section 23: N1/2

Section 24

(2) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3

Section 10: E1/2

Section 11

Section 14

Section 15: E1/2E1/2

Section 22: E1/2E1/2

Section 23

Section 25: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2E1/2

Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 35

Section 36: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

(B) Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16

Section 21: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 10

Section 15: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4

Section 16

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2E1/2, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4

(D) Township 22 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Sections 7 - 9

Sections 16 - 18

Sections 20 - 21

Section 27

Section 28: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 34

(E) Township 23 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 7: W1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

Section 21

Section 28

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: S1/2

Section 33

(F) Township 23 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

(G) Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 9

Section 15: SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4

Section 21: E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 28: E1/2W1/2, E1/2

Section 33

(H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 17

Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2

Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4

Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 36: SW1/4

(I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

(J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17

Section 18: SE1/4

Section 19: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 20: W1/2W1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: E1/2

Section 32: W1/2W1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

(K) Township 25 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 7: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4

Section 8: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(L) Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

(M) Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 19: SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2, SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

Section 30: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-

NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side of MHWM)

Section 32: land within 150' of MHWM

(N) Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Section 8

Section 9: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19

Section 20: W1/2

Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 30

Section 31: NE1/4

Section 32

(O) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: E1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: E1/2

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: W1/2

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 9: W1/2

Section 16

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: NE1/4

(R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

Section 33: S1/2S1/2

(3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: Excluding Tracts A, B, C and D

Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

Section 10

Section 15

(B) Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 5: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 10: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 21: E1/2

Section 22: W1/2

Section 27: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 28: E1/2

Section 34

(C) Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: W1/2W1/2

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 8: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 9: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 17: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 29

Section 30: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 32

Section 33: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(D) Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 30

Section 31: N1/2

Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

(E) Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2

Section 10

Section 11: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4

Section 13: W1/2W1/2

Section 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 24: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4

Section 25

Section 36: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

(F) Township 25 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 16: W1/2

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2

Section 25: SW1/4

Section 26: S1/2

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

Sections 34 - 35

Section 36: W1/2

(G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

(H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31

(I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Section 9: E1/2

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 23

Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 26

Section 27: NE1/4

Section 35: NE1/4

Section 36

(J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20

Section 21: SW1/4

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: NE1/4

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: W1/2

(K) Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3

Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

Sections 11 - 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: NE1/4

Section 24: N1/2

(L) Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 5

Sections 8 - 12

Sections 13 - 17

Sections 21 - 24

Sections 25 - 28

Sections 33 - 36

(4) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river crosses the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

(A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2NE1/4

Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

(B) Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 8: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4

(C) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 12 - 15

Section 22

Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 26: W1/2W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(D) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

(E) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

(F) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 16: S1/2

Section 17: S1/2

Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

(G) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19

Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,

W1/2NW1/4

Section 28: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 29: NE1/4

Section 30

(H) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 14

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: S1/2

Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

Section 34

Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

(5) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 3

Section 11: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

Section 12: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2E1/2

Section 3: W1/2

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: S1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: W1/2

Section 25: E1/2E1/2

Section 26: W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

Section 35: W1/2

(E) Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Section 13

Section 14: S1/2

Section 15: S1/2

Section 16: S1/2

Sections 17 - 18

Section 20: E1/2

Sections 21 - 23

Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

Section 9: S1/2

Section 10: S1/2

Section 11: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Sections 13 - 16

Section 24: N1/2

(G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2

Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

(H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 16: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 21: W1/2

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 36: E1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4

(I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2

Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

(J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 10: NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Sections 27 - 28

Section 34

Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

(K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: W1/2

Section 19: W1/2

(L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: N1/2

Section 11: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 14: E1/2

Sections 23 - 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2

Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 35: NW1/4

(M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31: W1/2

(N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 25: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 26: E1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 35: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 36

(6) Talkeetna State Recreation River: the water column of the Talkeetna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the line dividing Townships 28 and 29 North, Seward Meridian, downstream to its confluence with the Susitna River; the water column of Chunilna Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the line dividing Townships 27 and 28 North, Seward Meridian, downstream to its confluence with the Talkeetna River; and

(A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2: north of the left bank of the Sheep River

Section 3: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract B of ASLS 81 - 196

Section 4: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 81 - 196

Section 5: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract C of ASLS 80 - 94

Section 6: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 80 - 84

(B) Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3: exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 4: E1/2, SW1/4 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 7: S1/2

Section 8: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 9: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 17: that portion north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River

Section 18: exclusive of DOT 200642

(C) Township 26 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 23: that portion northeast of the left bank of the Susitna River

Section 24: that portion east of the left bank of the Susitna River and west of the right bank of the main channel of the Talkeetna River (that channel of the river that runs diagonally through the NE 1/4 and SW1/4 of Sec. 24)

(D) Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4

Section 3: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Section 4: SE1/4

Sections 7 - 10

Section 11: N1/2

Section 12: NW1/4

Section 15: NW1/4

Section 16: N1/2

Section 17: N1/2

Section 18: N1/2

(E) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3: S1/2

Section 4: S1/2

Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Sections 8 - 12

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 19

Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 30: W1/2

(F) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 24: E1/2

Section 25

Section 26: SE1/4

Section 31: S1/2

Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149 and ASLS 76 - 138

Sections 35 - 36

(G) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74 - 77 and ASLS 74 - 78

(H) Township 27 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 5: NW1/4

Section 6

(I) Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: SE1/4SE1/4

(J) Township 28 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 2

Section 3: SE1/4

Section 9: SE1/4

Section 10

Section 11: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 15: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 16: E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: SE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: NW1/4

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: SW1/4, E1/2

Section 32

Section 33: NW1/4

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 3. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.230(a) as enacted in sec. 2 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt a management plan for each river by July 1, 1992.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers: and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the special values and uses of certain river corridors in Southcentral Alaska justify their retention for public use. The river corridors can support many public uses, including some that will enhance the local economy as well as improve access to retained public land. The designation of these corridors as recreation rivers recognizes the value of the described land and is not intended to become an undue impediment to the use and enjoyment of adjacent land or to the development of access within, across, and around the rivers.

* Sec. 2. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 is to establish as recreation rivers the land and water now owned by the state and the land and water acquired in the future by the state that lies within the boundaries described in AS 41.23.290(b). The primary purposes for the establishment of the recreation rivers are

(1) the management, protection, and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis;

(2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the recreation river corridor and continued recreational and economic use and enjoyment by the public including hunting, fishing, trapping,

boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of upland activities within the recreation river corridor for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow; and

(4) accommodation of access for recreation, tourism, and other compatible recreation-oriented economic uses of the river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.210. COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES. (a) The commissioner shall allow and may regulate compatible activities within a recreation river corridor as allowed in a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, including, but not limited to

(1) use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other motorized transportation;

(2) harvest of wood products;

(3) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and

(4) public use facilities.

(b) The commissioner shall allow the continuation of commercial or private activities occurring on the effective date of this Act under a valid permit for use of state-owned land within the boundaries of a recreation river corridor so long as the commissioner determines that the activity is compatible with AS 41.23.200.

Sec. 41.23.220. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.290(b) is assigned to the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290.

(b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.-145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in

AS 41.23.290(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.-200.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 do not affect the authority of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145-(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

(e) The commissioner may not regulate under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 an activity that occurs on a river that has not been designated as a recreational river under AS 41.23.290(b). Where the water of a river that has been designated under AS 41.23.290(b) flows into the water of a larger river that has not been designated under AS 41.-23.290(b), the authority of the commissioner under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 ceases where the water joins the larger river and the commissioner may not regulate activities on the larger undesignated river under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with local authorities, representatives of groups who will use the

recreation rivers, and state agencies, including the commissioner of fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt a management plan for a recreation river corridor. During the planning process the commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least two public hearings in municipalities and communities near the recreation river corridor. The management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200 to

(1) protect, maintain, or enhance the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings, including municipal land that is offered for sale or lease, and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with AS 41.23.200;

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.210, including mining leasing and oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.260(b) - (d).

(b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations necessary to implement the management plan. The commissioner may adopt regulations before a management plan is adopted.

(c) A management plan adopted by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption by the commissioner.

Sec. 41.23.240. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established under AS 41.23.290(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.230 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent to a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.250. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.290(b) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange for inclusion within a recreation river corridor.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.260. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05, AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.290(b).

(b) Except for land within the Talkeetna State Recreation River north and east of Iron Creek, the state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) is closed to mineral entry by location under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

(c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water or mean high tide, the commissioner may, upon a mineral discovery, permit

mining leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appropriate conditions for permits, operating plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of the river.

(d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river corridor is available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions in an adopted management plan.

(e) To enhance public use and enjoyment of a recreation river corridor under a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, the commissioner may provide for the construction and operation of commercial facilities such as lodges, campgrounds, and boat launches by

(1) leasing land including competitive leasing to a prequalified bidder under AS 38.05.070; and

(2) contracting for the construction and operation of a facility under AS 36.30.

(f) The commissioner of administration shall separately account for funds collected under this section and deposited in the general fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated by the legislature to the department to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 41.23.270. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.290(b) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b)

to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) as a unit of the state park system. The commissioner may assign management of a recreation facility or site such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation activities in a recreation river corridor.

Sec. 41.23.280. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS. State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river corridor only by the legislature.

Sec. 41.23.290. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water within one-half mile of either ordinary high water or mean high tide on a recreation river designated in (b) of this section that is established as a recreation river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska and shall be retained by the state.

(b) The general grant land, acquired land, and the water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land and land redesignated after the effective date of this Act as general grant land, that lie within the following described parcels are established as recreation rivers and shall be managed under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290:

(1) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Sections 18 - 19

(B) Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: Otter Lake, Weenie Lake, and that portion of the SW1/4 in Tract B, ASLS 81-77

Section 7: Otter Lake and Tracts F-2 and F-3 of ASLS 79-147

Section 18: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4

Section 19

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: W1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4

Section 3: N1/2N1/2

Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4

Section 11: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 12

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 24: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 9

Section 10: SW1/4

Section 14: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 15: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 22: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 23: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 26: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Section 34: S1/2S1/2

Section 35

Section 36: W1/2

(E) Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30

Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 32

(F) Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Sections 9 - 10

Section 13: S1/2

Section 14: S1/2

Sections 15 - 16

Section 22: N1/2

Section 23: N1/2

Section 24

(2) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3

Section 10: E1/2

Section 11

Section 14

Section 15: E1/2E1/2

Section 22: E1/2E1/2

Section 23

Section 25: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2E1/2

Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 35

Section 36: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

(B) Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16

Section 21: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 10

Section 15: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4

Section 16

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2E1/2, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4

(D) Township 22 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Sections 7 - 9

Sections 16 - 18

Sections 20 - 21

Section 27

Section 28: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 34

(E) Township 23 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 7: W1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

Section 21

Section 28

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: S1/2

Section 33

(F) Township 23 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

(G) Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 9

Section 15: SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4

Section 21: E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 28: E1/2W1/2, E1/2

Section 33

(H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 17

Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2

Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4

Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 36: SW1/4

(I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

(J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17

Section 18: SE1/4

Section 19: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 20: W1/2W1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: E1/2

Section 32: W1/2W1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

(K) Township 25 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 7: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4

Section 8: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(L) Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

(M) Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 19: SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2, SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

Section 30: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side of MHWM)

Section 32: land within 150' of MHWM

(N) Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Section 8

Section 9: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19

Section 20: W1/2

Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 30

Section 31: NE1/4

Section 32

(C) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: E1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: E1/2

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: W1/2

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 9: W1/2

Section 16

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: NE1/4

(R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

Section 33: S1/2S1/2

(3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: Excluding Tracts A, B, C and D

Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

Section 10

Section 15

(B) Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 5: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 10: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 21: E1/2

Section 22: W1/2

Section 27: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 28: E1/2

Section 34

(C) Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: W1/2W1/2

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 8: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 9: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 17: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 29

Section 30: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 32

Section 33: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(D) Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 30

Section 31: N1/2

Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

(E) Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2

Section 10

Section 11: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4

Section 13: W1/2W1/2

Section 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 24: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4

