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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 05
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		71.7	71.7	66.7		
SUPPLIES		3.0	3.0			
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		166.2	166.2	66.7		

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		100.2	100.2	00.7		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		100.2	100.2	00.7		

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		2	2			
PART-TIME		1	1			
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attachment

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Division: Land and Water Management

Phone: 465-2400
Date: 2/11/87

Approved by Commissioner: Norm D. Sawyer, Deputy
Agency: Natural Resources

Date: 2/11/87

Distribution (by preparer):

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- 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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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date referred: 1/30/87

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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 same as previous fiscal note published _____
- zero fiscal note same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- zero with analysis

SIGNING DO PASS:

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 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?
<i>RON KING</i>	<i>8134 DURAN ST, JUNEAU</i>	<i>737-4371. Lm 535-2315</i>	<i>ASPLS. LAND SURVEYORS</i>	<i>OBSERVING HB 111</i>
<i>Rep. LARSON</i>	<i>Box V Capital</i>	<i>465-3727</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Rep. Menard</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>co-sponsor</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Mayor Doc. Jones</i>	<i>Mat - 50 Borough Box P, Palmer</i>	<i>745-4801</i>	<i>Mat - Su Borough</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Barbara Hunt</i>	<i>Box V, Capital</i>	<i>465-3727</i>	<i>Aide to Rep. Larson</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>John Dunker</i>	<i>609 Mam St., Juneau</i>	<i>586-4409</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Observing HB 111</i>
<i>Meg Hayes</i>	<i>Mill</i>		<i>DH / 124</i>	<i>HB 111</i>

ag to Ned F. 2/25/87

Ned

MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

State of Alaska
DIVISION OF LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT

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 not 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 not
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.

COMPLETE 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 Chuniina 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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from 185 + 86
versions*

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 R3W 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 Sneeep 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 diagonally through the NE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of Sec. 24).

DELIVER TO: <u>Carol Larsen Wilson</u>	LOCATION: <u>Unac-Comm. Ctr.</u>
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Bradley
3/5/87

Original sponsors: Cotten, Pourchot,
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

8 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 central Alaska ~~justify their~~
~~retention~~ ^{for public use}
~~justify their retention~~ 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 ~~any~~
~~development~~ ^{across,} development of access within, and around the rivers.

19 (2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the
20 recreation river corridor and continue recreational and economic ^{use of}
21 enjoyment the public, including hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking,
22 snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;
23 (3) management of land activities within the recreation
24 river corridor for the protection and maintenance of water quality and
25 stream flow; and
26 (4) accommodation of ^{for recreation} access, tourism, and ^{other compatible} economic uses of
27 the river corridor.

Sec 4 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 included but not limited to:

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Adley
5/87

Original sponsors: C. Sten, Pournot,
Eger, et al.

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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 ^{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).

~~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 ^{use and} 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 ^{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 (1) use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain
- 2 vehicles, and other motorized transportation;
- 3 (2) harvest of wood products;
- 4 (3) mineral and oil and gas leasing;
- 5 (4) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and
- 6 (5) public use facilities.

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

12 (b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.-
13 145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in
14 AS 41.23.280(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.-
15 200 - 41.23.280.

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

18 (1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisher-
19 ies, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under
20 AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

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

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

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

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

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

6 ^e
7 (f) The commissioner may not restrict commercial or private
8 activities on state-owned land within the boundaries of a recreation
9 river corridor ^{permitted} ~~existing~~ on the effective date of this Act unless the
10 commissioner determines that the activity is incompatible with
11 AS 41.23.200 ~~(b)~~.

12 Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with
13 local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of
14 fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt ~~and may revise~~ a manage-
15 ment plan for a recreation river corridor. The commissioner shall
16 comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at
17 least one public hearing in the municipalities and communities near
18 the recreation river corridor and with the local fish and game ad-
19 visory committee in the area in the adoption or revision of a man-
20 agement plan. The management plan shall establish long-range guide-
21 lines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200 ~~(b)~~ to

22 (1) ^{maintain, or enhance} ~~protect~~ the fish and wildlife habitat and the free-
23 flowing nature of the river;

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

26 (3) designate compatible land uses and management guide-
27 lines for associated development;

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

(5) provide for necessary public services, such as

1 transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforce-
 2 ment;

including municipal lands that may be offered for sale,

3 (6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land
 4 and private inholdings and to land beyond the recreation river corri-
 5 dor;

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

8 (8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an
 9 activity occurring under AS 41.23.²⁰⁵~~200(c)~~ or for mineral and oil and
 10 gas leasing under AS 41.23.250(b) - (d).

11 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to imple-
 12 ment the plan.

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

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

25 Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The com-
 26 missioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent
 27 to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280(b) by pur-
 28 chase, lease, gift, or exchange.

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

1 recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

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

6 (b) ~~Except as provided in (c) of this section,~~ The state-owned
7 land and water within a recreation river corridor is closed to mineral
8 ^{entry by} ~~location~~ ~~and entry~~ ^{location} under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leasable
9 minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

10 ^{stream} ^{buffer} (c) Except on state-owned land ^{or mean high tide} below ordinary high-water, the
11 commissioner may permit mineral prospecting under AS 38.05.245 and
12 upon a subsequent discovery, mineral leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an
13 area within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a
14 management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The com-
15 missioner shall establish appropriate conditions in permits, operating
16 plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degradation
17 of the recreational uses of the river.

18 (d) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river
19 corridor is available for oil and gas leasing subject to conditions in
20 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 ~~authorize for~~ ^{provide for} the construction and
operation of commercial facilities such as bridges, campgrounds, and
boat launches by

- 1) competitively leasing land, among prequalified bidders, under
~~AS 38.05.070~~ AS 38.05.070; and
- 2) contracting for the construction or operation of facilities
~~AS 36.30~~ under AS 36.30.

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.

stream flow.

(c) Except on state-owned land (within 200 feet of or 1/2 mile or near high tide) below ordinary high-water, the

(2) 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

1 state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

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

6 (c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor
7 described in AS 41.23.280(b) as a unit of the state park system. The
8 commissioner may assign management of a recreation ^{facility or} site such as a
9 campground or a boat launch to the division of parks ^{and outdoor recreation} and may adopt
10 regulations allowing the division of parks ^{and outdoor recreation} to manage recreation activ-
11 ities in a recreation river corridor. ~~(submit recommendations to the legislature in HB 167)~~

12 Sec. 41.23.270. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS.
13 State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river
14 ^{unit} ~~corridor~~ only by the legislature.)

15 Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid exist-
16 ing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation
17 river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special
18 purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of
19 Alaska, and is not subject to ^{fee} surface disposal under AS 38.

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

24 (1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

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

26 Section 6: W1/2

27 Section 7: NW1/4

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

29 Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

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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~~ ⁹² ~~most~~ extensively used rivers by July 1, 1989.

* 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

Our View

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 and Talkeetna rivers, and Alexander, Kroto and Lake creeks, in a mile-wide corridor along each.

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.

Bowled us over

By the time this weekend is over, more than 1,200 women from all over the state will have

The City of Palmer's pro near the airport may bring faces to spend money in downtown area. That's the business community.

BUT if the city finds clubhouse, a "Tenth Hour" liquor by the glass, where visiting golfers are going drinking? Downtown? Ma

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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 world.

PSR is a non-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.
Anchorage

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AIDS PREVENTION CLINIC



Church principal

By MICH

With increasing alarm points to a society that demands for personal innocent blood, and the time for our present course and return

It is time for our nation slaughter of unborn cleverly now calls "V Pregnancy). It is not the baby in the matter of what a person be. I hear all sorts of senseless crime of m society has convenient 97 percent of all abor simply for convenience

Abortion has become birth control. I feel forget about all these thinking about person

In 1973 the U.S. Supreme decision to Roe vs. "legal," "government cases "tax-funded m children. This decision when abortion was p desperate woman. It

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**STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
BILL ANALYSIS**

DEPARTMENT Fish and Game	DIVISION Habitat	BILL NUMBER HB 93	SPONSOR Representative Cotten
DEPARTMENT POSITION The department strongly supports the intent of this bill.			
PREPARED BY Carl M. Yanagawa	DATE 2/16/87	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 2/11/87

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL Alaska Department of Natural Resources Matanuska-Susitna Borough	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL Sportsmen, trappers, miners, loggers, recreationalists
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL Sportsman's groups, boaters, conservationists	ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL 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.

Bill Analysis
(Supplemental Sheet)
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<u>Department</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>
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**

REQUEST: _____ Bill Version: HB93
 _____ Publish Date: 1/30/87
 Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Fish and Game
 Title: Establishing recreational BRU: Sport Fish, Habitat
 rivers
 Sponsor: Coenen, Pourcnot, Kieger
 Requestor: & Gruenberg Components: _____

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)

Prepared by: Lou Bandirola Phone: 465-4180
 Division: Sport Fish Date: 2/6/87
 Approved by Commissioner: _____ Date: 2/11/87
 Agency: Fish and Game

Distribution (by preparer):
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 Legislative Sponsor
 Requestor
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 Senate Secretary

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Bradley
3/5/87

Original sponsors: Cotten, Pourchot,
Rieger, et al.

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

11 Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. (a) The purpose of AS 41.23.200 -
12 41.23.280 is to establish recreation rivers on state-owned land and
13 water and establish guidelines for the management of the recreation
14 river corridors.

15 (b) The goals and objectives by which a recreation river corri-
16 dor shall be managed include

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

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

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

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

28 ~~Sec 41.23.205. COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES,~~
29 ~~(b) 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 (1) use of aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain
- 2 vehicles, and other motorized transportation;
- 3 (2) harvest of wood products;
- 4 (3) mineral and oil and gas leasing;
- 5 (4) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and
- 6 (5) public use facilities.

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

12 (b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.-
13 145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in
14 AS 41.23.280(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.-
15 200 - 41.23.280.

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

18 (1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisher-
19 ies, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under
20 AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with
12 local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of
13 fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt and may revise a manage-
14 ment plan for a recreation river corridor. The commissioner shall
15 comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at
16 least one public hearing in the municipalities and communities near
17 the recreation river corridor and with the local fish and game ad-
18 visory committee in the area in the adoption or revision of a man-
19 agement plan. The management plan shall establish long-range guide-
20 lines and management practices consistent with AS 41.23.200(b) to

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

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

25 (3) designate compatible land uses and management guide-
26 lines for associated development;

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

29 (5) provide for necessary public services, such as

1 transportation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforce-
2 ment;

3 (6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land
4 and private inholdings and to land beyond the recreation river corri-
5 dor;

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

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

11 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to imple-
12 ment the plan.

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

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

25 Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The com-
26 missioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent
27 to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280(b) by pur-
28 chase, lease, gift, or exchange.

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

1 recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

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

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

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

15 Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid exist-
16 ing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation
17 river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special
18 purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of
19 Alaska, and is not subject to surface disposal under AS 38.

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

24 (1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

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

26 Section 6: W1/2

27 Section 7: NW1/4

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

29 Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

1 Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

2 Section 3

3 Section 11: N1/2

4 Section 12: N1/2

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

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

7 Section 7

8 Sections 18 - 19

9 Sections 30 - 31

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

11 Section 1: E1/2E1/2

12 Section 3: W1/2

13 Sections 4 - 5

14 Section 6: S1/2

15 Sections 7 - 8

16 Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

17 Section 10

18 Section 14: W1/2

19 Section 15

20 Section 17: NW1/4

21 Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4

22 Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

23 Section 22

24 Section 23: W1/2

25 Section 25: E1/2E1/2

26 Section 26: W1/2

27 Section 27

28 Section 34

29 Section 35: W1/2

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

2 Section 7: S1/2

3 Section 12: S1/2

4 Section 13

5 Section 14: S1/2

6 Section 15: S1/2

7 Section 16: S1/2

8 Sections 17 - 18

9 Section 20: E1/2

10 Sections 21 - 23

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

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

13 Section 9: S1/2

14 Section 10: S1/2

15 Section 11: S1/2

16 Section 12: S1/2

17 Sections 13 - 16

18 Section 24: N1/2

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

20 Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

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

22 Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

23 Section 21

24 Section 22: W1/2W1/2

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

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

27 Sections 28 - 29

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

29 Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4,

1 SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

2 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

3 Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

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

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

6 Section 7

7 Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

8 Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

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

10 Section 16: SW1/4

11 Sections 17 - 18

12 Section 19: NE1/4

13 Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

14 Section 21: W1/2

15 Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

16 Section 28

17 Section 29: E1/2

18 Section 32: E1/2

19 Section 33

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

21 Sections 1 - 2

22 Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

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

24 Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

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

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

27 Section 10: NW1/4

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

29 Section 16

- 1 Section 21
- 2 Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4
- 3 Sections 27 - 28
- 4 Section 34
- 5 Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4
- 6 (K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
- 7 Section 18: W1/2
- 8 Section 19: W1/2
- 9 (L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
- 10 Section 1
- 11 Section 2: N1/2
- 12 Section 11: E1/2
- 13 Sections 12 - 13
- 14 Section 14: E1/2
- 15 Sections 23 - 24
- 16 Section 25: N1/2
- 17 Section 26
- 18 Section 27: E1/2
- 19 Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4
- 20 Section 35: NW1/4
- 21 (M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
- 22 Section 31: SW1/4
- 23 (N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
- 24 Section 25: that portion south of the Skwentna
- 25 River
- 26 Section 26: that portion south of the Skwentna
- 27 River
- 28 Section 35: that portion south of the Skwentna
- 29 River

1 Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

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

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

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

5 Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

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

7 Section 34: S1/2S1/2

8 Section 35

9 Section 36: W1/2

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

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

12 Section 29: W1/2W1/2

13 Section 30

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

15 Section 32

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

17 Sections 3 - 4

18 Sections 9 - 10

19 Section 13: S1/2

20 Section 14: S1/2

21 Sections 15 - 16

22 Section 22: N1/2

23 Section 23: N1/2

24 Section 24

25 (3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

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

27 Section 3

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

29 Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

1 Section 10

2 Section 15

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

4 Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

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

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

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

8 Section 15: W1/2

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

10 Section 21: E1/2

11 Section 22: W1/2

12 Section 27: W1/2

13 Section 28: E1/2

14 Section 34

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

16 Section 3: W1/2W1/2

17 Section 4

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

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

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

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

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

23 Section 18: E1/2

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

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

26 Section 29

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

28 Section 32

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

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

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

3 Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

4 Section 30

5 Section 31: N1/2

6 Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

7 Section 33

8 Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

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

10 Section 3

11 Section 4: E1/2

12 Section 10

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

14 Section 13: W1/2W1/2

15 Section 14

16 Section 15: NE1/4

17 Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

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

19 Section 25

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

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

22 Sections 6 - 7

23 Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

24 Section 16: W1/2

25 Section 17

26 Section 18: E1/2

27 Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

28 Section 21

29 Section 22: W1/2

- 1 Section 25: SW1/4
2 Section 26: S1/2
3 Section 27
4 Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4
5 Sections 34 - 35
6 Section 36: W1/2
7 (G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
8 Section 1: E1/2
9 (H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
10 Section 31
11 (I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
12 Sections 3 - 4
13 Section 9: E1/2
14 Section 10
15 Section 14: W1/2
16 Section 15
17 Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4
18 Section 23
19 Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4
20 Section 26
21 Section 27: NE1/4
22 Section 35: NE1/4
23 Section 36
24 (J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
25 Section 6: SW1/4
26 Section 7
27 Section 8: SW1/4
28 Sections 17 - 18
29 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

1 Section 22: E1/2E1/2

2 Section 23

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

5 Section 26

6 Section 27: E1/2E1/2

7 Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

8 Section 35

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

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

12 Section 4

13 Section 5: E1/2

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

15 Section 9

16 Section 15: W1/2

17 Section 16

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

19 Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

20 Section 27

21 Section 34

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

23 Section 3

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

25 Section 10

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

27 Section 16

28 Section 20: E1/2

29 Section 21

1 Section 28

2 Section 29: E1/2

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

4 Section 33

5 Section 34: SW1/4

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

7 Sections 4 - 5

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

9 Sections 7 - 9

10 Sections 16 - 18

11 Sections 20 - 21

12 Section 27

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

14 Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

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

16 Section 34

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

18 Section 4

19 Section 7: W1/2

20 Section 9

21 Section 16

22 Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

23 Sections 18 - 19

24 Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

25 Section 21

26 Section 28

27 Sections 30 - 31

28 Section 32: S1/2

29 Section 33

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

2 Section 1

3 Section 2: E1/2

4 Sections 12 - 13

5 Section 24

6 Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

7 Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

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

9 Section 4: W1/2

10 Section 5

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

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

13 Section 9

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

15 Section 16

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

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

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

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

20 Section 33

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

22 Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

23 Section 7

24 Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

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

26 Section 17

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

28 N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

29 Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

1 Section 20: N1/2

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

3 Section 27

4 Section 28: E1/2

5 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

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

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

8 Section 36: SW1/4

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

10 Section 1: E1/2

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

12 Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

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

14 Section 5

15 Section 8

16 Section 17

17 Section 18: SE1/4

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

19 Section 20: W1/2W1/2

20 Section 29: W1/2W1/2

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

22 Section 31: E1/2

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

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

25 Section 5

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

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

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

29 Sections 18 - 19

1 Sections 30 - 31

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

3 Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

4 Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

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

6 Section 5

7 Section 8

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

9 Section 19: SE1/4

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

11 Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

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

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

16 Section 32: lands within 150' of MHWM

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

18 Section 4: W1/2

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

20 Section 7: SE1/4

21 Section 8

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

23 Section 17

24 Section 18: E1/2

25 Section 19

26 Section 20: W1/2

27 Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

28 Section 30

29 Section 31: NE1/4

1 Section 32

2 (O) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

3 Section 4

4 Section 5: E1/2

5 Section 8: E1/2

6 Section 9

7 Section 16

8 Section 17: E1/2

9 Section 20: E1/2

10 Section 21

11 Section 23: W1/2

12 Section 29: E1/2

13 Section 32: E1/2

14 Section 33: W1/2

15 (P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

16 Section 7

17 Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

18 Section 9: W1/2

19 Section 16

20 Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4

21 Section 20: E1/2

22 Section 21

23 Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

24 Section 29: E1/2

25 Section 32: E1/2

26 Section 33: W1/2

27 (Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

28 Section 12: NE1/4

29 (R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

1 Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

2 Section 33: S1/2S1/2

3 (5) Talkeetna State Recreation River

4 (A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

5 Section 1

6 Section 2

7 Sections 3 - 6: excluding ASLS 81-196, ASLS
8 80-94, ASLS 80-84

9 (B) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

10 Section 2: SW1/4

11 Section 3: S1/2

12 Section 4: S1/2

13 Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

14 Section 7: SE1/4

15 Sections 8 - 12

16 Section 13: N1/2

17 Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

18 Section 17

19 Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

20 Section 19

21 Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

22 Section 30: W1/2

23 (C) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

24 Section 24: E1/2

25 Section 25

26 Section 26: SE1/4

27 Section 31: S1/2

28 Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

29 Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149

1 Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79-149
2 and ASLS 76-138

3 Sections 35 - 36

4 (D) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

5 Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74-78
6 and ASLS 74-77

7 (6) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column
8 of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water
9 mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river cross-
10 es the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North,
11 Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the
12 river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township
13 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake
14 Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the
15 point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10
16 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to
17 the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

18 (A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

19 Section 3

20 Section 4: NE1/4NE1/4

21 Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

22 Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

23 (B) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

24 Section 12

25 Section 13

26 Section 14

27 Section 15

28 Section 21: NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4

29 Section 22

1 Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

2 Section 26: W1/2W1/2

3 Section 27

4 Section 34

5 (C) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

6 Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

7 (D) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

8 Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

9 Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

10 (E) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

11 Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

12 Section 16: S1/2

13 Section 17: S1/2

14 Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

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

16 Section 19

17 Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,

18 W1/2NW1/4

19 Section 30: NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

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

21 Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

22 Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

23 Section 14

24 Section 24

25 Section 25: N1/2

26 Section 26

27 Section 27: S1/2

28 Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

29 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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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the special values
10 and uses of certain river corridors in Southcentral Alaska justify their
11 retention for public use. The river corridors can support many public
12 uses, including some that will enhance the local economy as well as improve
13 access to retained public land. The designation of these corridors as
14 recreation rivers recognizes the value of the described land and is not
15 intended to become an undue impediment to the use and enjoyment of adjacent
16 land or to the development of access within, across, and around the rivers.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

18 ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

19 Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.-
20 290 is to establish as recreation rivers the land and water now owned
21 by the state and the land and water acquired in the future by the
22 state that lies within the boundaries described in AS 41.23.290(b).
23 The primary purposes for the establishment of the recreation rivers
24 are

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

27 (2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the
28 recreation river corridor and continued recreational and economic use
29 and enjoyment by the public including hunting, fishing, trapping,

1 boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife
2 viewing;

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

6 (4) accommodation of access for recreation, tourism, and
7 other compatible economic uses of the river corridor.

8 Sec. 41.23.210. COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES. (a) The commissioner
9 shall allow and may regulate activities within a recreation river
10 corridor as allowed in a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230,
11 including, but not limited to

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

14 (2) harvest of wood products;

15 (3) mining leasing and oil and gas leasing;

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

17 (5) public use facilities.

18 (b) The commissioner shall allow the continuation of commercial
19 or private activities occurring on the effective date of this Act
20 under a valid permit for use of state-owned land within the boundaries
21 of a recreation river corridor so long as the commissioner determines
22 that the activity is compatible with AS 41.23.200.

23 Sec. 41.23.220. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRI-
24 DORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established
25 as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.290(b) is assigned to
26 the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of
27 AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290.

28 (b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.-
29 145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in

1 AS 41.23.290(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.-
2 200 - 41.23.290.

3 (c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 do not affect the
4 authority of

5 (1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisher-
6 ies, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under
7 AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

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

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

12 (d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, in-
13 cluding firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites
14 of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds,
15 and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of
16 weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in
17 this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting,
18 or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

19 Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with
20 local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of
21 fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt a management plan for a
22 recreation river corridor. During the planning process the commis-
23 sioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and
24 shall hold at least two public hearings in municipalities and commu-
25 nities near the recreation river corridor. The management plan shall
26 establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent
27 with AS 41.23.200 to

28 (1) protect, maintain, or enhance the fish and wildlife
29 habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

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

3 (3) designate compatible land uses and management guide-
4 lines for associated development;

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

7 (5) provide for necessary public services, such as trans-
8 portation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

9 (6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land
10 and private inholdings, including municipal land that is offered for
11 sale or lease, and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

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

14 (8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an
15 activity occurring under AS 41.23.210, including mining leasing and
16 oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.260(b) - (d).

17 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to imple-
18 ment the plan.

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

23 Sec. 41.23.240. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality
24 commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established
25 under AS 41.23.290(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence
26 of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.230
27 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at
28 the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent
29 to a recreation river corridor.

1 Sec. 41.23.250. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The com-
2 missioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent
3 to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.290(b) by pur-
4 chase, lease, gift, or exchange for inclusion within a recreation
5 river corridor.

6 (b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a
7 recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

8 Sec. 41.23.260. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to
9 the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of
10 AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05,
11 AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.290(b).