Section 25

Section 36: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

(F) Township 25 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 16: W1/2

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2

Section 25: SW1/4

Section 26: S1/2

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

Sections 34 - 35

Section 36: W1/2

(G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

(H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31

(I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Section 9: E1/2

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 23

Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 26

Section 27: NE1/4

Section 35: NE1/4

Section 36

(J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20

Section 21: SW1/4

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: NE1/4

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: W1/2

(K) Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3

Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

Sections 11 - 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: NE1/4

Section 24: N1/2

(L) Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 5

Sections 8 - 12

Sections 13 - 17

Sections 21 - 24

Sections 25 - 28

Sections 33 - 36

(4) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column

of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river crosses the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

(A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2NE1/4

Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

(B) Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 8: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4

(C) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 12 - 15

Section 22

Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 26: W1/2W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(D) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

(E) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

(F) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 16: S1/2

Section 17: S1/2

Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

(G) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19

Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NW1/4

Section 28: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 29: NE1/4

Section 30

(H) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 14

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: S1/2

Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

Section 34

Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

(5) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 3

Section 11: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

Section 12: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2E1/2

Section 3: W1/2

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: S1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: W1/2

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Section 25: E1/2E1/2

Section 26: W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

Section 35: W1/2

(E) Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Section 13

Section 14: S1/2

Section 15: S1/2

Section 16: S1/2

Sections 17 - 18

Section 20: E1/2

Sections 21 - 23

Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

Section 9: S1/2

Section 10: S1/2

Section 11: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Sections 13 - 16

Section 24: N1/2

(G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2

Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

(H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 16: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 21: W1/2

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 36: E1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4

(I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2

Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

(J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 10: NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Sections 27 - 28

Section 34

Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

(K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: W1/2

Section 19: W1/2

(L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: N1/2

Section 11: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 14: E1/2

Sections 23 - 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2

Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 35: NW1/4

(M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31: W1/2

(N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 25: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 26: E1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 35: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 36

(6) Talkeetna State Recreation River: the water column of the Talkeetna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the line dividing Townships 28 and 29 North, Seward Meridian, downstream to its confluence with the Susitna River; the water column of Chunilna Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the line dividing Townships 27 and 28 North, Seward Meridian, downstream to its confluence with the Talkeetna River; and

(A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2: north of the left bank of the Sheep River

Section 3: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract B of ASLS 81 - 196

Section 4: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 81 - 196

Section 5: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract C of ASLS 80 - 94

Section 6: all land north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 80 - 84

(B) Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3: exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 4: E1/2, SW1/4 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 7: S1/2

Section 8: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 9: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 17: that portion north of the left bank of the Talkeetna River

Section 18: exclusive of DOT 200642

(C) Township 26 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 23: that portion northeast of the left bank of the Susitna River

Section 24: that portion east of the left bank of the Susitna River and west of the right bank of the main channel of the Talkeetna River (that channel of the river that runs diagonally through the NE 1/4 and SW1/4 of Sec. 24)

(D) Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4

Section 3: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Section 4: SE1/4

Sections 7 - 10

Section 11: N1/2

Section 12: NW1/4

Section 15: NW1/4

Section 16: N1/2

Section 17: N1/2

Section 18: N1/2

(E) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3: S1/2

Section 4: S1/2

Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Sections 8 - 12

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 19

Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 30: W1/2

(F) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 24: E1/2

Section 25

Section 26: SE1/4

Section 31: S1/2

Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149 and ASLS 76 - 138

Sections 35 - 36

(G) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74 - 77 and ASLS 74 - 78

(H) Township 27 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 5: NW1/4

Section 6

(I) Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: SE1/4SE1/4

(J) Township 28 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 2

Section 3: SE1/4

Section 9: SE1/4

Section 10

Section 11: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 15: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 16: E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: SE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: NW1/4

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: SW1/4, E1/2

Section 32

Section 33: NW1/4

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

* Sec. 3. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.230(a) as enacted in sec. 2 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt a management plan for each river by July 1, 1992.

* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing [~~a system of~~] recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

ARTICLE 2. [~~STATE~~] RECREATION RIVERS.

Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. (a) The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 is to establish management guidelines for [those] rivers [~~designated for recreation under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280~~] while permitting each river to be individually managed under a multiple use management plan.

(b) The goals and objectives by which a recreation river shall be managed include

(1) the protection and maintenance of the fish and wildlife populations and habitat on a sustained yield basis [~~so as to maintain, restore, and enhance fishing, hunting, and trapping activities~~];

(2) [~~protection~~] of the scenic and natural integrity of the river and [~~continuation of the traditional~~] recreational use [~~of the river~~] by the public including boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

(3) management of upland activities for the protection and maintenance of water quality and stream flow[.] ;

(c) The commissioner shall allow an activity when compatible with (b)(1) - (3) of this section including, but not limited to use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other

motorized transportation; harvest of wood products; sand and gravel extraction for public use; and public use facilities. ~~AS 41.23.200-41.23.280 may not be construed as permitting an activity that is incompatible with the purposes of AS 41.23.200(b)(1) - (3).~~

Sec. 41.23.210. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER. (a) The land and water within the area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280(c) is assigned to the commissioner for multiple use management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(b) ~~Within three years from the effective date of the designation of a river as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280(c),~~ the commissioner shall ~~, after consultation with appropriate state agencies,~~ reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or level for the water in the river described in AS 41.23.280(c) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

(c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the responsibility of

(1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

(2) the Department of Environmental Conservation under AS 46.03; or

(3) state agencies and municipalities under AS 44.19.145-(a)(11) and AS 46.40.100.

(d) Except as provided in this subsection the commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recreation river except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in this subsection, the commissioner may

not restrict ~~the exercise of~~ fishing, hunting, or trapping within a recreation river.

(e) The commissioner may lease land competitively within a recreation river ~~to a person~~ for the construction and operation of a public use facility ~~within the recreation river~~.

(f) The commissioner may not restrict commercial activities existing within the boundaries of an area designated as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280(c) at the time of the designation unless the commissioner determines that the commercial activity threatens the quality of the water or an essential habitat within the recreation river.

Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) The commissioner shall adopt and may revise a comprehensive multiple use management plan for ~~a river designated as~~ a recreation river ~~under AS 41.23.280(c). The commissioner shall consult with the Department of Fish and Game during the formulation or revision of a management plan governing the use of an area within a recreation river.~~ The commissioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least one public hearing in the municipalities and communities ~~that are proximately located to~~ the recreation river and with the local fish and game advisory committee in the area in the adoption or revision of a management plan. The comprehensive multiple-use management plan shall establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent with ~~the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280~~ to

(1) protect the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

(2) identify special recreational values and manage the level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

(3) designate compatible land uses and management

9) With approval and funding by the Legislature the commissioner may dispose of land in a recreation river corridor if the land sale will be compatible with the purposes and management of the recreation river and will be conducted in a way that prevents further subdivision or commercial use of the land.

guidelines for associated development;

(4) manage commercial activities or development, including recreational services such as guiding;

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

(6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land and private inholdings and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

(7) establish criteria and timelines to review future proposed uses for compatibility with AS 41.23.200(b). ~~[the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280]~~;

(8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an activity occurring under AS 41.23.200(c), including coal, mineral, and oil + gas leasing under AS 41.23.250(b)-(d).

(b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to implement the plan.

(c) A comprehensive management plan adopted or revised by the commissioner under (a) of this section shall be submitted to the legislature for review within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision by the commissioner.

(d) The Department of Fish and Game and the Boards of Fish and Game shall consult with the commissioner before adopting or revising regulations governing fish and game management in an area designated as a recreation river.

Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor designated under AS 41.23.260(c), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.220 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall participate cooperatively, as requested by a municipality, in planning for municipal lands adjacent to a recreation river corridor

Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The commissioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280(c) by purchase, lease, gift, or exchange.

(b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a recreation river by eminent domain.

Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 the provisions of AS 38.04; AS 38.05; AS 38.35; and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280(c). (b - f) see attachment

Sec. 41.23.260. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the management of land and water described in AS 41.23.280(c) or of other adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

(b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific site within a recreation river described in AS 41.23.280(c) to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to carry out a program authorized by law.

may, at the direction of the commissioner, operate sites such as campgrounds and [illegible] and may manage recreation under regulations adopted by the managing state

(c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river described in AS 41.23.280(c)(1) - (6) as a unit of the state park system.

Sec. 41.23.270. RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMISSIONER. (a) Before recommending the establishment of a recreation river to the legislature, the commissioner shall adopt a plan for the area encompassing the proposed recreation river.

(b) In the adoption of a plan recommending the establishment of a recreation river, the commissioner shall

(1) after notice under AS 38.05.945, hold a public hearing in each community that is located proximately to or within the

boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river;

(2) prepare a summary of the testimony offered at each public hearing held under (1) of this subsection with regard to the establishment of the proposed recreation river for inclusion in the plan;

(3) consult with each fish and game advisory committee with responsibilities for an area within the boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation river and include the recommendations of the local fish and game advisory committee in the plan; and

(4) provide a copy of the plan to each community in which a hearing was held under (1) of this subsection.

Sec. 41.23.275. DESIGNATION OF RECREATION RIVERS. State-owned land and water may be designated as a recreation river only by the legislature.

Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned land and water designated as a recreation river under (c) of this section constitute a special purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Alaska Constitution.

(b) The state-owned land and water described in this section within one-half mile of a lakeshore and within one-half mile upland of the meander of the ordinary high-water mark of a river is closed to mineral entry and leasing under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175 and 38.05.185 - 38.05.275. The state-owned land and water described in this section is closed to land disposals under AS 38.05.035(b), 38.05.045 - 38.05.069; AS 38.08 and AS 38.09.

(c) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are

designated recreation rivers:

(1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2

Section 7: NW1/4

(B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 3

Section 11: N1/2

Section 12: N1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2E1/2

Section 3: W1/2

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: S1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 17: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: W1/2

Section 25: E1/2E1/2

Section 26: W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

Section 35: W1/2

(E) Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Section 13

Section 14: S1/2

Section 15: S1/2

Section 16: S1/2

Sections 17 - 18

Section 20: E1/2

Sections 21 - 23

Section 27: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

(F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

Section 9: S1/2

Section 10: S1/2

Section 11: S1/2

Section 12: S1/2

Sections 13 - 16

Section 24: N1/2

(G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2

Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

(H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 7

Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 16: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 21: W1/2

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

(I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2

Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

(J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 10: NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Sections 27 - 28

Section 34

Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

(K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: W1/2

Section 19: W1/2

(L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: N1/2

Section 11: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 14: E1/2

Sections 23 - 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2

Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 35: NW1/4

(M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31: SW1/4

(N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 25: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 26: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 35: that portion south of the Skwentna River

Section 36: that portion south of the Skwentna River

(2) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Sections 18 - 19

(B) Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 18: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4

Section 19

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: W1/2

(C) Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4

Section 3: N1/2N1/2

Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4

Section 11: NE1/4

Section 12

Section 13: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 24: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 9

Section 10: SW1/4

Section 14: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 15: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 22: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4

Section 23: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

Section 26: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4

Section 34: S1/2S1/2

Section 35

Section 36: W1/2

(E) Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30

Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 32

(F) Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Sections 9 - 10

Section 13: S1/2

Section 14: S1/2

Sections 15 - 16

Section 22: N1/2

Section 23: N1/2

Section 24

(3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: Excluding Tracts A, B, C and D

Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

Section 10

Section 15

(B) Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 5: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 10: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 21: E1/2

Section 22: W1/2

Section 27: W1/2

Section 28: E1/2

Section 34

(C) Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3: W1/2W1/2

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 8: S1/2, NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 9: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 17: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 20: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 29

Section 30: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4

Section 32

Section 33: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(D) Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian

Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 30

Section 31: N1/2

Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

(E) Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: E1/2

Section 10

Section 11: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4

Section 13: W1/2W1/2

Section 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 24: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4

Section 25

Section 36: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

(F) Township 25 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 6 - 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 16: W1/2

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

Section 21

Section 22: W1/2

Section 25: SW1/4

Section 26: S1/2

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

Sections 34 - 35

Section 36: W1/2

(G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

(H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

Section 31

(I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 3 - 4

Section 9: E1/2

Section 10

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4

Section 23

Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 26

Section 27: NE1/4

Section 35: NE1/4

Section 36

(J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: SW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: SW1/4