12 (b) The state-owned land and water within a recreation river
13 corridor is closed to mineral entry by location under AS 38.05.195 and
14 to disposal of leasable minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

15 (c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water or mean
16 high tide, the commissioner may, upon a mineral discovery validated by
17 the commissioner, permit mining leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area
18 within a recreation river corridor if leasing is allowed under a
19 management plan that has been adopted by the commissioner. The com-
20 missioner shall establish appropriate conditions for permits, operat-
21 ing plans, and leases to protect the environment and prevent degrada-
22 tion of the recreational uses of the river.

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

26 (e) To enhance public use and enjoyment of a recreation river
27 corridor under a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, the
28 commissioner may provide for the construction and operation of commer-
29 cial facilities such as lodges, campgrounds, and boat launches by

1 (1) leasing land including competitive leasing to a pre-
2 qualified bidder under AS 38.05.070; and

3 (2) contracting for the construction or operation of a
4 facility under AS 36.30.

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

10 Sec. 41.23.270. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The
11 commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the
12 management of land and water described in AS 41.23.290(b) or of other
13 adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the
14 state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

15 (b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific
16 site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b)
17 to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to
18 carry out a program authorized by law.

19 (c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor
20 described in AS 41.23.290(b) as a unit of the state park system. The
21 commissioner may assign management of a recreation facility or site
22 such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may
23 adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation
24 activities in a recreation river corridor.

25 Sec. 41.23.280. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS.
26 State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river
27 corridor only by the legislature.

28 Sec. 41.23.290. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid exist-
29 ing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation

1 river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special
2 purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of
3 Alaska, and is not subject to grant under AS 38.

4 (b) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land
5 and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and
6 submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are
7 established as recreation rivers:
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9 (1) Talachulitna State Recreation River

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

11 Section 6: W1/2

12 Section 7: NW1/4

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

14 Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

15 Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

16 Section 3

17 Section 11: N1/2

18 Section 12: N1/2

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

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

21 Section 7

22 Sections 18 - 19

23 Sections 30 - 31

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

25 Section 1: E1/2E1/2

26 Section 3: W1/2

27 Sections 4 - 5

28 Section 6: S1/2

29 Sections 7 - 8

Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

1 Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,
2 W1/2NW1/4

3 Section 30: NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

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

5 Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

6 Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

7 Section 14

8 Section 24

9 Section 25: N1/2

10 Section 26

11 Section 27: S1/2

12 Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

13 Section 34

14 Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

15 ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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

18 * Sec. 3. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation
19 river corridor under AS 41.23.230(a) as enacted in sec. 2 of this Act,
20 interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner
21 of natural resources shall adopt a management plan for each river by
22 July 1, 1992.

23 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the special values
10 and uses of certain river corridors in Southcentral Alaska justify their
11 retention for public use. The river corridors can support many public
12 uses, including some that will enhance the local economy as well as improve
13 access to retained public land. The designation of these corridors as
14 recreation rivers recognizes the value of the described land and is not
15 intended to become an undue impediment to the use and enjoyment of adjacent
16 land or to the development of access within, across, and around the rivers.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

18 ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

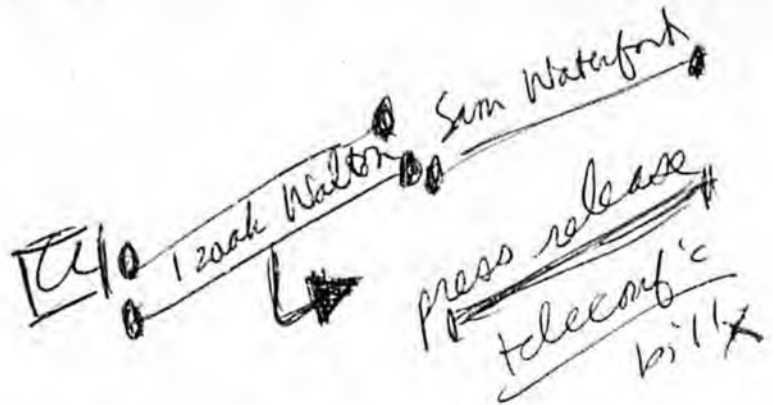
19 Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.-
20 290 is to establish as recreation rivers the land and water now owned
21 by the state and the land and water acquired in the future by the
22 state that lies within the boundaries described in AS 41.23.290(b).
23 The primary purposes for the establishment of the recreation rivers
24 are

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(1) the ^{management} ~~protection and maintenance~~ of the fish and wildlife
26 populations and habitat on a sustained-yield basis;

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(2) ~~conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the
recreation river corridor and~~ continued recreational and economic use
29 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 ^{recreation-oriented} ~~(compatible)~~ economic uses of the river corridor.

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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

no

(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.

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(b) The commissioner shall allow the continuation of commercial or private activities occurring on the effective date of this Act under ^{unless w/ other permits} 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

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AS 41.23.290(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.

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(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 commis-

sioner 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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study comment period*

1 (2) ~~(Identify special recreational values and)~~ manage the
2 level of intensity and types of recreational uses;

3 (3) designate compatible land uses and management guide-
4 lines for associated development;

5 (4) manage commercial activities ~~[or development]~~, including
6 recreational services such as guiding;

7 (5) provide for necessary public services, such as trans-
8 portation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

9 (6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land
10 and private inholdings, including municipal land that is offered for
11 sale or lease, and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

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

14 (8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an
15 activity occurring under AS 41.23.210, including mining leasing and
16 oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.260(b) - (d).

17 (b) The commissioner ~~may~~^{shall} adopt regulations necessary to imple-
18 ment the plan.

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

23 Sec. 41.23.240. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality
24 commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established
25 under AS 41.23.290(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence
26 of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.230
27 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at
28 the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent
29 to a recreation river corridor.

1 Sec. 41.23.250. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The com-
2 missioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent
3 to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.290(b) by pur-
4 chase, lease, gift, or exchange for inclusion within a recreation
5 river corridor.

6 (b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a
7 recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

8 Sec. 41.23.260. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. ~~(a)~~ Except to
9 the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of
10 AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05,
11 ~~AS 38.35,~~ and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.290(b).

12 (b) Except for land within th Talkeena State Recreation River
13 north and east of Iron Creek, the state-owned land and water within a
14 recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) is closed to
15 mineral entry by location under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leas-
16 able minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

17 (c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water or mean
18 high tide, the commissioner may, upon a mineral discovery, permit
19 mining leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river
20 corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been
21 adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appro-
22 priate conditions for permits, operating plans, and leases to protect
23 the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of
24 th river.

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

28 (e) To enhance public use and enjoyment of a recreation river
29 corridor under a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, the

1 commissioner may provide for the construction and operation of commer-
2 cial facilities such as lodges, campgrounds, and boat launches by

3 (1) leasing land including competitive leasing to a pre-
4 qualified bidder under AS 38.05.070; and

5 (2) contracting for the construction ^{and/or} or operation of a
6 facility under AS 36.30.

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

12 Sec. 41.23.270 COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The
13 commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the
14 management of land and water described in AS 41.23.290(b) or of other
15 adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the
16 state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

17 (b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific
18 site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b)
19 to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to
20 carry out a program authorized by law.

21 (c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor
22 described in AS 41.23.290(b) as a unit of the state park system. The
23 commissioner may assign management of a recreation facility or site
24 such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may
25 adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation
26 activities in a recreation river corridor.

27 Sec. 41.23.280. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS.
28 State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river
29 corridor only by the legislature.

1 Sec. 41.23.290. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid exist-
 2 ing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation
 3 river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special
 4 purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of
 5 Alaska, ~~and is not subject to grants under AS 29 or AS 29.~~ *shall be retained by the state.*

6 (b) The general grant land, acquired land, and the water pres-
 7 ently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state
 8 in the future, including shore and submerged land and land redesi-
 9 gnated after the effective date of this Act as general grant land, that
 10 lie within the following described parcels are established as recrea-
 11 tion rivers:

12 (1) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

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

14 Sections 6 - 7

15 Sections 18 - 19

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

17 Section 6: Otter Lake, Weenie Lake, and that

18 portion of the SW1/4 in Tract B, ASLS 81-77

19 Section 7: Otter Lake and Tracts F-2 and F-3 of

20 ASLS 79-147

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

22 Section 19

23 Sections 30 - 31

24 Section 32: W1/2

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

26 Section 1

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

28 Section 3: N1/2N1/2

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

1 Section 11: NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₄

2 Section 12

3 Section 13: E¹/₂, E¹/₂NW¹/₄

4 Section 24: NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₄

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

6 Section 4: W¹/₂

7 Section 5

8 Section 6: NE¹/₄

9 Section 8: N¹/₂, SE¹/₄

10 Section 9

11 Section 10: SW¹/₄

12 Section 14: W¹/₂SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄

13 Section 15: W¹/₂, SE¹/₄, S¹/₂NE¹/₄

14 Section 16: N¹/₂, SE¹/₄

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

16 Section 23: W¹/₂, W¹/₂SE¹/₄

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

18 Section 27: E¹/₂NE¹/₄

19 Section 33: SW¹/₄, S¹/₂SE¹/₄

20 Section 34: S¹/₂S¹/₂

21 Section 35

22 Section 36: W¹/₂

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

24 Section 19: W¹/₂, W¹/₂E¹/₂

25 Section 29: W¹/₂W¹/₂

26 Section 30

27 Section 31: E¹/₂, E¹/₂W¹/₂

28 Section 32

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

1 Sections 3 - 4

2 Sections 9 - 10

3 Section 13: S1/2

4 Section 14: S1/2

5 Sections 15 - 16

6 Section 22: N1/2

7 Section 23: N1/2

8 Section 24

9 (2) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

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

11 Section 2: SW1/4

12 Section 3

13 Section 10: E1/2

14 Section 11

15 Section 14

16 Section 15: E1/2E1/2

17 Section 22: E1/2E1/2

18 Section 23

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

21 Section 26

22 Section 27: E1/2E1/2

23 Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

24 Section 35

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

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

28 Section 4

29 Section 5: E1/2

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

2 Section 9

3 Section 15: W1/2

4 Section 16

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

6 Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

7 Section 27

8 Section 34

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

10 Section 3

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

12 Section 10

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

14 Section 16

15 Section 20: E1/2

16 Section 21

17 Section 28

18 Section 29: E1/2

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

20 Section 33

21 Section 34: SW1/4

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

23 Sections 4 - 5

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

25 Sections 7 - 9

26 Sections 16 - 18

27 Sections 20 - 21

28 Section 27

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

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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

- 1 Section 15: SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
 2 Section 16
 3 Section 17: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4
 4 Section 21: E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4
 5 Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4
 6 Section 28: E1/2W1/2, E1/2
 7 Section 33
 8 (H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian
 9 Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4
 10 Section 7
 11 Section 8: S1/2SW1/4
 12 Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2
 13 Section 17
 14 Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4,
 15 N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4
 16 Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4
 17 Section 20: N1/2
 18 Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4
 19 Section 27
 20 Section 28: E1/2
 21 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4
 22 Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4
 23 Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4
 24 Section 36: SW1/4
 25 (I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian
 26 Section 1: E1/2
 27 Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4
 28 Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4
 29 (J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

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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-

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(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

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Section 20: W1/2

Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

Section 30

Section 31: NE1/4

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(O) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

Section 4

Section 5: E1/2

Section 8: E1/2

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Section 17: E1/2

Section 20: E1/2

Section 21

Section 28: W1/2

Section 29: E1/2

Section 32: E1/2

- 1 Section 33: W1/2
- 2 (P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian
- 3 Section 7
- 4 Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4
- 5 Section 9: W1/2
- 6 Section 16
- 7 Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4
- 8 Section 20: E1/2
- 9 Section 21
- 10 Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4
- 11 Section 29: E1/2
- 12 Section 32: E1/2
- 13 Section 33: W1/2
- 14 (Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian
- 15 Section 12: NE1/4
- 16 (R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian
- 17 Section 32: S1/2SE1/4
- 18 Section 33: S1/2S1/2
- 19 (3) Lake Creek State Recreation River
- 20 (A) Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian
- 21 Section 3
- 22 Section 4: Excluding Tracts A, B, C and D
- 23 Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B
- 24 Section 10
- 25 Section 15
- 26 (B) Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian
- 27 Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2
- 28 Section 5: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4
- 29 Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

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

2 Section 15: W1/2

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

4 Section 21: E1/2

5 Section 22: W1/2

6 Section 27: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

7 Section 28: E1/2

8 Section 34

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

10 Section 3: W1/2W1/2

11 Section 4

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

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

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

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

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

17 Section 18: E1/2

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

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

20 Section 29

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

22 Section 32

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

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

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

26 Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

27 Section 30

28 Section 31: N1/2

29 Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

1 Section 33

2 Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

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

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5 Section 4: E1/2

6 Section 10

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

8 Section 13: W1/2W1/2

9 Section 14

10 Section 15: NE1/4

11 Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

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

13 Section 25

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

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

16 Sections 6 - 7

17 Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

18 Section 16: W1/2

19 Section 17

20 Section 18: E1/2

21 Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

22 Section 21

23 Section 22: W1/2

24 Section 25: SW1/4

25 Section 26: S1/2

26 Section 27

27 Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

28 Sections 34 - 35

29 Section 36: W1/2

- 1 (G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
2 Section 1: E1/2
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4 (H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
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7 (I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
8 Sections 3 - 4
9 Section 9: E1/2
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11 Section 14: W1/2
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13 Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4
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15 Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4
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17 Section 27: NE1/4
18 Section 35: NE1/4
19 Section 36
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21 (J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
22 Section 6: SW1/4
23 Section 7
24 Section 8: SW1/4
25 Sections 17 - 18
26 Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4
27 Section 20
28 Section 21: SW1/4
29 Sections 28 - 29
Section 30: NE1/4
Section 32: E1/2
Section 33

1 Section 34: W1/2

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

3 Sections 1 - 3

4 Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

5 Sections 11 - 14

6 Section 15: NE1/4

7 Section 23: NE1/4

8 Section 24: N1/2

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

10 Sections 1 - 5

11 Sections 8 - 12

12 Sections 13 - 17

13 Sections 21 - 24

14 Sections 25 - 28

15 Sections 33 - 36

16 (4) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column
 17 of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water
 18 mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river cross-
 19 es the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North,
 20 Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the
 21 river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township
 22 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake
 23 Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the
 24 point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10
 25 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to
 26 the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

27 (A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

28 Section 3

29 Section 4: E1/2NE1/4

1 Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

2 Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

3 (B) Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

4 Section 4

5 Section 6: SW1/4

6 Section 7: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4

7 Section 8: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

8 Section 17: NW1/4

9 Section 18: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4

10 (C) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

11 Sections 12 - 15

12 Section 22

13 Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

14 Section 26: W1/2W1/2

15 Section 27

16 Section 34

17 (D) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

18 Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

19 (E) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

20 Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

21 Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

22 (F) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

23 Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

24 Section 16: S1/2

25 Section 17: S1/2

26 Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

27 (G) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

28 Section 19

29 Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,

1 W1/2NW1/4

2 Section 28: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

3 Section 29: NE1/4

4 Section 30

5 (H) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

6 Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4

7 Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

8 Section 14

9 Section 24

10 Section 25: N1/2

11 Section 26

12 Section 27: S1/2

13 Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4

14 Section 34

15 Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

16 (5) Talachulitna State Recreation River

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

18 Section 6: W1/2

19 Section 7: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

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

21 Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4

22 Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4

23 Section 3

24 Section 11: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

25 Section 12: N1/2, N1/2S1/2

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

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

28 Section 7

29 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

- 1 Section 20: E1/2
 2 Sections 21 - 23
 3 Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2
 4 (F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian
 5 Section 9: S1/2
 6 Section 10: S1/2
 7 Section 11: S1/2
 8 Section 12: S1/2
 9 Sections 13 - 16
 10 Section 24: N1/2
 11 (G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
 12 Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4
 13 Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4
 14 Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4
 15 Section 21
 16 Section 22: W1/2W1/2
 17 Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
 18 Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2
 19 Sections 28 - 29
 20 Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2
 21 Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4,
 22 SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4
 23 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4
 24 Section 34: N1/2NW1/4
 25 (H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
 26 Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4
 27 Section 7
 28 Section 11: E1/2SE1/4
 29 Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

- 1 Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4
 2 Section 16: SW1/4
 3 Sections 17 - 18
 4 Section 19: NE1/4
 5 Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4
 6 Section 21: W1/2
 7 Section 24: E1/2NE1/4
 8 Section 28
 9 Section 29: E1/2
 10 Section 32: E1/2
 11 Section 33
 12 Section 36: E1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4
 13 (I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
 14 Sections 1 - 2
 15 Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4
 16 (J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
 17 Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4
 18 Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4
 19 Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
 20 Section 10: NW1/4
 21 Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
 22 Section 16
 23 Section 21
 24 Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4
 25 Sections 27 - 28
 26 Section 34
 27 Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4
 28 (K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
 29 Section 18: W1/2

1 Section 19: W1/2

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

3 Section 1

4 Section 2: N1/2

5 Section 11: E1/2

6 Sections 12 - 13

7 Section 14: E1/2

8 Sections 23 - 24

9 Section 25: N1/2

10 Section 26

11 Section 27: E1/2

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

13 Section 35: NW1/4

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

15 Section 31: W1/2

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

17 Section 25: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

18 Section 26: E1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

19 Section 35: E1/2, SW1/4

20 Section 36

21 (6) Talkeetna State Recreation River: the water column of
 22 the Talkeetna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark
 23 from the point at which it crosses the line dividing Townships 28 and
 24 29 North, Seward Meridian, downstream to its confluence with the
 25 Susitna River; the water column of Chunilna Creek from mean high water
 26 mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the
 27 line dividing Townships 27 and 28 North, Seward Meridian, downstream
 28 to its confluence with the Talkeetna River; and

29 (A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

1 Sections 1 - 2: north of the left bank of the
2 Sheep River

3 Section 3: all land north of the left bank of
4 the Talkeetna River and Tract B of ASLS 81 -
5 196

6 Section 4: all land north of the left bank of
7 the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 81 -
8 196

9 Section 5: all land north of the left bank of
10 the Talkeetna River and Tract C of ASLS 80 -
11 94

12 Section 6: all land north of the left bank of
13 the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS
14 80 - 84

15 (B) Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

16 Sections 1 - 3: exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

17 Section 4: E1/2, SW1/4 exclusive of ASLS 79 -
18 149

19 Section 7: S1/2

20 Section 8: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

21 Section 9: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

22 Section 17: that portion north of the left bank
23 of the Talkeetna River

24 Section 18: exclusive of DOT 200642

25 (C) Township 26 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

26 Section 12: E1/2SE1/4

27 Section 13: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

28 Section 23: that portion northeast of the left
29 bank of the Susitna River

1 Section 24: that portion east of the left bank
 2 of the Susitna River and west of the right
 3 bank of the main channel of the Talkeetna
 4 River (that channel of the river that runs
 5 diagonally through the NE 1/4 and SW1/4 of
 6 Sec. 24)

7 (D) Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

8 Section 1

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

10 Section 3: S1/2, S1/2NE1/2

11 Section 4: SE1/4

12 Sections 7 - 10

13 Section 11: N1/2

14 Section 12: NW1/4

15 Section 15: NW1/4

16 Section 16: N1/2

17 Section 17: N1/2

18 Section 18: N1/2

19 (E) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

20 Section 2: SW1/4

21 Section 3: S1/2

22 Section 4: S1/2

23 Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

24 Section 7: SE1/4

25 Sections 8 - 12

26 Section 13: N1/2

27 Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

28 Section 17

29 Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

1 Section 19

2 Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

3 Section 30: W1/2

4 (F) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

5 Section 24: E1/2

6 Section 25

7 Section 26: SE1/4

8 Section 31: S1/2

9 Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

10 Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

11 Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149
12 and ASLS 76 - 138

13 Sections 35 - 36

14 (G) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

15 Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74 - 77
16 and ASLS 74 - 78

17 (H) Township 27 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

18 Section 5: NW1/4

19 Section 6

20 (I) Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

21 Section 36: SE1/4SE1/4

22 (J) Township 28 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

23 Section 2

24 Section 3: SE1/4

25 Section 9: SE1/4

26 Section 10

27 Section 11: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SW1/4

28 Section 15: N1/2, SW1/4

29 Section 16: E1/2SW1/4

1 Section 20: SE1/4

2 Section 21

3 Section 22: NW1/4

4 Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

5 Section 29: E1/2, SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

6 Section 31: SW1/4, E1/2

7 Section 32

8 Section 33: NW1/4

9 ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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

12 * Sec. 3. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation
13 river corridor under AS 41.23.230(a) as enacted in sec. 2 of this Act,
14 interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner
15 of natural resources shall adopt a management plan for each river by
16 July 1, 1992.

17 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the special values
10 and uses of certain river corridors in Southcentral Alaska justify their
11 retention for public use. The river corridors can support many public
12 uses, including some that will enhance the local economy as well as improve
13 access to retained public land. The designation of these corridors as
14 recreation rivers recognizes the value of the described land and is not
15 intended to become an undue impediment to the use and enjoyment of adjacent
16 land or to the development of access within, across, and around the rivers.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

18 ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

19 Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.-
20 290 is to establish as recreation rivers the land and water now owned
21 by the state and the land and water acquired in the future by the
22 state that lies within the boundaries described in AS 41.23.290(b).
23 The primary purposes for the establishment of the recreation rivers
24 are

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

27 (2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the
28 recreation river corridor and continued recreational [and economic] use
29 and enjoyment by the public including hunting, fishing, trapping,

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1 boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife
2 viewing;

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

6 (4) accommodation of access for recreation, tourism, and
7 other compatible recreation-oriented economic uses of the river
8 corridor.

9 Now Sec. 41.23.210. COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES. (a) The commissioner
10 shall allow and may regulate compatible activities within a recreation
11 river corridor as allowed in a management plan adopted under
12 AS 41.23.230, including, but not limited to

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

15 (2) harvest of wood products;

16 (3) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and

17 (4) public use facilities.

18 (b) The commissioner shall allow the continuation of commercial
19 or private activities occurring on the effective date of this Act
20 under a valid permit for use of state-owned land within the boundaries
21 of a recreation river corridor so long as the commissioner determines
22 that the activity is compatible with AS 41.23.200.

23 Sec. 41.23.220. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRI-
24 DORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established
25 as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.290(b) is assigned to
26 the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of
27 AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290.

28 (b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.-
29 145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in

1 AS 41.23.290(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.-
2 200.

3 (c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 do not affect the
4 authority of

5 (1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisher-
6 ies, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under
7 AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

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

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

12 (d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, in-
13 cluding firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites
14 of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds,
15 and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of
16 weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in
17 this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting,
18 or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

19 Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with
20 local authorities and state agencies, including the commissioner of
21 fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt a management plan for a
22 recreation river corridor. During the planning process the commis-
23 sioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and
24 shall hold at least two public hearings in municipalities and commu-
25 nities near the recreation river corridor. The management plan shall
26 establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent
27 with AS 41.23.200 to

28 (1) protect, maintain, or enhance the fish and wildlife
29 habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

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

3 (3) designate compatible land uses and management guide-
4 lines for associated development;

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

7 (5) provide for necessary public services, such as trans-
8 portation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

9 (6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land
10 and private inholdings, including municipal land that is offered for
11 sale or lease, and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

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

14 (8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an
15 activity occurring under AS 41.23.210, including mining leasing and
16 oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.260(b) - (d).