Sections 17 - 18

Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20

Section 21: SW1/4

Sections 28 - 29

Section 30: NE1/4

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33

Section 34: W1/2

(K) Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3

Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

Sections 11 - 14

Section 15: NE1/4

Section 23: NE1/4

Section 24: N1/2

(L) Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 5

Sections 8 - 12

Sections 13 - 17

Sections 21 - 24

Sections 25 - 28

Sections 33 - 36

(4) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

(A) Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3

Section 10: E1/2

Section 11

Section 14

Section 15: E1/2E1/2

Section 22: E1/2E1/2

Section 23

Section 25: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

Section 26

Section 27: E1/2E1/2

Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 35

Section 36: that portion west of the eastern-most bank of the Susitna River

(B) Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 9

Section 15: W1/2

Section 16

Section 21: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 10

Section 15: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4

Section 16

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2E1/2, NW1/4NE1/4

Section 33

Section 34: SW1/4

(D) Township 22 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 4 - 5

Section 6: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Sections 7 - 9

Sections 16 - 18

Sections 20 - 21

Section 27

Section 28: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

Section 33: N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Section 34

(E) Township 23 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 7: W1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

Section 21

Section 28

Sections 30 - 31

Section 32: S1/2

Section 33

(F) Township 23 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2: E1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

(G) Township 24 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5

Section 6: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 9

Section 15: SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 16

Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4

Section 21: E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

Section 28: E1/2W1/2, E1/2

Section 33

(H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2

Section 17

Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 20: N1/2

Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4

Section 27

Section 28: E1/2

Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4

Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 36: SW1/4

(I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1: E1/2

Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

(J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17

Section 18: SE1/4

Section 19: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 20: W1/2W1/2

Section 29: W1/2W1/2

Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 31: E1/2

Section 32: W1/2W1/2, SE1/4SW1/4

(K) Township 25 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 7: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4

Section 8: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Sections 18 - 19

Sections 30 - 31

(L) Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

(M) Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 8

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

Section 19: SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2, SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

Section 30: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side of MHWM)

Section 32: lands within 150' of MHWM

(N) Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4: W1/2

Section 5: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Section 8

Section 9: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2

Section 19

Section 20: W1/2

Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 30

Section 31: NE1/4

Section 32

(O) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: E1/2

Section 9

Section 16

Section 17: E1/2

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: W1/2

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7

Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 9: W1/2

Section 16

Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: W1/2

(Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12: NE1/4

(R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

Section 33: S1/2S1/2

(5) Talkeetna State Recreation River

(A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 1

Section 2

Sections 3 - 6: excluding ASLS 81-196, ASLS 80-94, ASLS 80-84

(B) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: SW1/4

Section 3: S1/2

Section 4: S1/2

Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SE1/4

Sections 8 - 12

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

Section 17

Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

Section 19

Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

Section 30: W1/2

(C) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 24: E1/2

Section 25

Section 26: SE1/4

Section 31: S1/2

Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149 and ASLS 76-138

Sections 35 - 36

(D) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74-78 and ASLS 74-77

(6) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river crosses the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

(A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 3

Section 4: NE1/4NE1/4

Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

(B) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

Section 12

Section 13

Section 14

Section 15

Section 21: NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4

Section 22

Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

Section 26: W1/2W1/2

Section 27

Section 34

(C) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

(D) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

(E) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

Section 16: S1/2

Section 17: S1/2

Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

(F) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

Section 19

Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,
W1/2NW1/4

Section 30: NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

(G) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

Section 14

Section 24

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26

Section 27: S1/2

Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

Section 34

Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 41.23.900. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

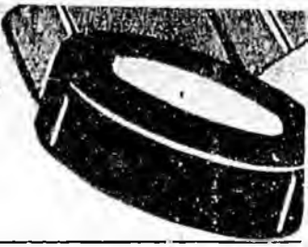
* Sec. 2. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreational river under AS 41.23.220(a) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim management shall be consistent with ~~the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280. The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt management plans for each recreation river established under AS 41.23.280(c) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act by July 1, 1992, except that the commissioner of natural resources shall adopt a management plan for the most extensively used rivers by July 1, 1989.~~ 41.23.200.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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Kenai River boat rule upheld

Judge rules in favor of 35 horsepower limit on boat engine

By PAUL JENKINS
The Associated Press

A Superior Court judge on Thursday upheld a Department of Natural Resources regulation restricting to 35 horsepower the size of boat engines that may be used on the Kenai River, Alaska's premier salmon stream.

Judge Karen L. Hunt ruled against the Citizens for the Preservation of the Kenai River Inc., a group that wanted a return to the days when engines of unlimited size could be used on the waterway.

"I'm disappointed and confused about the decision," said Tom Kolasinski, of Anchorage, co-chairman of the group. "Public opinion has always been opposed to the regulation."

He said he was unsure whether his group, which already has spent about $30,000 challenging the rule, will appeal the case.

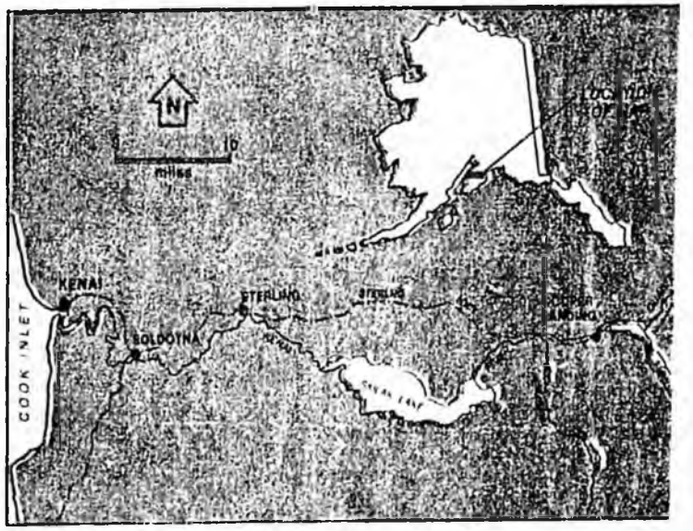
"At this point, we have all the data and facts filed in last year's legal proceedings. It's not that much more for us to go forward with an appeal. We plan to look into it," Kolasinski said.

State officials said the ruling will make it easier to manage the river this year.

"The uncertainty is gone," said Neil Johanssen, state parks director. "We are happy. Whether people agree or disagree, they now know what the rules of the road will be on the Kenai River. I feel it's been a great burden on people.

"We frankly were prepared to appeal it to the Supreme Court. Our confidence level is very high in the higher

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courts. If they appeal we will fight it."

The regulation was proposed by the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board. The panel said it was concerned with congestion and bank erosion along the waterway, which each year draws thousands of fishermen from around the world, and has produced a world-record king salmon.

The panel first considered traffic regulations to govern use of the river, but finally settled on the option of limiting horsepower.

Johanssen said while his agency leaned toward a 50-horsepower limit, the panel wanted to reduce the size to 35 horsepower, and that limit was adopted.

Kolasinski's organization of about 200 people said the rule was arbitrary and unnecessary. The group presented evidence it said showed that larger boats were safer and posed no threat to salmon habitat.

But as of May 1 last year, boat engines were restricted to 50 horsepower, with the 35-horsepower limit taking effect on Jan. 1 this year.

When Kolasinski's group sued, Hunt temporarily banned the state from enforcing the regulation. She ruled fishing guides and others with large boats on the river would suffer irreparable harm if forced to use smaller boats and engines.

State officials appealed. The Alaska Supreme Court overturned Hunt's ruling, and remanded the case to her.

Kolasinski said his organization believes the case is pivotal.

"We feel this is just a test. There is current legislation identifying six major rivers north of Anchorage and will put them under management similar to the Kenai River," he said. "Eventually all the waters will be regulated at the convenience of the DNR and parks department."

SHULTZ: Tour of China seems excessive to diplomats

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with two official banquets, occupied a day and a half. The rest of Shultz's six-day visit, which began Sunday, has been devoted to sightseeing.

After a weekend of rest in Hong Kong — the secretary left Washington last Thursday just before the Tower commission released its report — he and his wife, Helena, began the China mission Sunday with a flying visit to the southern resort of Guilin ("world famous for its spectacular mountain and river scenery," according to the briefing book prepared for reporters accompanying the secretary).

Then came talks Monday and early Tuesday with Chinese leaders including paramount leader Deng Xiaoping.



Department security officers has been deployed across China, a country known for security procedures of a forcefulness probably beyond the imagination of most Washingtonians.

Monday, while Shultz was inside Beijing's Great Hall of the People, a virtual fortress, a woman from the State Department Security Bureau guarded the front entrance. So did two Chinese soldiers holding rifles with fixed bayonets. Just inside the door, the usual platoon of Chinese plainclothesmen stood in reserve.

Chinese security was sufficiently effective to bar the way to several members of the Shultz party who had neglected to wear their special ID, a green button with a gold dragon.

"Somebody's taking his importance too seriously," a

IDITAROD: New race rule limits planned help on trail

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musher with a mind fogged by lack of sleep.

By Ruby last year, Butcher had been seven days on the trail with less than 21 hours of sleep, less than three hours per night for seven days. By Kaltag and Unalakleet and White Mountain, she had gone even longer with even less.

One of the key human tests of the Iditarod is how well a musher functions in advanced stages of sleep deprivation.

The Iditarod Trail Committee was concerned enough about what happened last year to add a new race rule this year. There is now a proviso saying:

"No planned help including verbal assistance is allowed throughout the race including [illegible] although [illegible]



have satisfied a requirement that mushers make one, mandatory 24-hour stop along the trail.

As it was, Butcher had to take that stop later in the race. When she did, Osmar caught and passed her. He went on to win.

And Butcher seemed to make problems for herself in 1983 when she got lost on the Yukon River and came into Kaltag visibly upset that "my dogs heads are all messed up." Rick Mackey of Trapper Creek got lost along with Butcher. He was angered by the turn of events [illegible]

Trouble on the Tal?

By Bill Sherwonit
Times Outdoors Writer

About 70 miles northwest of Anchorage, in the foothills of the Alaska Range, there is a small clearwater stream with beautiful deep pools, narrow whitewater canyons, gorgeous scenery, no crowds and large numbers of trophy-sized rainbow trout.

This stream – the Talachulitna River — is a fly fisherman's paradise.

"It's a classic fly-fishing river," says Bob Neale, a fly-fishing guide and instructor with 18 years' experience on Alaska waters. "It's a lot like the classic eastern and western streams (in the Lower 48). "It's the finest rainbow trout stream in the state that's within reasonably priced access of Anchorage. It's just unique."

Neale and dozens of other local fly fishermen treasure the "Tal." It's their prized jewel, to be adored and protected.

Now, suddenly and without warning, the Tal appears threatened. An Outside guiding outfit named TekeTours is planning a large-scale operation on the river this summer, complete with semi-permanent tent camp and airboats.

TekeTours has the local fly-fishing community in an uproar. A movement has begun to keep it out and "save the river." To save the rainbow trout.

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A tributary of the Skwentna River, the Tal is located in the heart of northern Cook Inlet's "king salmon country." Like its Susitna drainage neighbors — the Deska and Talkeetna rivers and Alexander, Lake, Willow and Montana creeks, to name a few — the Tal offers excellent fishing opportunities for kings, as well as silvers, reds, chums and pinks.

Yet the Tal is different from the rest. It is not famous for its salmon runs, but for its quality rainbow trout fishing. With an emphasis on quality.

Since the mid-1970s, anglers fishing the Tal have been required to use unbaited, single-hook artificial lures only. And any rainbows caught must be immediately released.

The limits on tackle and techniques, in combination with the catch-and-release ethic, have helped to keep the crowds away. So has access. Despite its proximity to Anchorage, the Tal is difficult to reach.

Anglers have two choices: Fly in or boat in.

"The river's accessible in only a couple places," says Kevin Delaney, a state sport fish biologist whose management area includes the Talachulitna River. "There's air access to Judd Lake, at the headwaters; from there, you can float the entire river in five to seven days. Or, there's riverboat access to the mouth."

Even in high-powered jetboats, it takes a minimum of three or four hours to reach the Tal from the nearest Parks Highway access points. Jetboat travel time from Anchorage is about six hours. Few anglers are willing to make such a journey.

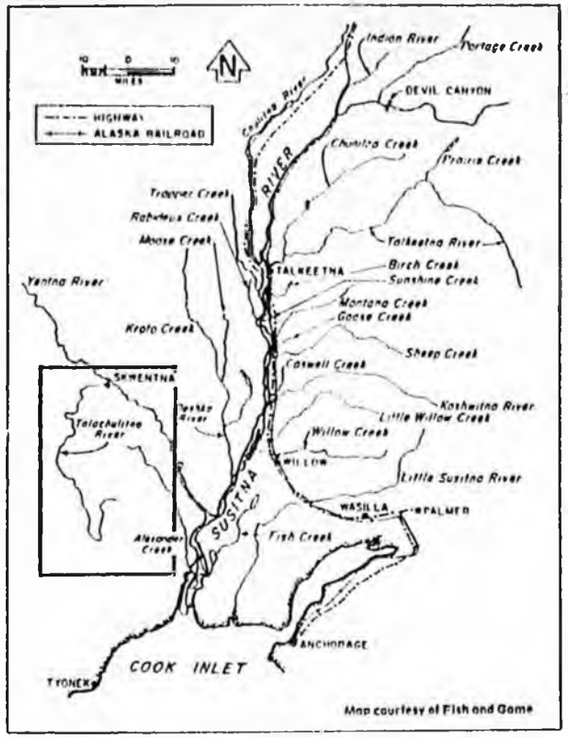
"It's a long ways away by boat," Delaney says. "And once you get to the Tal, you can't get very far. Very rarely do jet boats go more than a mile or so upstream. It's real shallow and rocky in places and not worth the risk of doing damage to the boat."

There is, however, a third alternative. About a half-dozen wilderness lodges operate along the river, offering fly-in, lodging and guide services. For those who can afford the prices — from $175 for a one-day, guided outing to $1,500 for a one-week package — the lodges provide the easiest access and most luxurious stream-side accommodations.

Because any trip to the Tal requires a significant investment of time and/or money, it hasn't evolved into a stream for the masses. And therein lies much of the river's appeal.

"One thing that's important to understand, is that we (Alaskans) have a helluva lot of water to go fishing in. And one of our most valuable assets is the diversity of our streams," Delaney says. "Some are fantastic

See Talachulitna, page F-9



Map courtesy of Fish and Game

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crowd fisheries. Others are managed so that they aren't crowded.

"Over the years, because of people's attitudes, the Talachulitna River has been singled out as a quality fishing area. The scenic values; the diversity of salmon, as well as the native populations of rainbow trout, Dolly Varden and grayling; the lack of accessibility; the catch-and-release philosophy; all of those contribute to the quality of the fishery."

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TekeTours, an "adventure and group travel" business based in Silverthorne, Colo., is a big-time operation. According to editor-and-president Ron Teke, "our company's mailing list has grown to over 6,000 and we are now advertising in over 14 outdoor publications."

In 1986, Ron Teke expanded his company's horizons by adding an "Alaska River Camp" on the Talachulitna River. Head guide of the Alaska program was a well known Colorado angler, Del Canty.

Teke and Canty didn't move their business into the Tal unannounced. Before setting up camp, they contacted the appropriate state offices. First stop was the Department of Fish and Game.

"I told them our department policy was not to allow commercial sport fishing camps in areas traditionally used by sport fishermen," Delaney recalls. "They asked me where they would cause the least amount of trouble and I told them, 'Away from the lodges.'

"It's important to point out that these guys aren't jerks," Delaney adds. "They're both sportsmen, who seem concerned about the fishery. They said they wanted to offer a high-quality trip, with low impact to the resource."

Teke and Canty next went to the Department of Natural Resources. Normally they would have been required to apply for a land-use permit. However, 1986 was not a normal year for DNR.

"Last year when (Teke and Canty) applied, there was some confusion about our permit policy. It fluctuated briefly," says Mike Sullivan, Mat-Su area manager for DNR's Division of Lands. "The person they talked to believed no permit was required. There should have been a permit; it was just a misunderstanding."

Teke arranged with Bush Pilots Air Service to have his clients flown from Anchorage into the Tal. As Delaney suggested, Teketours based its camp about 1-1½ miles above the lodges located near the river's mouth.

TekeTours attracted little attention during last year's sojourn on the Tal.

"Last year, most people didn't even know we were there," Teke says. "We were on the river for eight weeks and we didn't interfere with anybody. We didn't kick anyone out of their fishing holes, we didn't bother other fishermen. In fact, the only people we saw were a few rafters and the rare fisherman who walked upstream from the mouth. There were no problems at all."

Henry Elliot, owner of Bush Pilots Air Service and vice-president/general manager of Silvertip Lodge, agrees that TekeTours' presence on the Tal was "very unobtrusive."

But some river users didn't appreciate the newcomers.

"Throughout the summer we had people calling our office saying they didn't like (TekeTours) camping in their favorite fishing holes," Delaney says. "We didn't get a lot of complaints, but we got some; mainly from float-trip operators and lodge owners, but also from a few individuals."

Talaview Lodge owner Louise Johnson was one of those who complained.

"There were some problems with king salmon," she says. "Long after the king salmon season was over, some of our guides saw (TekeTours clients) playing big kings right near their spawning grounds. They said they were going after other species. But after a while it became pretty obvious to us that were really fishing for the kings."

Responds Teke, "From what I've been told, you can fish for kings after the season ends, you just can't harvest them or keep them. I don't think any of our anglers abused the regulations."

Apparently Teke was misinformed.

"After the close of the season, you can't intentionally fish for kings," Delaney says. "Not only is it closed to the taking, but also to the fishing."

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The local furor over TekeTours began in late February, after Neale received the company's 1987 newsletter/travel brochure. The feature story: "Alaska River Camps with Del Canty."

According to the newsletter, Teke is expanding his operation to 10 weeks, with "space limited to 20 anglers." In addition, he is touting "new airboats allowing our guests river access enjoyed by no one else."

The camp will feature a tent for every two anglers, as well as large cooking and dining shelters, running water and hot showers. And clients can have all of this for a cost "at least one-half less than the competition."

The specter of this new-and-improved operation has created fear and anger within Anchorage's flyfishing community. Concerns have been grouped into three categories: airboat use, increased angling pressure and possible health hazards created by insufficient sanitation facilities.

"The real bone of contention is airboats. They're becoming controversial all throughout Alaska. Most people feel there's just no place for them on a river like the Tal," says Elliot, whose Bush Pilots Air Service flew TekeTours' clients into the Tal last year. "I'm gonna try and talk Ron out of using airboats. He hasn't made any friends with the airboat idea. If he sticks with them, a lot of people will protest."

Dennis Edwards, president of Alaska Flyfishers, says that airboat use will "change the character of the river. It would no longer have the pristine, wilderness quality. Running airboats up and down the river would definitely have an impact. It's something we don't want to see."

Teke admits "airboats are a concern." But he emphasizes that the two boats he plans to use are small, with 18hp and 40hp snowmachine engines.

"They're not the 400hp deals. They're not noisy," he says. And when contacted last week, Teke stressed that the airboats would be used only to transport groceries, gear and clients from the river's mouth to the campsite.

"We're not going to use boats to roar up the 50-mile length of the Tal," he said. "It's just to make our operation a little easier."

Yet according to the newsletter, TekeTours "will have efficient airboats in camp this year giving us opportunity to explore new areas of the river."

Says Neale, "To me, there's still some question about how the airboats will be used. Teke says they're just for transportation, but his newsletter says something else. Personally, I don't want to see any airboats on the river, because of the precedent it could set."

Teke admits that "When the newsletter was written, I didn't realize how negative the response would be (to airboat use). If it's a major problem, I'd be glad to promise that I wouldn't use the airboats for further access up the river — only for transportation to the camp."

TekeTours' low-cost, high-volume approach also has local residents worried. With his 10-week, 20-client limit, Teke could bring in as many as 200 anglers — a three-fold increase over 1986.

"Ron brought in about 60 people last year," says Elliot. "He's definitely expanding — which is what any successful business would do."

But Louise and Steve Johnson, who have managed Talaview Lodge for the past 10 years, disagree. Talaview has room for 25 guests, but the Johnsons have placed a limit of 14 clients on themselves.

"We don't feel that the river can stand much more," Louise Johnson says. "We're voluntarily not running at full capacity. And neither is Silvertip. So here we have two established businesses trying to lower the number of people on the river and we have another guy moving in for two months, trying to make a big profit by running people in and out like an assembly line.

"If the resource isn't there next year, he can move on to another river. But what are we supposed to do?"

Russ Redick, executive director of the Alaska Sportfishing Association, says, "It's a question of what the resource can stand. Our group supports lodges and guide businesses as an industry. But we don't feel its good business for companies to come in, run a lot of people through, make some money and then leave."

The Alaska Professional Sportfishing Association is also opposed to Teke's Talachulitna operation. APSA President Chris Goll says that TekeTours' presence on the river could have state-wide implications.

"In many respects, this is a test case," says Goll, who stresses that no APSA members have investments in the Tal. "I don't want to see the fisheries' stocks and quality of the river threatened just to accommodate another business. Those rainbow stocks are very vulnerable. That's why the Tal was made a no-kill rainbow fishery in the first place.

"There are already enough lodges to accommodate the public. There's no need for another business. We're fearful that such increased use will be detrimental to the river and the fishery."

Teke argues that Alaskan individuals and groups want to keep him out for selfish reasons.

"What it's really all about is that they don't want any more competition," he says. "We won't be on the river during prime rainbow time (September and October). And our fishermen are mainly after the salmon. So I don't think there's a real danger of us harming the rainbow population.

"We consider ourselves courteous, conscientious sportsmen and gentlemen. We want to act that way. But we also believe we have the right to use the river, whether or not we live in Alaska. It's a free world. And I find it ironic that other lodges are criticizing my business when they've just expanded."

A final fear centers around the threat of pollution and littering.

"From what I've heard, the Teke bunch hasn't come up with any plan for how they're going to handle sewage disposal," says John Morrison, a member of Alaska Flyfishers. "There are real dangers to the stream and people who use it if no adequate sewage facilities are available."

Louise Johnson agrees, "Sanitation is a major concern, especially if they're bringing in 15 to 20 people a week. We residents have to spend big bucks to protect the river from pollution. But what about TekeTours? They have no septic system. And what do they do with their garbage? Where do they get their water from? And what about bathing facilities? I don't want to see ivory soap floating down the river."

Last summer, the Alaska River Camps operation employed chemical toilets and outhouses. The effluent was disposed in a two-foot pit located about 250 feet from the river, Teke says. All paper and trash was burned. Aluminum cans and other non-combustible items were buried "at least two feet deep" in a pit. And drinking water came from a spring that flowed out of a nearby hillside.

Teke says similar precautions would be taken in 1987.

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TekeTours will be required to apply for a land-use permit this year.

Before DNR officials decide to approve or reject the application "we'll look at other state-agency concerns — primarily Fish and Game in this instance," says Mike Sullivan. "We'll also take comments from the public."

Once the permit application is received, the public will have at least two weeks to comment. But Sullivan notes that the final decision will be based on "what's best for the state."

In deciding what's best for the state, DNR will consider such factors as environmental impacts and financial benefits to Alaska's economy.

"It seems kind of strange to me that all of a sudden I have to apply for a permit," Teke says. "None was required last year. Now, all of a sudden, there is. I think there's some politics being played."

However, Sullivan and Delaney agree that a land-use permit should have been required in 1986. Last year, Teke benefited from a temporary loophole in the permitting system.

"The system broke down last year," Delaney says. "Now we have to go back and correct that, at considerable expense to (the state) and Mr. Teke."

Local anglers have already begun a letter-writing campaign to express their opposition to a land-use permit. Both the Alaska Flyfishers and Alaska Professional Sportfishing Association have written to DNR expressing their concerns about the Tal.

"We're not a bunch of radicals or high-profile conservatives," says Flyfishers President Dennis Edwards. "And we're not out to hurt anybody's business. But when an operation threatens the quality of the stream, it's time to speak out against possible misuse of the river."

Delaney says Teke has several options available if a land-use permit is not issued. He could try to lease private land along the river, run float trips, set up camp outside the Tal or take the business to another river.

Teke says he's "shocked" that his Talaculitna camp has stirred up so much controversy, but is confident that "the state will evaluate the application on facts, not emotion. It's public water. I have just as much right to use the river as anybody."

Bob Neale is hoping the state will prove Teke wrong.

"Yes, it's a free country. And I have no objection to TekeTours or any other business — as long as they don't threaten to destroy the resource and the aesthetics," Neale says. "He's advertising aesthetics. But at the same time, he's moving large numbers of people in and out. The Tal is not the kind of river where we want to talk quantity. It's a quality fishery. And we have to protect that."