17 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to imple-
18 ment the plan. *of the commission shall*

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

23 Sec. 41.23.240. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality
24 commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established
25 under AS 41.23.290(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence
26 of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.230
27 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at
28 the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent
29 to a recreation river corridor.

1 Sec. 41.23.250. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The com-
2 missioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent
3 to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.290(b) by pur-
4 chase, lease, gift, or exchange for inclusion within a recreation
5 river corridor.

6 (b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a
7 recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

8 Sec. 41.23.260. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to
9 the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of
10 AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05,
11 AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.290(b).

12 (b) Except for land within the Talkeetna State Recreation River
13 north and east of Iron Creek, the state-owned land and water within a
14 recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) is closed to
15 mineral entry by location under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leas-
16 able minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175. 305

17 (c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water or mean
18 high tide, the commissioner may, upon a mineral discovery, permit
19 mining leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river
20 corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been
21 adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appro-
22 priate conditions for permits, operating plans, and leases to protect
23 the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of
24 the river.

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

28 (e) To enhance public use and enjoyment of a recreation river
29 corridor under a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, the

1 commissioner may provide for the construction and operation of commer-
2 cial facilities such as lodges, campgrounds, and boat launches by

3 (1) leasing land including competitive leasing to a pre-
4 qualified bidder under AS 38.05.070; and

5 (2) contracting for the construction and operation of a
6 facility under AS 36.30.

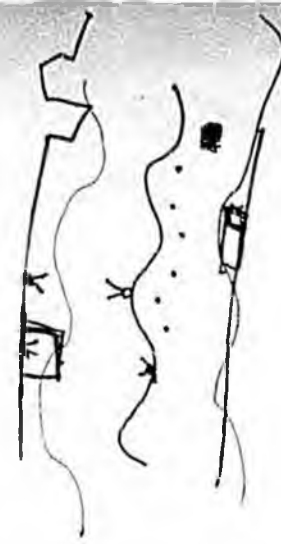
7 (f) The commissioner of administration shall separately account
8 for funds collected under this section and deposited in the general
9 fund. The annual estimated balance in the account may be appropriated
10 by the legislature to the department to carry out the purposes of this
11 chapter.

12 Sec. 41.23.270. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The
13 commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the
14 management of land and water described in AS 41.23.290(b) or of other
15 adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the
16 state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

17 (b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific
18 site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b)
19 to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to
20 carry out a program authorized by law.

21 (c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor
22 described in AS 41.23.290(b) as a unit of the state park system. The
23 commissioner may assign management of a recreation facility or site
24 such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may
25 adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation
26 activities in a recreation river corridor.

27 Sec. 41.23.280. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS.
28 State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river
29 corridor only by the legislature.



1 Sec. 41.23.290. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid exist-
 2 ing rights, the state-owned land and water established as a recreation
 3 river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special
 4 purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of
 5 Alaska and shall be retained by the state.

6 (b) The general grant land, acquired land, and the water pres-
 7 ently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state
 8 in the future, including shore and submerged land and land redesi-
 9 gnated after the effective date of this Act as general grant land, that
 10 lie within the following described parcels are established as recrea-
 11 tion rivers:

12 (1) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

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

14 Sections 6 - 7

15 Sections 18 - 19

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

17 Section 5: Otter Lake, Weenie Lake, and that

18 portion of the SW1/4 in Tract B, ASLS 81-77

19 Section 7: Otter Lake and Tracts F-2 and F-3 of

20 ASLS 79-147

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

22 Section 19

23 Sections 30 - 31

24 Section 32: W1/2

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

26 Section 1

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

28 Section 3: N1/2N1/2

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

1 Section 11: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

2 Section 12

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

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

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

6 Section 4: W1/2

7 Section 5

8 Section 6: NE1/4

9 Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

10 Section 9

11 Section 10: SW1/4

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

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

14 Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

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

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

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

18 Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

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

20 Section 34: S1/2S1/2

21 Section 35

22 Section 36: W1/2

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

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

25 Section 29: W1/2W1/2

26 Section 30

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

28 Section 32

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

1 Sections 3 - 4

2 Sections 9 - 10

3 Section 13: S1/2

4 Section 14: S1/2

5 Sections 15 - 16

6 Section 22: N1/2

7 Section 23: N1/2

8 Section 24

9 (2) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

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

11 Section 2: SW1/4

12 Section 3

13 Section 10: E1/2

14 Section 11

15 Section 14

16 Section 15: E1/2E1/2

17 Section 22: E1/2E1/2

18 Section 23

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

21 Section 26

22 Section 27: E1/2E1/2

23 Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

24 Section 35

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

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

28 Section 4

29 Section 5: E1/2

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

2 Section 9

3 Section 15: W1/2

4 Section 16

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

6 Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

7 Section 27

8 Section 34

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

10 Section 3

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

12 Section 10

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

14 Section 16

15 Section 20: E1/2

16 Section 21

17 Section 28

18 Section 29: E1/2

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

20 Section 33

21 Section 34: SW1/4

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

23 Sections 4 - 5

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

25 Sections 7 - 9

26 Sections 16 - 18

27 Sections 20 - 21

28 Section 27

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

1 Section 29: E1/2NE1/4

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

3 Section 34

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

5 Section 4

6 Section 7: W1/2

7 Section 9

8 Section 16

9 Section 17: SW1/4SW1/4

10 Sections 18 - 19

11 Section 20: W1/2NW1/4

12 Section 21

13 Section 28

14 Sections 30 - 31

15 Section 32: S1/2

16 Section 33

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

18 Section 1

19 Section 2: E1/2

20 Sections 12 - 13

21 Section 24

22 Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

23 Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

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

25 Section 4: W1/2

26 Section 5

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

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

29 Section 9

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

2 Section 16

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

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

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

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

7 Section 33

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

9 Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

10 Section 7

11 Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

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

13 Section 17

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

15 N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

16 Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

17 Section 20: N1/2

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

19 Section 27

20 Section 28: E1/2

21 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

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

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

24 Section 36: SW1/4

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

26 Section 1: E1/2

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

28 Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

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

1 Section 5

2 Section 8

3 Section 17

4 Section 18: SE1/4

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

6 Section 20: W1/2W1/2

7 Section 29: W1/2W1/2

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

9 Section 31: E1/2

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

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

12 Section 5

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

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

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

16 Sections 18 - 19

17 Sections 30 - 31

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

19 Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

20 Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

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

22 Section 5

23 Section 8

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

25 Section 19: SE1/4

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

27 Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

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

29 Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-

1 NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side
2 of MHW)

3 Section 32: land within 150' of MHW

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

5 Section 4: W1/2

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

7 Section 7: SE1/4

8 Section 8

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

10 Section 17

11 Section 18: E1/2

12 Section 19

13 Section 20: W1/2

14 Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

15 Section 30

16 Section 31: NE1/4

17 Section 32

18 (O) Township 27 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

19 Section 4

20 Section 5: E1/2

21 Section 8: E1/2

22 Section 9

23 Section 16

24 Section 17: E1/2

25 Section 20: E1/2

26 Section 21

27 Section 28: W1/2

28 Section 29: E1/2

29 Section 32: E1/2

1 Section 33: W1/2

2 (P) Township 27 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian

3 Section 7

4 Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

5 Section 9: W1/2

6 Section 16

7 Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4

8 Section 20: E1/2

9 Section 21

10 Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

11 Section 29: E1/2

12 Section 32: E1/2

13 Section 33: W1/2

14 (Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

15 Section 12: NE1/4

16 (R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

17 Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

18 Section 33: S1/2S1/2

19 (3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

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

21 Section 3

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

23 Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

24 Section 10

25 Section 15

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

27 Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

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

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

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

2 Section 15: W1/2

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

4 Section 21: E1/2

5 Section 22: W1/2

6 Section 27: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

7 Section 28: E1/2

8 Section 34

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

10 Section 3: W1/2W1/2

11 Section 4

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

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

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

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

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

17 Section 18: E1/2

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

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

20 Section 29

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

22 Section 32

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

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

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

26 Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

27 Section 30

28 Section 31: N1/2

29 Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

1 Section 33

2 Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

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

4 Section 3

5 Section 4: E1/2

6 Section 10

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

8 Section 13: W1/2W1/2

9 Section 14

10 Section 15: NE1/4

11 Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

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

13 Section 25

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

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

16 Sections 6 - 7

17 Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

18 Section 16: W1/2

19 Section 17

20 Section 18: E1/2

21 Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

22 Section 21

23 Section 22: W1/2

24 Section 25: SW1/4

25 Section 26: S1/2

26 Section 27

27 Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

28 Sections 34 - 35

29 Section 36: W1/2

- 1 (G) Township 25 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
2 Section 1: E1/2
- 3 (H) Township 26 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
4 Section 31
- 5 (I) Township 26 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
6 Sections 3 - 4
7 Section 9: E1/2
8 Section 10
9 Section 14: W1/2
10 Section 15
11 Section 22: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4
12 Section 23
13 Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4
14 Section 26
15 Section 27: NE1/4
16 Section 35: NE1/4
17 Section 36
- 18 (J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
19 Section 6: SW1/4
20 Section 7
21 Section 8: SW1/4
22 Sections 17 - 18
23 Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4
24 Section 20
25 Section 21: SW1/4
26 Sections 28 - 29
27 Section 30: NE1/4
28 Section 32: E1/2
29 Section 33

1 Section 34: W1/2

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

3 Sections 1 - 3

4 Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

5 Sections 11 - 14

6 Section 15: NE1/4

7 Section 23: NE1/4

8 Section 24: N1/2

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

10 Sections 1 - 5

11 Sections 8 - 12

12 Sections 13 - 17

13 Sections 21 - 24

14 Sections 25 - 28

15 Sections 33 - 36

16 (4) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column
 17 of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water
 18 mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river cross-
 19 es the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North,
 20 Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the
 21 river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township
 22 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake
 23 Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the
 24 point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10
 25 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to
 26 the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

27 (A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

28 Section 3

29 Section 4: E1/2NE1/4

1 Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

2 Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

3 (B) Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

4 Section 4

5 Section 6: SW1/4

6 Section 7: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4

7 Section 8: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

8 Section 17: NW1/4

9 Section 18: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4

10 (C) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

11 Sections 12 - 15

12 Section 22

13 Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

14 Section 26: W1/2W1/2

15 Section 27

16 Section 34

17 (D) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

18 Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4

19 (E) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

20 Section 15: N1/2NW1/4

21 Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

22 (F) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

23 Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4

24 Section 16: S1/2

25 Section 17: S1/2

26 Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.