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Bill Version: CS HB 93 (Resources)
Publish Date:

Revision Date: 3/26/87
Title: Recreation Rivers

Agency Affected: Natural Resources
BRU: Land and Water Management

Sponsor: Cotten
Requestor: House Resources Committee

Components:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES		96.5	96.5	96.5		
TRAVEL		5.0	5.0	5.0		
CONTRACTUAL		30.0	30.0	30.0		
SUPPLIES		2.0	2.0	2.0		
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		133.5	133.5	133.5		
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		133.5	133.5	133.5		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		133.5	133.5	133.5		

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		2	2			
PART-TIME		1	1			
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

All six plans will be developed at the same time and completed over a three year period. New staff will gather planning information and begin the plans with assistance from other planning staff as time is available. (See attached explanation).

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CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CS HB 93

This bill would require the Department of Natural Resources to complete management plans for six rivers by 1992, and hold at least two hearings in municipalities and communities near the recreation river corridors.

The planning team would require a Range 18 Natural Resource Manager I, a Range 12 Natural Resource Technician II, and a half-time Range 8 Clerk Typist III.

Explanation of funding:

100 - Two and one-half positions.

Natural Resource Manager I	48.2	12 months
Natural Resource Technician II	34.1	12 months
Clerk Typist III	14.2	6 months

200 - Per diem and travel for meetings.

300 - Travel and printing expenses for the plans.

400 - Supplies and commodities for staff.

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Dear Representatives Herrmann and Cotten:

Subject: House Bill 93, which would establish a system of recreation rivers.

Position: The Department of Natural Resources supports the designation of the six rivers described in this bill as state recreation rivers: the Talachulitna River; Alexander Creek; Lake Creek; Kroto Creek and Moose Creek; the Talkeetna River; and the Little Susitna River.

Background: The Susitna Area Plan and the Willow Sub-basin Plan identified these rivers as important recreational areas. They are currently managed primarily for recreation and habitat values, but are also available for other resource uses, including forestry and gravel extraction for public purposes.

Recommendation: We recommend that section 41.23.210(b) be changed to allow the department five years, rather than three, for completing instream flow reservations. We also note that some technical changes may be needed in the legal description under section 41.23.280(c).

Please let me know if we may provide additional information.

Sincerely,

for Judith M. Brady
Commissioner

Enclosure: Maps

cc: Committee Members
Governor's Legislative Liaison

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HB 93

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS
HB 93

Section 1:

Purposes: The purposes section designates the rivers, described later in the bill, as recreation rivers; sets several goals and objectives of management (habitat protection, recreation, and water quality); and allows some other, compatible uses such as motorized use, timber harvest, sand and gravel extraction for public use; and public facility construction.

General management: The commissioner of natural resources is assigned responsibility for multiple use management of the recreation rivers; is required to make instream flow reservations for the rivers within three years; is not allowed to interfere with lawful hunting and fishing and use of weapons; is permitted to lease land competitively for public use facilities; and is not permitted to interfere with existing commercial uses that are compatible with the designation of the rivers. The authorities of the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and other agencies are protected.

Management planning: The commissioner is required to adopt management plans for the recreation rivers under a public process. The plans must protect the habitat and recreation opportunities, designate compatible uses, manage commercial activities, provide for public services, protect access, and establish setback requirements on the rivers. The commissioner may adopt regulations to implement the plan. The legislature may review the plan. The commissioner of fish and game is directed to consult with the commissioner of natural resources before adopting regulations affecting the recreation rivers.

Municipal lands: Municipal lands may not be included in the management plan without municipal concurrence.

Land acquisition: The commissioner may acquire new lands for the rivers but may not exercise powers of eminent domain to do so.

Land laws: The rivers are subject to public land laws except where they are inconsistent with the Act.

Cooperative management: The commissioner may manage the units cooperatively with another state, federal or municipal agency or a private landowner. The commissioner may transfer management to another agency for facilities

development or other lawful purposes. The commissioner may not manage entire units as State Parks.

Future recommendations: The commissioner may not recommend additions to the recreation rivers system without adopting a plan for the area under public processes.

Legislative designations: Only the Legislature may designate a recreation river.

Designated rivers: The rivers are special purpose areas under Article VIII of the Constitution. Valid existing rights are protected. Only state-owned lands are affected. All land is closed to land disposals. A one-mile corridor is closed to mineral entry and leasing, but the entire corridor remains open to oil and gas leasing. The rivers are described.

Section 2:

Until a management plan is adopted for a designated recreation river, the commissioner is required to manage it according to the purposes of the Act. The management plans must be completed by July 1, 1990, and the plans for the most extensively used rivers must be completed by July 1, 1988.

Section 3:

The act is immediately effective.

cc HB 93
HB 18
SB 62

Alaska Sportfishing Association

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February 9, 1987

Governor Steve Cowper
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Dear Governor Cowper:

RE: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Alaska Sportfishing Association is a statewide organization headquartered in Anchorage. We currently have approximately 2,000 individual members and 135 business members. This organization stands ready to work cooperatively with you for good resource legislation.

Since we publish a monthly newsletter, we regularly pass along information to our members about resource and sportfishing issues. We feel we can assist your administration in disseminating information to sportfishing interests. We have worked with ADF&G in the past to this end.

We appreciate your support for the sportfishing industry as evidenced by your answers to our questionnaire last July. We understand the difficult job that you and the legislature face this session determining the course this great state must take for continued progress under a greatly restricted budget. This restriction may have a major impact on our short and long-term future. Thus our legislative priorities for 1987 address legislation that is important to the economic future of this state, but legislation without cost to the General Fund of the state.

All three of the Alaska Sportfishing Associations' legislative priorities address an important step forward in the necessary expansion of recreational fishing for Alaskans, and of Alaska's fledgling tourism industry of which recreation fishing is the major drawing card. As you have identified, development and expansion of this one industry will lead to increased trade with Pacific Rim and other countries. There are many actions that need to be taken to improve our ability to attract and provide suitable facilities for Alaskans, as well as U.S. and foreign tourists. The following are important steps forward and are our top priorities:

1. Passage of HB 93 to create an effective Recreational Rivers system that will protect both the fishery and environmental resource of six rivers in the Susitna drainage. Members of our organization will be in contact with legislators to work out details and work for passage. This legislation is of top priority to just about every outdoor and environmental organization in the state.

2. Passage of legislation which creates an effective public access acquisition and/or development program. Passage of SB 62 (and SB 26) will go a long way toward making possible the acquisition of critically needed public access sites and/or development of those sites. This legislation will not result in any General Fund expenditures. These bills raise the percentage of Federal Aid Breaux-Wollop funds which must be committed to access from 10 percent to 20 percent. The Breaux-Wollop funds are generated at the federal level by a tax on certain fishing items, and the funds must be used for sport fish projects. Since those funds are generated by sportfishermen, the sport fishing community should have a strong hand in deciding how they should be spent. Sport fishermen strongly support SB 62 and SB 26.

3. Passage of legislation to establish the Willow Creek State Recreational Area. HB 18 is enabling legislation which jointly involves Mat-Su Borough and state lands. It is not a duplication of the Recreation Rivers Bill mentioned above and will go a long way toward long-term protection of the Willow Creek area and access to a series of Susitna Drainage salmon and trout fisheries.

We wish you, your administration, and the 1987 legislature the best in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Alaska Sportfishing Association
Legislative Committee