27 (G) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

28 Section 19

29 Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,

- 1 W1/2NW1/4
- 2 Section 28: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
- 3 Section 29: NE1/4
- 4 Section 30
- 5 (H) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian
- 6 Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
- 7 Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4
- 8 Section 14
- 9 Section 24
- 10 Section 25: N1/2
- 11 Section 26
- 12 Section 27: S1/2
- 13 Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4
- 14 Section 34
- 15 Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4
- 16 (5) Talachulitna State Recreation River
- 17 (A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
- 18 Section 6: W1/2
- 19 Section 7: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4
- 20 (B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
- 21 Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4
- 22 Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4
- 23 Section 3
- 24 Section 11: N1/2, N1/2S1/2
- 25 Section 12: N1/2, N1/2S1/2
- 26 (C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
- 27 Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4
- 28 Section 7
- 29 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

1 Section 20: E1/2

2 Sections 21 - 23

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

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

5 Section 9: S1/2

6 Section 10: S1/2

7 Section 11: S1/2

8 Section 12: S1/2

9 Sections 13 - 16

10 Section 24: N1/2

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

12 Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

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

14 Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

15 Section 21

16 Section 22: W1/2W1/2

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

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

19 Sections 28 - 29

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

21 Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4,

22 SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4

23 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

24 Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

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

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

27 Section 7

28 Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

29 Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

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

2 Section 16: SW1/4

3 Sections 17 - 18

4 Section 19: NE1/4

5 Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

6 Section 21: W1/2

7 Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

8 Section 28

9 Section 29: E1/2

10 Section 32: E1/2

11 Section 33

12 Section 36: E1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4

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

14 Sections 1 - 2

15 Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

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

17 Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

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

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

20 Section 10: NW1/4

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

22 Section 16

23 Section 21

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

25 Sections 27 - 28

26 Section 34

27 Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

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

29 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 Chuniina 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

1 Sections 1 - 2: north of the left bank of the
2 Sheep River

3 Section 3: all land north of the left bank of
4 the Talkeetna River and Tract B of ASLS 81 -
5 196

6 Section 4: all land north of the left bank of
7 the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 81 -
8 196

9 Section 5: all land north of the left bank of
10 the Talkeetna River and Tract C of ASLS 80 -
11 94

12 Section 6: all land north of the left bank of
13 the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS
14 30 - 84

15 (B) Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

16 Sections 1 - 3: exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

17 Section 4: E1/2, SW1/4 exclusive of ASLS 79 -
18 149

19 Section 7: S1/2

20 Section 8: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

21 Section 9: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

22 Section 17: that portion north of the left bank
23 of the Talkeetna River

24 Section 18: exclusive of DCT 200642

25 (C) Township 26 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

26 Section 12: E1/2SE1/4

27 Section 13: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

28 Section 23: that portion northeast of the left
29 bank of the Susitna River

1 Section 24: that portion east of the left bank
2 of the Susitna River and west of the right
3 bank of the main channel of the Talkeetna
4 River (that channel of the river that runs
5 diagonally through the NE 1/4 and SW1/4 of
6 Sec. 24)

7 (D) Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

8 Section 1

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

10 Section 3: S1/2, S1/2NE1/2

11 Section 4: SE1/4

12 Sections 7 - 10

13 Section 11: N1/2

14 Section 12: NW1/4

15 Section 15: NW1/4

16 Section 16: N1/2

17 Section 17: N1/2

18 Section 18: N1/2

19 (E) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

20 Section 2: SW1/4

21 Section 3: S1/2

22 Section 4: S1/2

23 Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

24 Section 7: SE1/4

25 Sections 8 - 12

26 Section 13: N1/2

27 Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

28 Section 17

29 Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

- 1 Section 19
- 2 Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4
- 3 Section 30: W1/2
- 4 (F) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian
- 5 Section 24: E1/2
- 6 Section 25
- 7 Section 26: SE1/4
- 8 Section 31: S1/2
- 9 Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149
- 10 Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149
- 11 Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149
- 12 and ASLS 76 - 138
- 13 Sections 35 - 36
- 14 (G) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian
- 15 Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74 - 77
- 16 and ASLS 74 - 78
- 17 (H) Township 27 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
- 18 Section 5: NW1/4
- 19 Section 6
- 20 (I) Township 28 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian
- 21 Section 36: SE1/4SE1/4
- 22 (J) Township 28 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
- 23 Section 2
- 24 Section 3: SE1/4
- 25 Section 9: SE1/4
- 26 Section 10
- 27 Section 11: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SW1/4
- 28 Section 15: N1/2, SW1/4
- 29 Section 16: E1/2SW1/4

1 Section 20: SE1/4

2 Section 21

3 Section 22: NW1/4

4 Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4

5 Section 29: E1/2, SW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

6 Section 31: SW1/4, E1/2

7 Section 32

8 Section 33: NW1/4

9 ARTICLE 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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

12 * Sec. 3. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreation
13 river corridor under AS 41.23.230(a) as enacted in sec. 2 of this Act,
14 interim management shall be consistent with AS 41.23.200. The commissioner
15 of natural resources shall adopt a management plan for each river by
16 July 1, 1992.

17 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing six recreation rivers; and pro-
7 viding for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the special values
10 and uses of certain river corridors in Southcentral Alaska justify their
11 retention for public use. The river corridors can support many public
12 uses, including some that will enhance the local economy as well as improve
13 access to retained public land. The designation of these corridors as
14 recreation rivers recognizes the value of the described land and is not
15 intended to become an undue impediment to the use and enjoyment of adjacent
16 land or to the development of access within, across, and around the rivers.

17 * Sec. 2. AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

18 ARTICLE 3. RECREATION RIVERS.

19 Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. The purpose of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.-
20 290 is to establish as recreation rivers the land and water now owned
21 by the state and the land and water acquired in the future by the
22 state that lies within the boundaries described in AS 41.23.290(b).
23 The primary purposes for the establishment of the recreation rivers
24 are

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

27 (2) conservation of the scenic and natural integrity of the
28 recreation river corridor and continued recreational and economic use
29 and enjoyment by the public including hunting, fishing, trapping,

1 boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, and wildlife
2 viewing;

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

6 (4) accommodation of access for recreation, tourism, and
7 other compatible recreation-oriented economic uses of the river
8 corridor.

9 Sec. 41.23.210. COMPATIBLE ACTIVITIES. (a) The commissioner
10 shall allow and may regulate compatible activities within a recreation
11 river corridor as allowed in a management plan adopted under
12 AS 41.23.230, including, but not limited to

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

15 (2) harvest of wood products;

16 (3) sand and gravel extraction for public use; and

17 (4) public use facilities.

18 (b) The commissioner shall allow the continuation of commercial
19 or private activities occurring on the effective date of this Act
20 under a valid permit for use of state-owned land within the boundaries
21 of a recreation river corridor so long as the commissioner determines
22 that the activity is compatible with AS 41.23.200.

23 Sec. 41.23.220. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRI-
24 DORS. (a) The state-owned land and water within the area established
25 as a recreation river corridor under AS 41.23.290(b) is assigned to
26 the commissioner for management consistent with the purposes of
27 AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290.

28 (b) The commissioner shall reserve to the state under AS 46.15.-
29 145 an instream flow or level for the water in the rivers described in

1 AS 41.23.290(b) that is adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.-
2 200.

3 (c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290 do not affect the
4 authority of

5 (1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisher-
6 ies, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under
7 AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

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

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

12 (d) The commissioner may not restrict the use of weapons, in-
13 cluding firearms, within a recreation river corridor except in sites
14 of high public use such as picnic areas, boat ramps, camping grounds,
15 and parking areas when the commissioner determines that the use of
16 weapons constitutes a threat to public safety. Except as provided in
17 this subsection, the commissioner may not restrict fishing, hunting,
18 or trapping within a recreation river corridor.

19 (e) The commissioner may not regulate under AS 41.23.200 -
20 41.23.290 an activity that occurs on a river that has not been desig-
21 nated as a recreational river under AS 41.23.290(b). Where the water
22 of a river that has been designated under AS 41.23.290(b) flows into
23 the water of a larger river that has not been designated under AS 41.-
24 23.290(b), the authority of the commissioner under AS 41.23.200 -
25 41.23.290 ceases where the water joins the larger river and the com-
26 missioner may not regulate activities on the larger undesignated river
27 under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290.

28 Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) After consultation with
29 local authorities, representatives of groups who will use the

1 recreation rivers, and state agencies, including the commissioner of
2 fish and game, the commissioner shall adopt a management plan for a
3 recreation river corridor. During the planning process the commis-
4 sioner shall comply with the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and
5 shall hold at least two public hearings in municipalities and commu-
6 nities near the recreation river corridor. The management plan shall
7 establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent
8 with AS 41.23.200 to

9 (1) protect, maintain, or enhance the fish and wildlife
10 habitat and the free-flowing nature of the river;

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

13 (3) designate compatible land uses and management guide-
14 lines for associated development;

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

17 (5) provide for necessary public services, such as trans-
18 portation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

19 (6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land
20 and private inholdings, including municipal land that is offered for
21 sale or lease, and to land beyond the recreation river corridor;

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

24 (8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an
25 activity occurring under AS 41.23.210, including mining leasing and
26 oil and gas leasing under AS 41.23.260(b) - (d).

27 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations necessary to imple-
28 ment the management plan. The commissioner may adopt regulations
29 before a management plan is adopted.

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

5 Sec. 41.23.240. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality
6 commits land for inclusion in a recreation river corridor established
7 under AS 41.23.290(b), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence
8 of the municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.230
9 as it applies to municipal land. The commissioner shall cooperate, at
10 the request of a municipality, in planning for municipal land adjacent
11 to a recreation river corridor.

12 Sec. 41.23.250. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The com-
13 missioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent
14 to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.290(b) by pur-
15 chase, lease, gift, or exchange for inclusion within a recreation
16 river corridor.

17 (b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a
18 recreation river corridor by eminent domain.

19 Sec. 41.23.260. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. (a) Except to
20 the extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of
21 AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290, the provisions of AS 38.04, AS 38.05,
22 AS 38.35, and AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.290(b).

23 (b) Except for land within the Talkeetna State Recreation River
24 north and east of Iron Creek, the state-owned land and water within a
25 recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b) is closed to
26 mineral entry by location under AS 38.05.195 and to disposal of leas-
27 able minerals under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175.

28 (c) Except on state-owned land below ordinary high-water or mean
29 high tide, the commissioner may, upon a mineral discovery, permit

1 mining leasing under AS 38.05.205 in an area within a recreation river
2 corridor if leasing is allowed under a management plan that has been
3 adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall establish appro-
4 priate conditions for permits, operating plans, and leases to protect
5 the environment and prevent degradation of the recreational uses of
6 the river.

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

10 (e) To enhance public use and enjoyment of a recreation river
11 corridor under a management plan adopted under AS 41.23.230, the
12 commissioner may provide for the construction and operation of commer-
13 cial facilities such as lodges, campgrounds, and boat launches by

14 (1) leasing land including competitive leasing to a pre-
15 qualified bidder under AS 38.05.070; and

16 (2) contracting for the construction and operation of a
17 facility under AS 36.30.

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

23 Sec. 41.23.270. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. (a) The
24 commissioner may enter into a cooperative management agreement for the
25 management of land and water described in AS 41.23.290(b) or of other
26 adjacent land and water with a federal agency, a municipality of the
27 state, another agency of the state, or a private landowner.

28 (b) The commissioner may transfer the management of a specific
29 site within a recreation river corridor described in AS 41.23.290(b)

1 to a state agency to assist in the development of a facility or to
2 carry out a program authorized by law.

3 (c) The commissioner may not manage a recreation river corridor
4 described in AS 41.23.290(b) as a unit of the state park system. The
5 commissioner may assign management of a recreation facility or site
6 such as a campground or a boat launch to the division of parks and may
7 adopt regulations allowing the division of parks to manage recreation
8 activities in a recreation river corridor.

9 Sec. 41.23.280. ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION RIVER CORRIDORS.
10 State-owned land and water may be established as a recreation river
11 corridor only by the legislature.

12 Sec. 41.23.290. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid exist-
13 ing rights, the state-owned land and water within one-half mile of
14 either ordinary high water or mean high tide on a recreation river
15 designated in (b) of this section that is established as a recreation
16 river corridor under (b) of this section is reserved as a special
17 purpose area under art. VIII, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of
18 Alaska and shall be retained by the state.

19 (b) The general grant land, acquired land, and the water pres-
20 ently owned by the state and all land and water acquired by the state
21 in the future, including shore and submerged land and land redesi-
22 gnated after the effective date of this Act as general grant land, that
23 lie within the following described parcels are established as recrea-
24 tion rivers and shall be managed under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.290:

25 (1) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

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

27 Sections 6 - 7

28 Sections 18 - 19

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

1 Section 6: Otter Lake, Weenie Lake, and that
2 portion of the SW1/4 in Tract B, ASLS 81-77

3 Section 7: Otter Lake and Tracts F-2 and F-3 of
4 ASLS 79-147

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

6 Section 19

7 Sections 30 - 31

8 Section 32: W1/2

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

10 Section 1

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

12 Section 3: N1/2N1/2

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

14 Section 11: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

15 Section 12

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

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

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

19 Section 4: W1/2

20 Section 5

21 Section 6: NE1/4

22 Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4

23 Section 9

24 Section 10: SW1/4

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

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

27 Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4

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

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

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

2 Section 27: E1/2NE1/4

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

4 Section 34: S1/2S1/2

5 Section 35

6 Section 36: W1/2

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

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

9 Section 29: W1/2W1/2

10 Section 30

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

12 Section 32

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

14 Sections 3 - 4

15 Sections 9 - 10

16 Section 13: S1/2

17 Section 14: S1/2

18 Sections 15 - 16

19 Section 22: N1/2

20 Section 23: N1/2

21 Section 24

22 (2) Krotz Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

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

24 Section 2: SW1/4

25 Section 3

26 Section 10: E1/2

27 Section 11

28 Section 14

29 Section 15: E1/2E1/2

1 Section 22: E1/2E1/2

2 Section 23

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

5 Section 26

6 Section 27: E1/2E1/2

7 Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4

8 Section 35

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

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

12 Section 4

13 Section 5: E1/2

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

15 Section 9

16 Section 15: W1/2

17 Section 16

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

19 Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2

20 Section 27

21 Section 34

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

23 Section 3

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

25 Section 10

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

27 Section 16

28 Section 20: E1/2

29 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

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

2 Section 1

3 Section 2: E1/2

4 Sections 12 - 13

5 Section 24

6 Section 25: N1/2, SE1/4

7 Section 36: N1/2NE1/4

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

9 Section 4: W1/2

10 Section 5

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

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

13 Section 9

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

15 Section 16

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

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

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

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

20 Section 33

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

22 Section 6: S1/2, NW1/4

23 Section 7

24 Section 8: S1/2SW1/4

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

26 Section 17

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

28 N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4

29 Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4

1 Section 20: N1/2

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

3 Section 27

4 Section 28: E1/2

5 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

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

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

8 Section 36: SW1/4

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

10 Section 1: E1/2

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

12 Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4

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

14 Section 5

15 Section 8

16 Section 17

17 Section 18: SE1/4

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

19 Section 20: W1/2W1/2

20 Section 29: W1/2W1/2

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

22 Section 31: E1/2

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

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

25 Section 5

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

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

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

29 Sections 18 - 19

1 Sections 30 - 31

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

3 Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4

4 Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

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

6 Section 5

7 Section 8

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

9 Section 19: SE1/4

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

11 Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4

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

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

16 Section 32: land within 150' of MHW

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

18 Section 4: W1/2

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

20 Section 7: SE1/4

21 Section 8

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

23 Section 17

24 Section 18: E1/2

25 Section 19

26 Section 20: W1/2

27 Section 29: S1/2, NW1/4

28 Section 30

29 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

1 Section 32: S1/2SE1/4

2 Section 33: S1/2S1/2

3 (3) Lake Creek State Recreation River

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

5 Section 3

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

7 Section 9: N1/2 Excluding Tracts A and B

8 Section 10

9 Section 15

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

11 Section 4: NW1/4, S1/2

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

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

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

15 Section 15: W1/2

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

17 Section 21: E1/2

18 Section 22: W1/2

19 Section 27: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4

20 Section 28: E1/2

21 Section 34

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

23 Section 3: W1/2W1/2

24 Section 4

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

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

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

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

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

1 Section 18: E1/2

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

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

4 Section 29

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

6 Section 32

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

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

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

10 Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2

11 Section 30

12 Section 31: N1/2

13 Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2

14 Section 23

15 Section 34: SW1/4SW1/4

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

17 Section 3

18 Section 4: E1/2

19 Section 10

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

21 Section 13: W1/2W1/2

22 Section 14

23 Section 15: NE1/4

24 Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4

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

26 Section 25

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

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

29 Sections 6 - 7

1 Section 8: S1/2, NW1/4

2 Section 16: W1/2

3 Section 17

4 Section 18: E1/2

5 Section 20: SE1/4, N1/2

6 Section 21

7 Section 22: W1/2

8 Section 25: SW1/4

9 Section 26: S1/2

10 Section 27

11 Section 28: E1/2, NW1/4

12 Sections 34 - 35

13 Section 36: W1/2

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

15 Section 1: E1/2

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

17 Section 31

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

19 Sections 3 - 4

20 Section 9: E1/2

21 Section 10

22 Section 14: W1/2

23 Section 15

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

25 Section 23

26 Section 25: S1/2, NW1/4

27 Section 26

28 Section 27: NE1/4

29 Section 35: NE1/4

1 Section 36

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

3 Section 6: SW1/4

4 Section 7

5 Section 8: SW1/4

6 Sections 17 - 18

7 Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

8 Section 20

9 Section 21: SW1/4

10 Sections 28 - 29

11 Section 30: NE1/4

12 Section 32: E1/2

13 Section 33

14 Section 34: W1/2

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

16 Sections 1 - 3

17 Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4

18 Sections 11 - 14

19 Section 15: NE1/4

20 Section 23: NE1/4

21 Section 24: N1/2

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

23 Sections 1 - 5

24 Sections 8 - 12

25 Sections 13 - 17

26 Sections 21 - 24

27 Sections 25 - 28

28 Sections 33 - 36

29 (4) Little Susitna State Recreation River: the water column

1 of the main stream of the Little Susitna River from mean high water
2 mark to mean high water mark, from the point at which the river cross-
3 es the section line dividing Sections 23 and 26 in Township 19 North,
4 Range 1 East, Seward Meridian downstream to the point at which the
5 river crosses the section line between Sections 15 and 22 in Township
6 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; the water column of Lake
7 Creek from mean high water mark to mean high water mark, from the
8 point at which the creek crosses the section line dividing Sections 10
9 and 11, Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian downstream to
10 the confluence with the Little Susitna River; and

11 (A) Township 16 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

12 Section 3

13 Section 4: E1/2NE1/4

14 Section 10: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

15 Section 15: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

16 (B) Township 17 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

17 Section 4

18 Section 6: SW1/4

19 Section 7: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4

20 Section 8: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4

21 Section 17: NW1/4

22 Section 18: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4

23 (C) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

24 Sections 12 - 15

25 Section 22

26 Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4

27 Section 26: W1/2W1/2

28 Section 27

29 Section 34

- 1 (D) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
2 Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4
3 (E) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian
4 Section 15: N1/2NW1/4
5 Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4
6 (F) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian
7 Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4
8 Section 16: S1/2
9 Section 17: S1/2
10 Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.
11 (G) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian
12 Section 19
13 Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,
14 W1/2NW1/4
15 Section 28: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
16 Section 29: NE1/4
17 Section 30
18 (H) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian
19 Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
20 Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4
21 Section 14
22 Section 24
23 Section 25: N1/2
24 Section 26
25 Section 27: S1/2
26 Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4
27 Section 34
28 Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

29 (5) Talachulitna State Recreation River

- 1 (A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
2 Section 6: W1/2
3 Section 7: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4
4
5 (B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
6 Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4
7 Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4
8 Section 3
9 Section 11: N1/2, N1/2S1/2
10 Section 12: N1/2, N1/2S1/2
11
12 (C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
13 Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4
14 Section 7
15 Sections 18 - 19
16 Sections 30 - 31
17
18 (D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
19 Section 1: E1/2E1/2
20 Section 3: W1/2
21 Sections 4 - 5
22 Section 6: S1/2
23 Sections 7 - 8
24 Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4
25 Section 10
26 Section 14: W1/2
27 Section 15
28 Section 17: NW1/4
29 Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4
Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4
Section 22
Section 23: W1/2

1 Section 25: E1/2E1/2

2 Section 26: W1/2

3 Section 27

4 Section 34

5 Section 35: W1/2

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

7 Section 7: S1/2

8 Section 12: S1/2

9 Section 13

10 Section 14: S1/2

11 Section 15: S1/2

12 Section 16: S1/2

13 Sections 17 - 18

14 Section 20: E1/2

15 Sections 21 - 23

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

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

18 Section 9: S1/2

19 Section 10: S1/2

20 Section 11: S1/2

21 Section 12: S1/2

22 Sections 13 - 16

23 Section 24: N1/2

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

25 Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4

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

27 Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

28 Section 21

29 Section 22: W1/2W1/2

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

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

3 Sections 28 - 29

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

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

7 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4

8 Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

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

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

11 Section 7

12 Section 11: E1/2SE1/4

13 Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4

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

15 Section 16: SW1/4

16 Sections 17 - 18

17 Section 19: NE1/4

18 Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4

19 Section 21: W1/2

20 Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

21 Section 28

22 Section 29: E1/2

23 Section 32: E1/2

24 Section 33

25 Section 36: E1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4

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

27 Sections 1 - 2

28 Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

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

1 Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4

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

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

4 Section 10: NW1/4

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

6 Section 16

7 Section 21

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

9 Sections 27 - 28

10 Section 34

11 Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4

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

13 Section 18: W1/2

14 Section 19: W1/2

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

16 Section 1

17 Section 2: N1/2

18 Section 11: E1/2

19 Sections 12 - 13

20 Section 14: E1/2

21 Sections 23 - 24

22 Section 25: N1/2

23 Section 26

24 Section 27: E1/2

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

26 Section 35: NW1/4

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

28 Section 31: W1/2

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

1 Section 25: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

2 Section 26: E1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4

3 Section 35: E1/2, SW1/4

4 Section 36

5 (6) Talkeetna State Recreation River: the water column of
6 the Talkeetna River from mean high water mark to mean high water mark
7 from the point at which it crosses the line dividing Townships 28 and
8 29 North, Seward Meridian, downstream to its confluence with the
9 Susitna River; the water column of Chuniina Creek from mean high water
10 mark to mean high water mark from the point at which it crosses the
11 line dividing Townships 27 and 28 North, Seward Meridian, downstream
12 to its confluence with the Talkeetna River; and

13 (A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

14 Sections 1 - 2: north of the left bank of the
15 Sheep River

16 Section 3: all land north of the left bank of
17 the Talkeetna River and Tract B of ASLS 81 -
18 196

19 Section 4: all land north of the left bank of
20 the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS 81 -
21 196

22 Section 5: all land north of the left bank of
23 the Talkeetna River and Tract C of ASLS 80 -
24 94

25 Section 6: all land north of the left bank of
26 the Talkeetna River and Tract A of ASLS
27 80 - 84

28 (B) Township 26 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

29 Sections 1 - 3: exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

1 Section 4: E1/2, SW1/4 exclusive of ASLS 79 -
2 149

3 Section 7: S1/2

4 Section 8: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

5 Section 9: E1/2, E1/2W1/2

6 Section 17: that portion north of the left bank
7 of the Talkeetna River

8 Section 18: exclusive of DOT 200642

9 (C) Township 26 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

10 Section 12: E1/2SE1/4

11 Section 13: E1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4

12 Section 23: that portion northeast of the left
13 bank of the Susitna River

14 Section 24: that portion east of the left bank
15 of the Susitna River and west of the right
16 bank of the main channel of the Talkeetna
17 River (that channel of the river that runs
18 diagonally through the NE 1/4 and SW1/4 of
19 Sec. 24)

20 (D) Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian

21 Section 1

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

23 Section 3: S1/2, S1/2N1/2

24 Section 4: SE1/4

25 Sections 7 - 10

26 Section 11: N1/2

27 Section 12: NW1/4

28 Section 15: NW1/4

29 Section 16: N1/2

1 Section 17: N1/2

2 Section 18: N1/2

3 (E) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian

4 Section 2: SW1/4

5 Section 3: S1/2

6 Section 4: S1/2

7 Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

8 Section 7: SE1/4

9 Sections 8 - 12

10 Section 13: N1/2

11 Section 14: N1/2NE1/4

12 Section 17

13 Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4

14 Section 19

15 Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4

16 Section 30: W1/2

17 (F) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

18 Section 24: E1/2

19 Section 25

20 Section 26: SE1/4

21 Section 31: S1/2

22 Section 32: S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

23 Section 33: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149

24 Section 34: S1/2S1/2 exclusive of ASLS 79 - 149
25 and ASLS 76 - 138

26 Sections 35 - 36

27 (G) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

28 Section 36: S1/2SE1/4 exclusive of ASLS 74 - 77

29 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.