Robert L. Hunter, Chairman

Virginia Hilliker

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Jim Richardson

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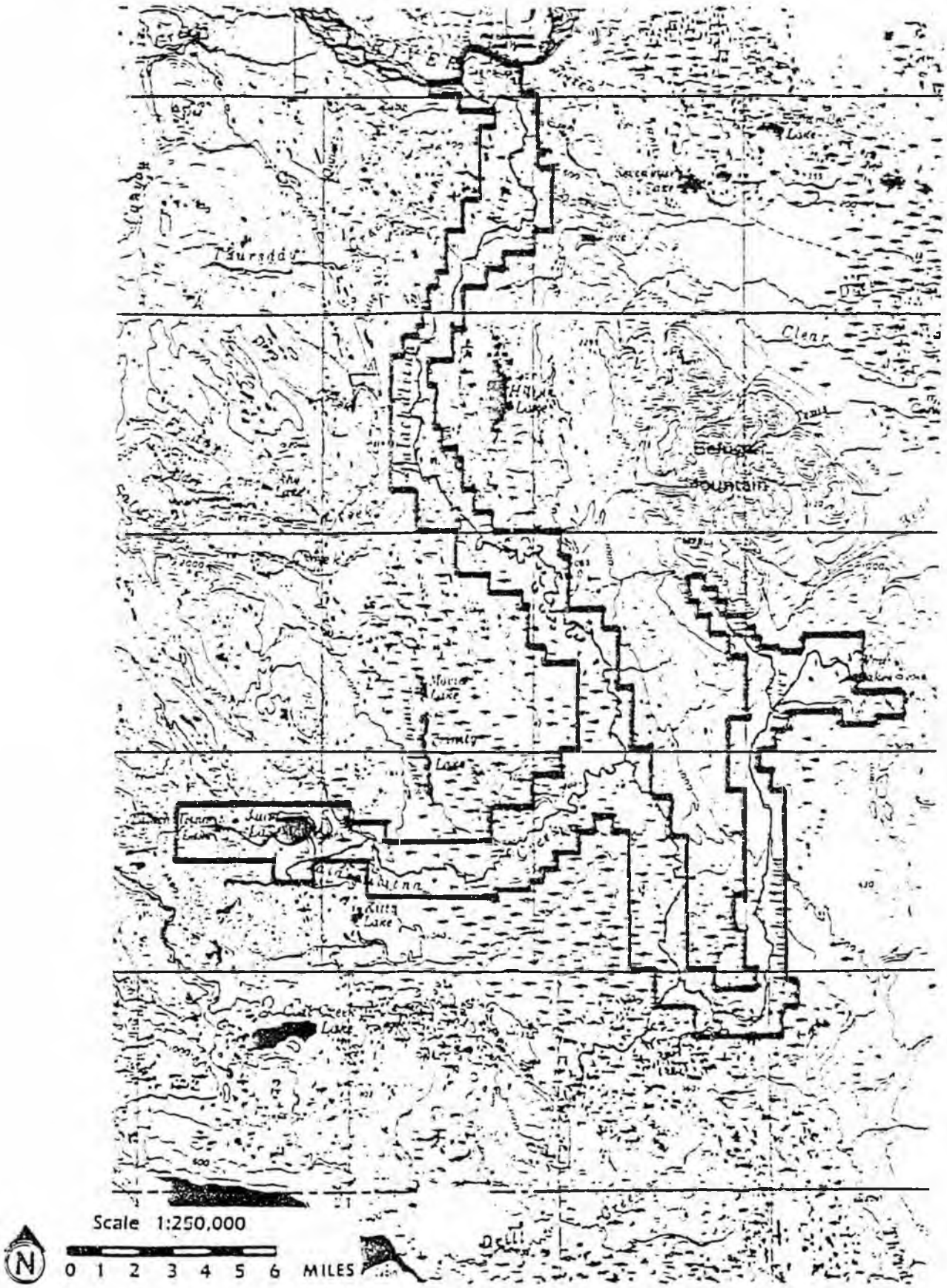
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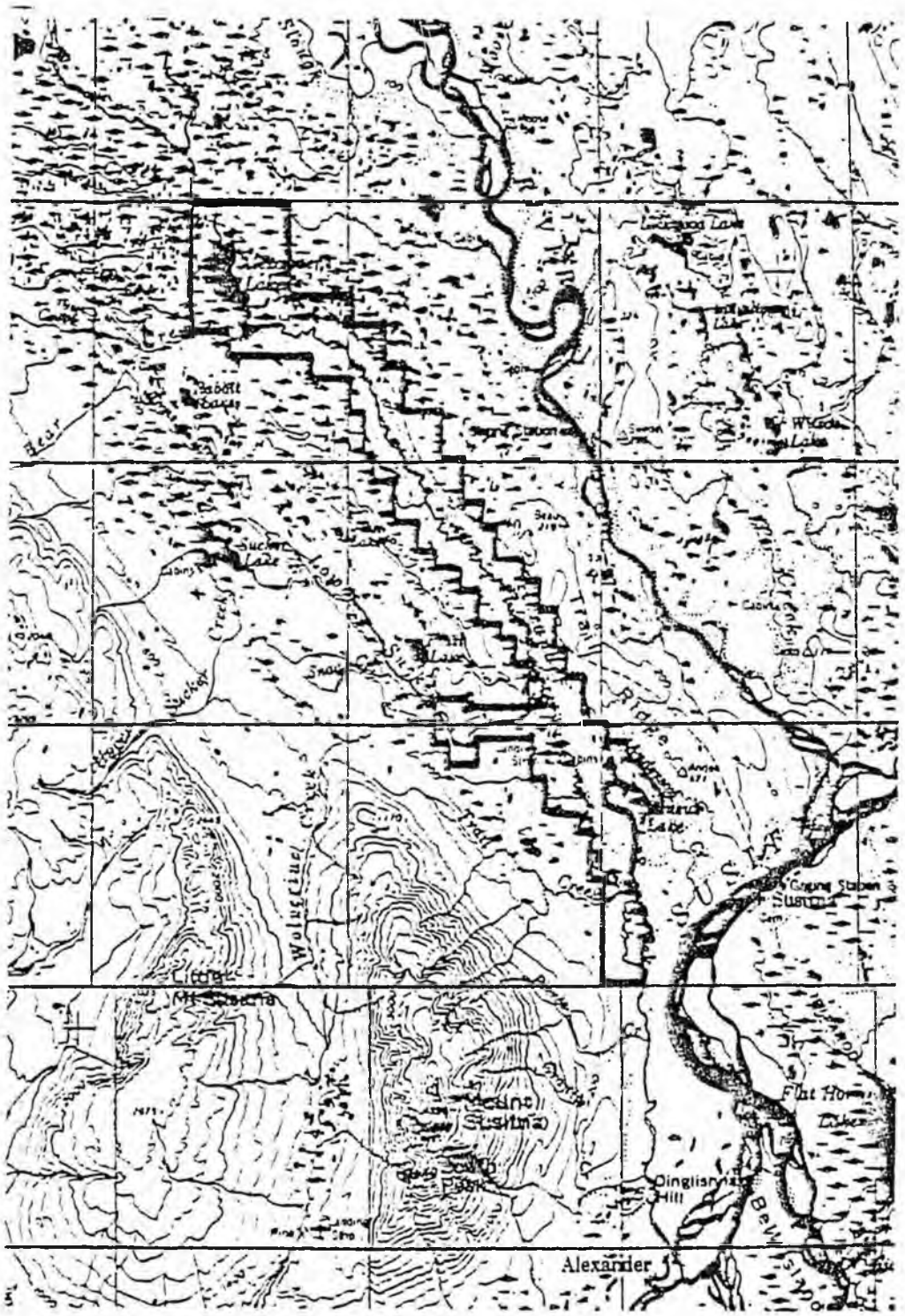
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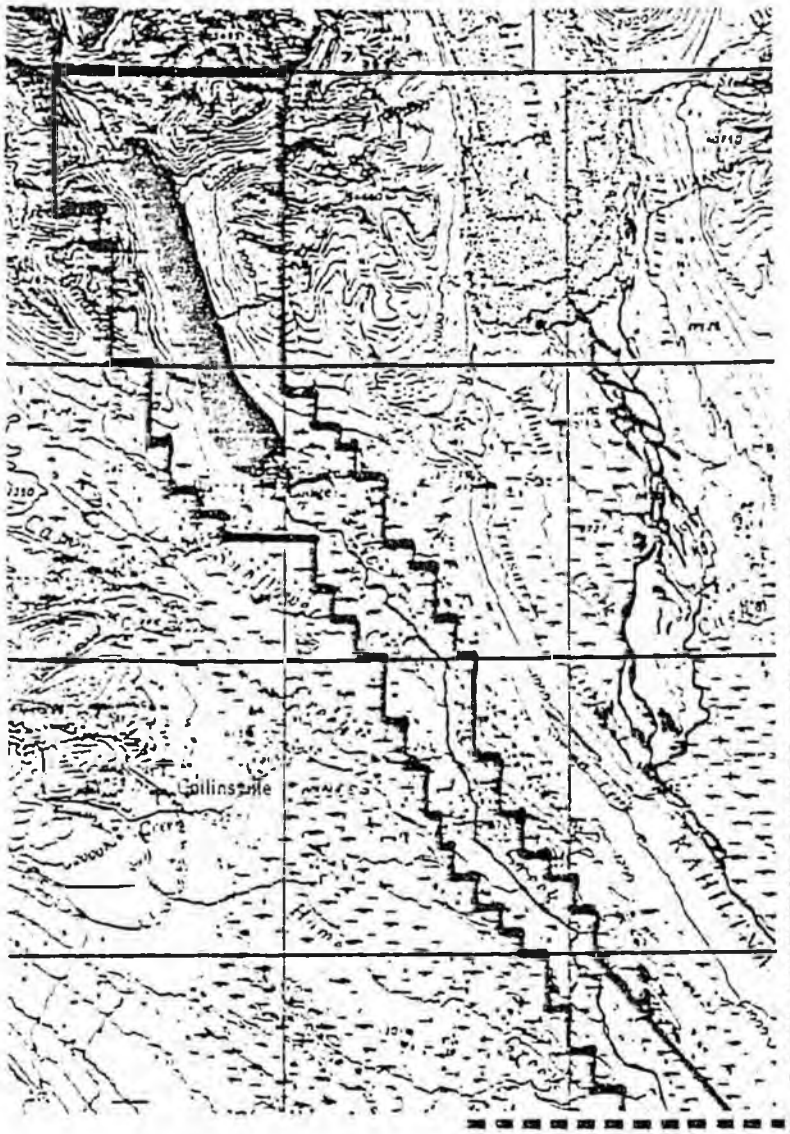
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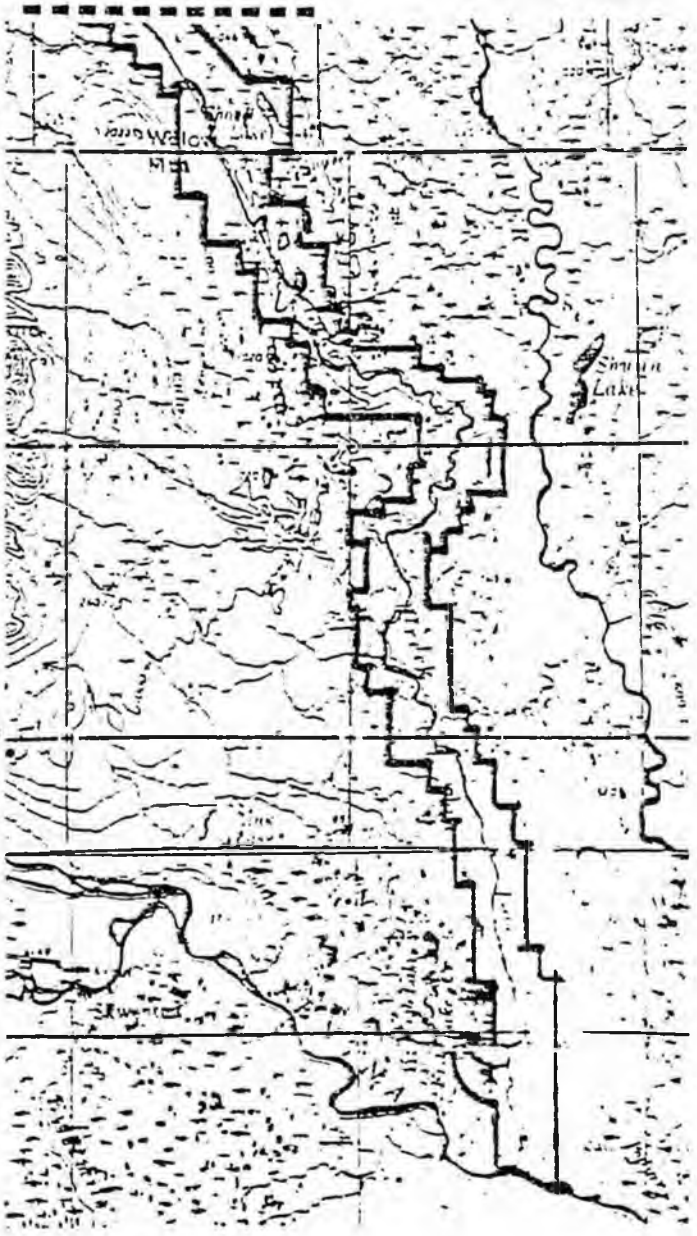
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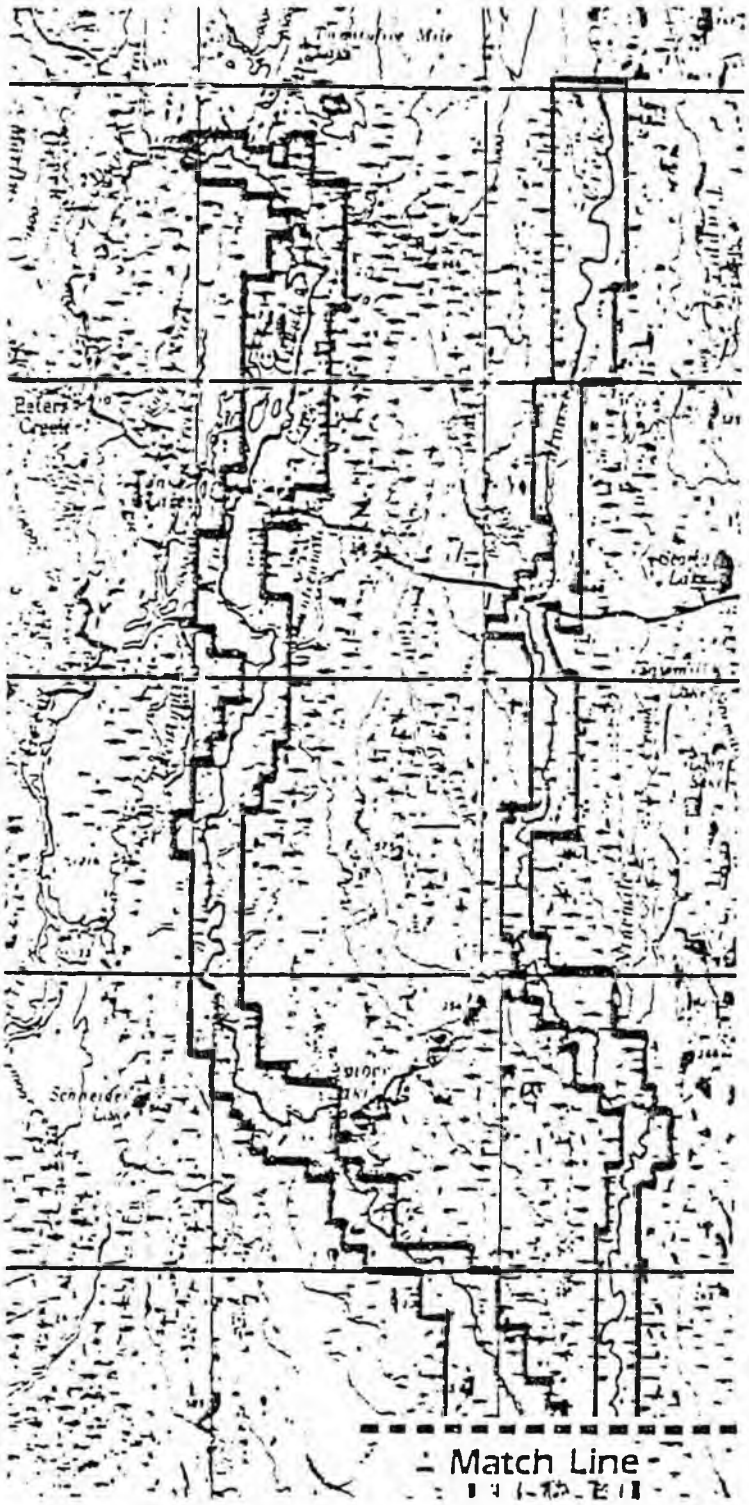
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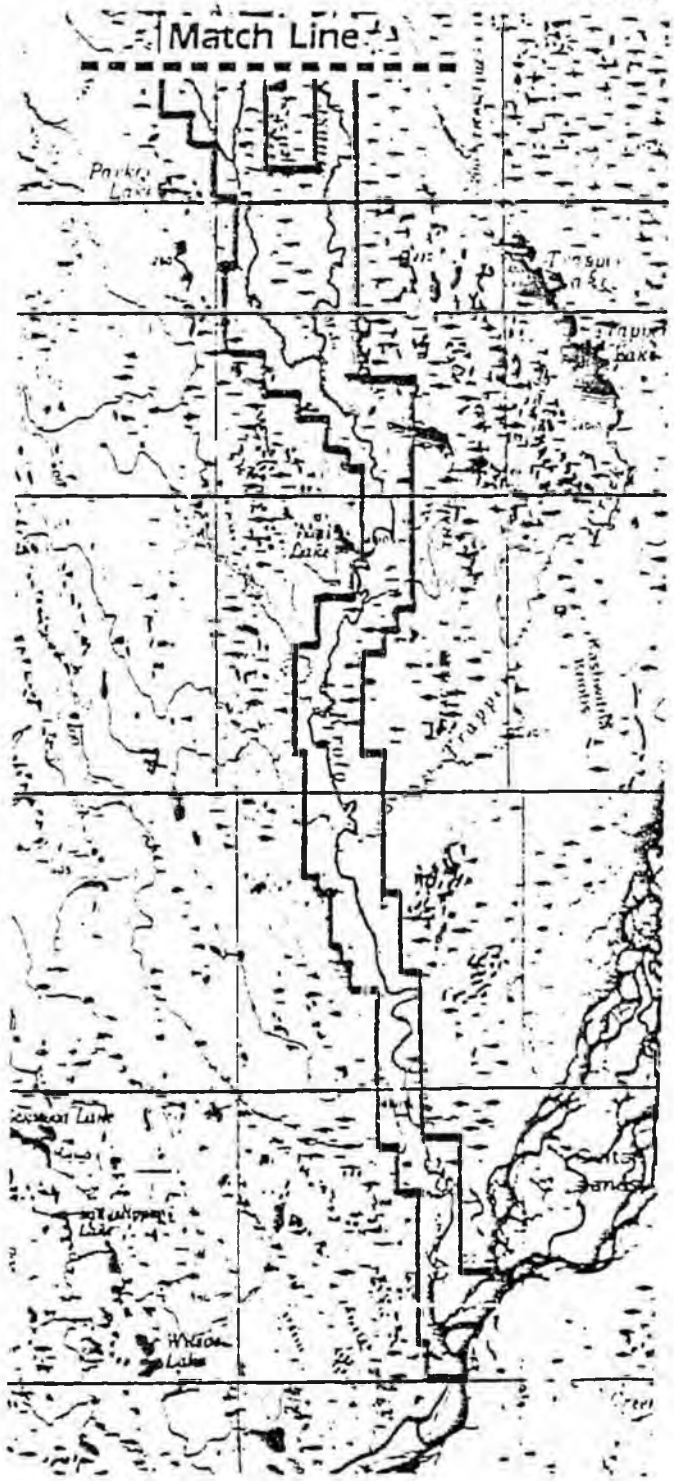
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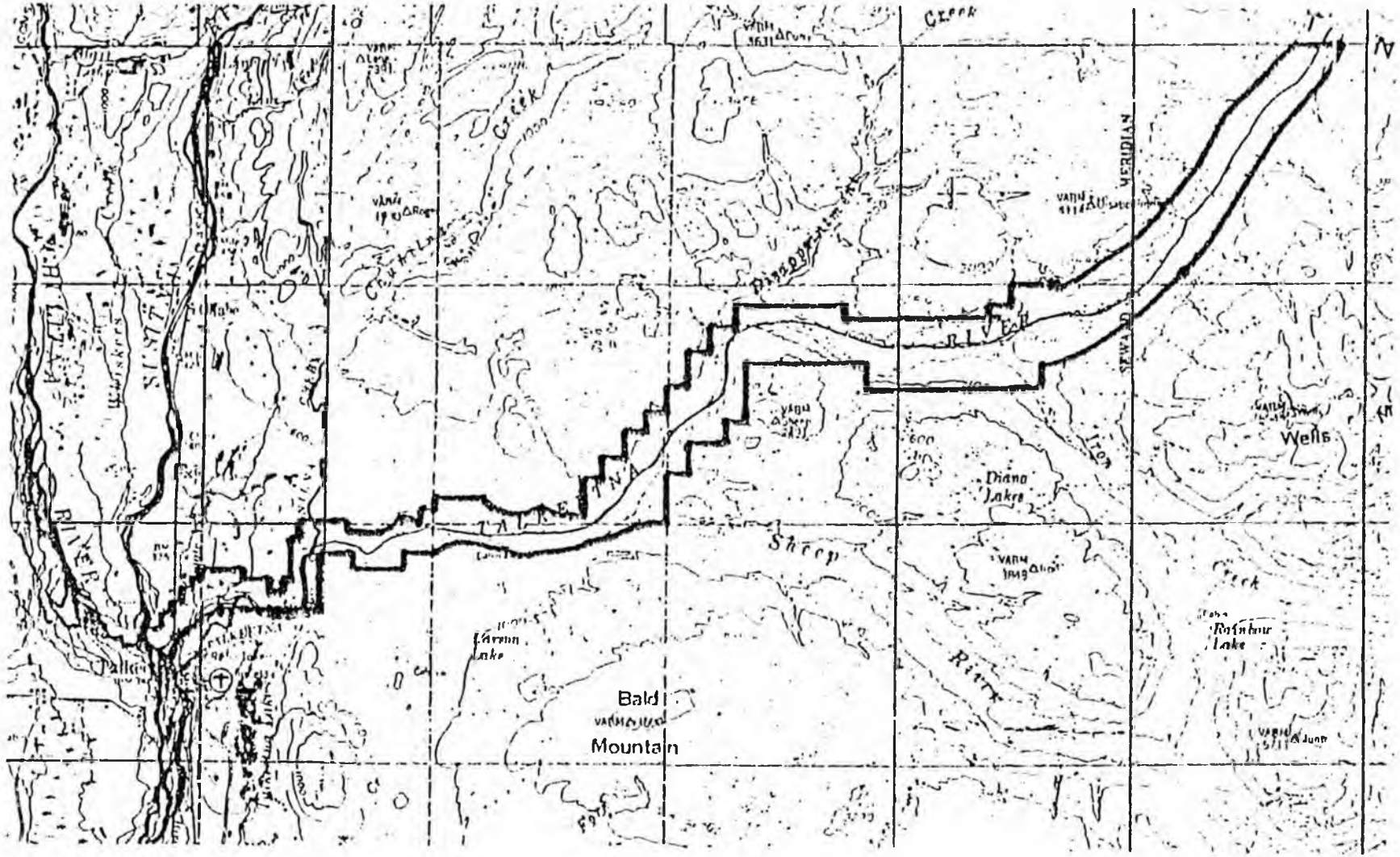
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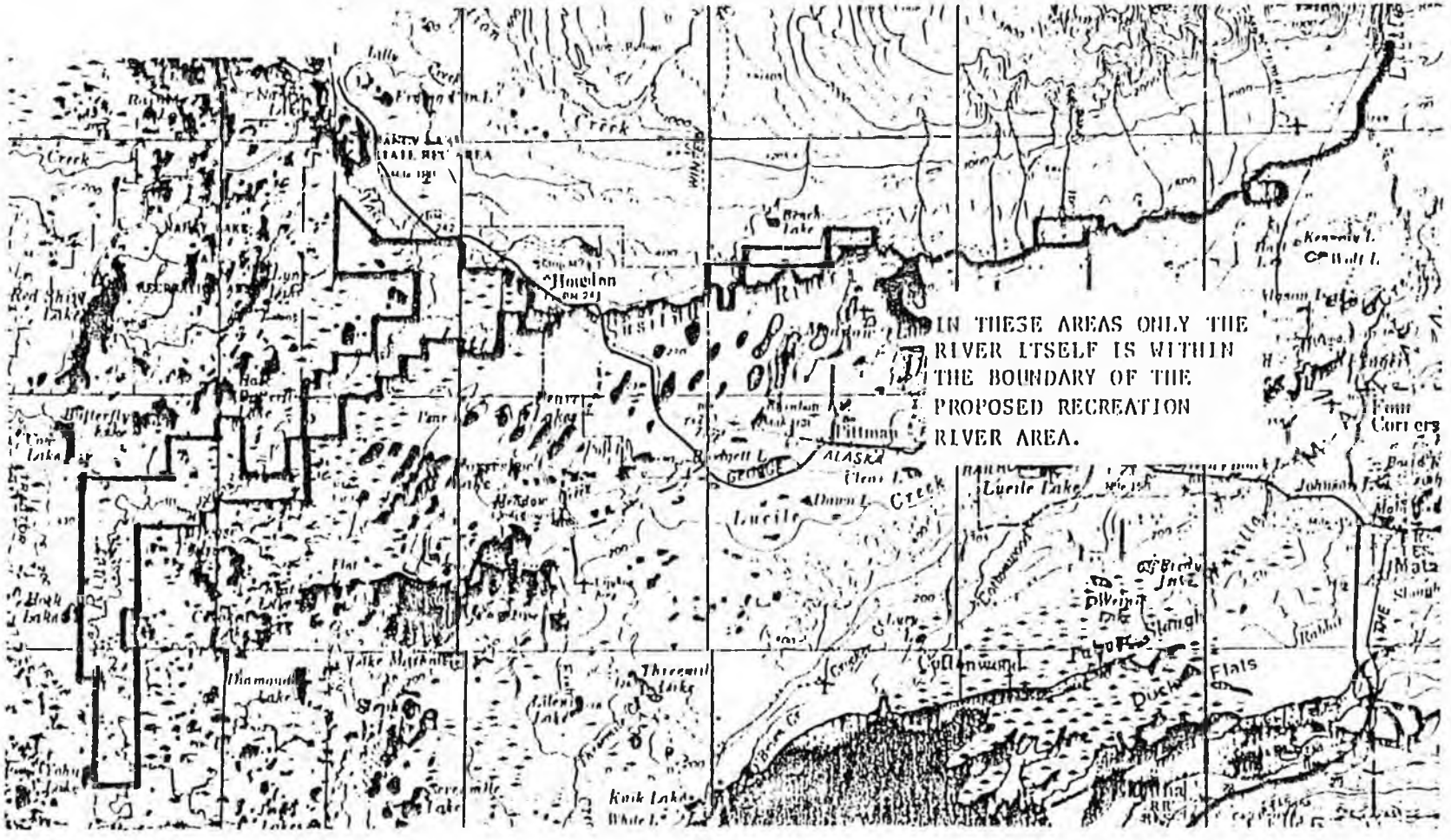


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Both budget realities and the dictates of good management require that we examine every department to achieve the best possible operating efficiency and avoid duplication, but I have no preconceived plans for reorganizing these departments. Specifically I believe that Fish & Game is the proper department for the habitat division."

Cowper: "I am opposed to restructuring or consolidating the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Game, and Environmental Conservation for several reasons. Each department has specific functions which frequently run counter to one another. That's appropriate, because sound policies are founded on the balance between resource development and protection of wildlife and the environment.

To combine those functions would undermine the integrity of each department's legitimate role, create a bureaucratic nightmare, and potentially foster a powerful fiefdom with direction determined by the bias of the commissioner. Even the best of department chiefs would find it difficult to develop and recommend policy when the various responsibilities within the department are naturally adversarial.

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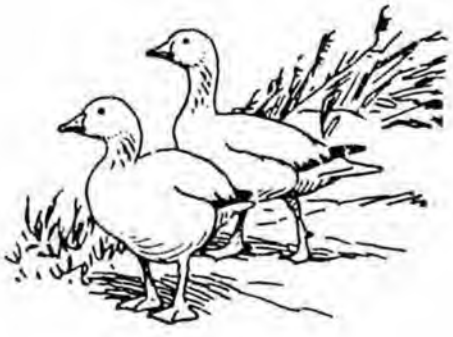
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It is the role of the governor to clearly articulate broad state policy and of the commissioners to make decisions within the framework of that policy. On issues whose importance is great enough to cause them to rise to the level of the governor's office, I will work with the commissioners of the affected departments to resolve the issue quickly and fairly with the decisions based on good public policy not politics.

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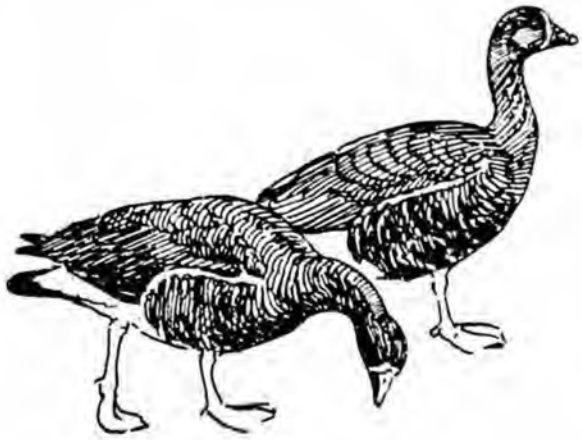
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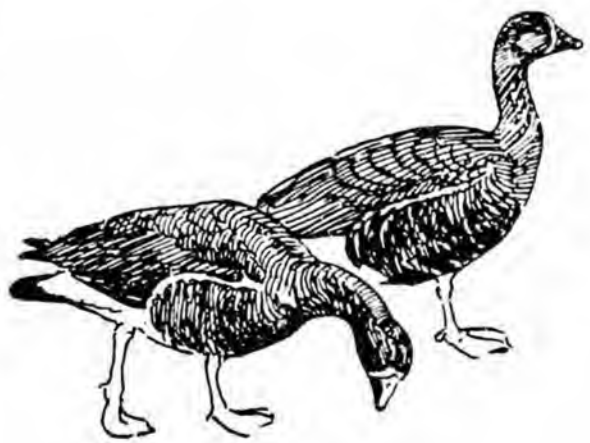
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While in Anchorage, Jay Hair took time to meet with the board of WFA. Board members made a presentation on the activities of our affiliate and a number of key issues were discussed, including the Kenai River Management Plan, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the U.S./Canada Porcupine caribou herd agreement, and the issue of Arctic nesting geese on the Yukon Delta. Also discussed were the conservation education efforts begun by WFA during the past year. It's fair to say that Jay was much impressed with WFA's progress over the past year. Because of our efforts, the board of NWF is looking to make a major commitment to Alaska in the coming year.

Stay tuned for good things to come. Let's just say that we've already made our mark—on the issues and with the National Wildlife Federation. You can feel good about your membership. It's already starting to pay dividends.



FROM THE PRESIDENT: STATE POLITICS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

By Ann Rothe

In this issue of *Tracks*, we feature the responses of Alaska's two major gubernatorial candidates to questions we posed on important conservation issues. This is just a start for us and, we hope, for our members. Election time is fast approaching. The state legislature convenes in January. The year ahead holds many opportunities for political activism.

It is vital that we become involved in legislative decisions and actions that influence how Alaska's resources are managed. In this era of federal government decentralization, more responsibility for decisions critical to wildlife and their habitats has fallen to state and local governments. Major federal environmental programs such as the Clean Water, Clean Air and Endangered Species acts, are being turned over to the states to administer—within federally established guidelines—and states are becoming more assertive and independent. Decisions made at state levels are becoming more and more important.

This is particularly true in Alaska where our natural resources heritage is unequaled in the country, perhaps the world. And yet our sparse population means each voter has a stronger voice. Public officials in Alaska out of necessity tend to pay more attention to individual constituents. Localization of political power gives us an opportunity (and a responsibility) to influence major conservation laws and programs in Alaska.

As members of the Wildlife Federation of Alaska, you can begin exercising your influence by carefully reviewing the candidates' responses in this newsletter. And if you have questions we haven't asked, call or write the candidates at their campaign headquarters:

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Take advantage of the opportunities offered to meet candidates for governor and for your house and senate seats. Be ready to ask tough questions—remember, these people are campaigning to *work for you*. And most importantly, once you have become informed, VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4!

During the upcoming legislative session we, as your board of directors, will be lobbying on a number of conservation issues, including the passage of the rec rivers bill and assuring that budgets for important wildlife and habitat management programs are not severely cut. We will need your help in identifying priority issues, and we'll keep you informed of the progress made on these issues through our newsletter. Strategies for action on issues will be developed in our working committees. Please take time to review our list of committees and volunteer for one that fits your interests and experience.

And when action on legislation is called for, we'll be calling on you for help. Phone calls to your legislators and public opionion messages are two effective means of providing that help. After the session begins, a list of legislators, their committee assignments and Juneau office numbers will be available from the Legislative Information Offices located throughout the state (the Anchorage office is at 1024 West Sixth Avenue, phone: 278-3668.)

Now, more than ever before, we can have major impact on resource management decisions in Alaska. Help us out this coming year. Get active! Flex your political muscles and help us ensure that the vast resource wealth of our state is wisely managed for present and future generations of Alaskans.

ANNUAL MEETING DATE SET—THIS ONE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

STOP! Don't make another move until you mark January 17 down on your calendar. That's the date of the WFA annual meeting, dinner, and conservation extravaganza you won't want to miss. Last year's was fun with good friends, good wine, a fish and game dinner that couldn't be beat, and some great door prizes (I drooled over the fly rod, the decoys, and the art prints). But this year is going to be even better. In fact, it's going to be so good, that Jay Hair, executive vice president of NWF is coming all the way from Washington, D.C. to attend. Our parent organization, NWF, is the largest conservation organization in the world, with 4.6 million members. The chance to meet and talk with Jay will only be one of the highlights of a great evening—there are some other really exciting things shaping up. Election of the Board of Directors will take place at the annual meeting as well! If you would like to serve on the board or know of someone who would be a good candidate, please contact Bucky Dennerlein or a member of the board.

Don't miss this one. Remember—January 17. We'll be sending more details soon and invite your participation in the planning & participation.

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What are your Recreational/Sporting or other interests?_____

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 29—Willow Community Center, 7 pm. Public meeting on Kashwitna Forestry Road. Review of plans by D.N.R., Division of Forestry right of way application that includes a bridge over Willow Creek in Hatcher Pass. Public comments and questions may also be made in writing by this date. Contact Sandra Cosentino, N.R. Officer, P.O. Box 874008, Wasilla, AK 99687.

Nov. 4—STATEWIDE ELECTIONS—REMEMBER TO VOTE.

Nov. 5—Army Corps of Engineers Public Hearing—Ship Creek fill permit—Fairview Community Center, 7 pm.

Nov. 12—Public Lands Committee meeting— :30 pm Dames & Moore conference room, 5761 Silverado Way.

Nov. 13—Youth & Education Committee meeting—U.S.F.W.S. conference room, first floor, 5:00 pm.

Dec. 10—Public Lands Committee meeting—4:30 Dames & Moore conference room, 5761 Silverado Way.

Dec. 11—Youth & Education Committee meeting—U.S.F.W.S. conference room, first floor, 5:00 pm.

Jan. 17—WFA ANNUAL MEETING



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COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

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FURTHER:

4/12/85

Date: 4-9-86

The Committee on FINANCE has had HB 93

"An Act establishing a system of recreation rivers; and providing for an effective date."

under consideration and recommends:

[ ] do pass [ ] do not pass

[ ] do pass with attached amendments(s)

[X] replace with CS for HB 93 (FIN) [X] same title [ ] new title

and recommends do pass

[ ] AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" [ ] New Fiscal Note [X] Zero Fiscal Note Attached

[ ] reports it back without recommendation

[ ] referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
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Albert S. Adams
Jean Dwyer
Ronald J. Jarvis
Pat Fourchot
Dick Kelly
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Tom Conti
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MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Jim Napier-NO REC

Albert S. Adams
CHAIRMAN

2/2 Jeff Parker

retained pres. stat as it was last yr.
added under ea. river any special consid'ns:
trying to address RDC/Fairs' concerns about
estg a system. they want to argue
specs in the future.
∴ hv. tried to sep. gen'l things (organics) vs.
spec's in ea. area.
mtg w/ RDC tmw. – subst'l progress?
Δ title –
Art II – titles for ea. river? statewide vs. Matsu –
purposes – same as they were but added:
at beginning



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rec.
6) mng for spec. purposes –
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1) design of mgmt div's
2) special purposes: fish + wildlife habitat
rec in
access
guide/ind'g concerns
3) cond'g comp'l spec. uses:
gravel
airstrips
4) spec'g prohib'd uses: grazing
5) mgmt plan – needed? req'd
6) land description.

Sc: Notes 2/12

The recreation rivers bill has one main objective: to preserve high-use, valuable recreation lands in southcentral Alaska.

The protection of these rivers makes sense from several points-of-view, which explains why so many user groups and agencies have supported the idea.

1) The recreation use is high. Alaskans go out and boat, fish, and hunt on these rivers.

2) The Kenai River situation, fixed retroactively, shows that we need to prepare for recr .ation use rather than react too late.

3) Recreation use can be economically important. It provides steady jobs in an expanding part of the economy.

4) The State owns these corridors now and can set them aside whole, now, instead of waiting and diluting the value of the corridors after land di-posals have happened.

Many states protect special river corridors. This proposed recreation river system recognizes special values important to Alaskans: multiple use, consistent with river protection; hunting, boating, and fishing; and quality of the recreation expe ience for Alaskans, who go outdoors at twice the national verage. Oil and gas exploration and production could occur in these areas, by directional drilling, for instance.

Plans

The recreation rivers idea has been around a long time. All the rivers (except the Little Su) were recommended for legislative designation in the Susitna Area Plan, adopted in 1985 by the State (DNR and ADF&G) and the Borough. In the three-year planning process, many members of the public urged protection of these rivers. (Protection of the Little Susitna was recommended in the 1982 Willow Subbasin Plan.) The Susitna Area Plan specifically states that the first priority for legislative designations in the 15-million acres area is recreation rivers.

Susitna Plan language

> "These areas are very high priority for legislative designation. They are extremely valuable to the region's economy and environment. These streams and rivers are extremely heavily used by the public for fishing, floating and boating, transportation, and public access to hunting and recreation sites. They attract people from across the nation as well as Alaska residents, and the money spent on transportation and river-based recreation is an important source of local

income. All five of these waterways are anadromous fish streams, supporting populations of king, silver, pink, red, and chum salmon, as well as resident fish populations. In aodition to supporting sport fishing, these stream are major contributors to the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery. he riparian habitat is also essential for sustenance of mammalian populations. Moose winter range along the rivers is particularly important."

Special management of these state-owned riverways will benefit Alaska sportsmen, recreation users, and businesses, and will fulfill the legitimate objectives of the Susitna Area Plan. It should be a motherhood issue.

The fiscal note is probably a bit inflated, but in these difficult times it's not surprising that the hardest-hit agency of all is asking for some money.

The fiscal note can be reduced to zero, without damaging the bill, by making a couple of changes.

For instance, we can remove the current three-year deadline for instream flow reservations in proposed 41.23.210(b) and can expect that instream flow determinations and adjudications will be careful but general on these rivers. We don't need a whole squad of scientists to go out and investigate the water needs and uses of each individual biological organism on these rivers. In fact, the instream flow law has never been implemented in Alaska. These rivers would be good models for implementing the law sensibly and inexpensively within the agency's regular program. If we don't start reserving instream flow in such cases as the recreation rivers, where major conflicts don't yet exist, we might find ourselves reacting to difficult, expensive situations later.

(should check)

As far as the planning requirements, I'm willing to see most of these plans deferred. They can be done on a lower budget and within the agency's usual planning program. I don't believe that each river needs a full-blown management plan on the lines of a Hatcher Pass plan. In fact, that would be wasteful. Over the next few years, the department needs to do a Little Susitna River plan -- the others might be able to wait. So I would be able to live with the idea of extending the deadlines in Section Three of the bill. The new federal sportfishing dollars available to the state since last year might be valuable for managing, planning, and building facilities on these rivers. They are important rivers and I'm not sure that anyone's investigated the possibility of substituting these federal dollars for state dollars shown on DNR's fiscal note.

eventually will need planning anyway

Probably will need plans on these rivers (because of use) whether or not the bill passes.

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