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* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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1 IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing ~~a system of~~ recreation rivers;
7 and providing for an effective date."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 2. ~~STATE~~ RECREATION RIVERS.

11 Sec. 41.23.200. PURPOSES. (a) The purpose of AS 41.23.200 -
12 41.23.280 is to establish management ^{state owned lands & water in designated} guidelines for ~~these~~ ^{corridor} rivers ^{corridor}
13 ~~designated for recreation under AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280~~ while permit-
14 ting each ^{corridor} river to be individually managed under a multiple use man-
15 agement plan.

16 (b) The goals and objectives by which a recreation river ^{corridor} shall
17 be managed include

18 (1) the protection and maintenance of the fish and wildlife
19 populations and habitat on a sustained yield basis ~~so as to maintain,~~
20 ~~restore, and enhance fishing, hunting, and trapping activities;~~

21 (2) ^{conservation} ~~protection~~ of the scenic and natural integrity of the
22 ^{corridor} river and ~~continuation of the traditional~~ ^{recreational and economic} uses ~~of the~~
23 river by the public including ^{hunting, fishing, interpretation} boating, hiking, snowmachining, skiing,
24 dog mushing, and wildlife viewing;

25 (3) management of upland activities ^{within the recreation river corridor} for the protection and
26 maintenance of water quality and stream flows; ^{4) promotion of access, tourism, and}
^{economic use of the river corridor.}

27 (c) The commissioner shall allow an activity when compatible
28 with (b)(1) - (3) of this section including, but not limited to use of
29 aircraft, powerboats, snowmachines, all-terrain vehicles, and other

1 motorized transportation; harvest of wood products; ^(coal, mineral, and oil and gas leasing) sand and gravel
2 extraction for public use; and public use facilities. ~~[AS 41.23.200 -~~
3 ~~41.23.280 may not be construed as permitting an activity that is~~
4 ~~incompatible with the purposes of AS 41.23.200(b)(1) - (3).]~~

5 Sec. 41.23.210. GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF RECREATION RIVER. (a)
6 ^{state-owned,} The land and water within the area designated as a recreation river
7 under AS 41.23.280(c) is assigned to the commissioner for multiple use
8 management consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

9 (b) ~~[Within three years from the effective date of the design-~~
10 ~~ation of a river as a recreation river under AS 41.23.280(c).]~~ The
11 commissioner shall ~~[after consultation with appropriate state agen-~~
12 ~~cies.]~~ reserve to the state under AS 46.15.145 an instream flow or
13 level for the water in the river ^{as} described in AS 41.23.280(c) that is
14 adequate to achieve the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280.

15 (c) The provisions of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280 do not affect the
16 responsibility ^{of authority} of

17 (1) the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisher-
18 ies, the Board of Game, or the Guide Licensing and Control Board under
19 AS 08.54, AS 16, or AS 41.99.010;

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

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

24 (d) Except as provided in this subsection the commissioner may
25 not restrict the use of weapons, including firearms, within a recrea-
26 tion river except in sites of high public use such as picnic areas,
27 boat ramps, camping grounds, and parking areas when the commissioner
28 determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public
29 safety. Except as provided in this subsection, the commissioner may

1 not restrict ~~the exercise of~~ fishing, hunting, or trapping within a
2 recreation river ^{corridor}

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3 (e) The commissioner may lease land competitively within a
4 recreation river ^{corridor} ~~to a person~~ for the construction and operation of a
5 public use facility ~~within the recreation river~~.

6 (f) The commissioner may not restrict commercial ^{or private} activities
7 existing within the boundaries of an area designated as a recreation
8 river under AS 41.23.280(c) at the time of the designation unless the
9 commissioner determines that the commercial activity threatens the
10 quality of the water or an essential habitat within the recreation
11 river ^{corridor} ^{g) see below}

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After consultation with local authorities and state agencies including the Dept. of F&G.

12 Sec. 41.23.220. MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) ~~The~~ commissioner shall
13 adopt and may revise a comprehensive multiple use management plan for
14 ~~for a river designated as~~ a recreation river ^{corridor} ~~under AS 41.23.280(c).~~ The
15 ~~commissioner shall consult with the Department of Fish and Game during~~
16 ~~the formulation or revision of a management plan governing the use of~~
17 ~~an area within a recreation river.~~ The commissioner shall comply with
18 the notice requirements of AS 38.05.945 and shall hold at least one
19 public hearing in the municipalities and communities ^{near} ~~that are~~ ~~proxi-~~
20 ~~mately located to~~ the recreation river and with the local fish and
21 game advisory committee in the area in the adoption or revision of a
22 management plan. The comprehensive multiple-use management plan shall
23 establish long-range guidelines and management practices consistent
24 with ^{AS 41.23.200(b)} ~~the purposes of AS 41.23.200 - 41.23.280~~ to

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

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

29 (3) designate compatible land uses and management

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g) With approval and finding 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.

1 guidelines for associated development;

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

4 (5) provide for necessary public services, such as trans-
5 portation and utility corridors, public safety, and law enforcement;

6 (6) allow reasonable and necessary access to public land
7 and private inholdings and to land beyond the recreation river corri-
8 dor;

9 (7) establish criteria and timelines to review future
10 proposed uses for compatibility with ^{AS 41.23.200(b),} ~~the purposes of AS 41.23.200-~~
11 ~~41.23.280;~~

12 (8) establish guidelines and setback restrictions for an
13 activity occurring under AS 41.23.200(c), ^{including coal, mineral, and}
^{oil & gas (occurring under AS 41.23.250 (b)-(d)).}

14 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to imple-
15 ment the plan.

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

21 (d) The Department of Fish and Game and the Boards of Fish and
22 Game shall consult with the commissioner before adopting or revising
23 regulations governing fish and game management in an area designated
24 as a recreation river.

25 Sec. 41.23.230. MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL LAND. If a municipality
26 commits land for inclusion in a recreation river ^{corridor} designated under
27 AS 41.23.280(c), the commissioner shall obtain the concurrence of the
28 municipality to the management plan proposed under AS 41.23.220 as it
29 applies to municipal land. ^{The commissioner shall participate cooperatively,}
^{as requested by a municipality, in planning for municipal lands}
HB 93 ^{adjacent to a recreation-river corridor} HB0093A

1 Sec. 41.23.240. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND. (a) The com-
2 missioner may acquire in the name of the state land that is adjacent
3 to or located within the land described in AS 41.23.280(c) by pur-
4 chase, lease, gift, or exchange.

5 (b) The commissioner may not acquire land for inclusion in a
6 recreation river by eminent domain.

7 Sec. 41.23.250. APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAND LAWS. ^(a) Except to the
8 extent that a provision is inconsistent with a provision of AS 41.-
9 23.200 - 41.23.280 the provisions of AS 38.04; AS 38.05; AS 38.35; and
10 AS 38.95 apply to land described in AS 41.23.280(c). *(b-f) see attachment*

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

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

20 (c) *Except that the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation may, at the direction of the commissioner,*
21 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.*
maintain park facilities and may manage recreation under regulations adopted by the commission.

* 22 Sec. 41.23.270. RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMISSIONER. (a) Before
23 recommending the establishment of a recreation river to the legisla-
24 ture, the commissioner shall adopt a plan for the area encompassing
25 the proposed recreation river.

26 (b) In the adoption of a plan recommending the establishment of
27 a recreation river, the commissioner shall

28 (i) after notice under AS 38.05.945, hold a public hearing
29 in each community that is located proximately to or within the

1 boundaries of an area proposed for inclusion within a recreation
2 river;

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

7 (3) consult with each fish and game advisory committee with
8 responsibilities for an area within the boundaries of an area proposed
9 for inclusion within a recreation river and include the recommenda-
10 tions of the local fish and game advisory committee in the plan; and

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

13 Sec. 41.23.275. DESIGNATION OF RECREATION RIVERS. State-owned
14 land and water may be designated as a recreation river only by the
15 legislature.

16 Sec. 41.23.280. DESIGNATED RIVERS. (a) Subject to valid exist-
17 ing rights, the state-owned land and water designated as a recreation
18 river under (c) of this section constitute a special purpose area
19 under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Alaska Constitution.

20 (b) The state-owned land and water described in this section
21 within one-half mile of a lakeshore and within one-half mile upland of
22 the meander of the ordinary high-water mark of a river is closed to
23 mineral entry and leasing under AS 38.05.150 - 38.05.175 and 38.05.-
24 185 - 38.05.275. The state-owned land and water described in this
25 section is closed to land disposals under AS 38.05.035(b), 38.05.045 -
26 38.05.069; AS 38.08 and AS 38.09.

27 (c) The land and water presently owned by the state and all land
28 and water acquired by the state in the future, including shore and
29 submerged land, that lies within the following described parcels are

1 designated recreation rivers:
2 (1) Talachulitna State Recreation River
3 (A) Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
4 Section 6: W1/2
5 Section 7: NW1/4
6 (B) Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
7 Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4
8 Section 2: S1/2, NW1/4
9 Section 3
10 Section 11: N1/2
11 Section 12: N1/2
12 (C) Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
13 Section 6: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4
14 Section 7
15 Sections 18 - 19
16 Sections 30 - 31
17 (D) Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
18 Section 1: E1/2E1/2
19 Section 3: W1/2
20 Sections 4 - 5
21 Section 6: S1/2
22 Sections 7 - 8
23 Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4
24 Section 10
25 Section 14: W1/2
26 Section 15
27 Section 17: NW1/4
28 Section 18: N1/2, SW1/4
29 Section 19: NW1/4NW1/4

1 Section 22
 2 Section 23: W1/2
 3 Section 25: E1/2E1/2
 4 Section 26: W1/2
 5 Section 27
 6 Section 34
 7 Section 35: W1/2
 8 (E) Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
 9 Section 7: S1/2
 10 Section 12: S1/2
 11 Section 13
 12 Section 14: S1/2
 13 Section 15: S1/2
 14 Section 16: S1/2
 15 Sections 17 - 18
 16 Section 20: E1/2
 17 Sections 21 - 23
 18 Section 24: N1/2, N1/2S1/2
 19 (F) Township 17 North, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian
 20 Section 9: S1/2
 21 Section 10: S1/2
 22 Section 11: S1/2
 23 Section 12: S1/2
 24 Sections 13 - 16
 25 Section 24: N1/2
 26 (G) Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
 27 Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4
 28 Section 19: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4
 29 Section 20: S1/2, NE1/4

1	Section 21
2	Section 22: W1/2W1/2
3	Section 26: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
4	Section 27: S1/2, S1/2N1/2
5	Sections 28 - 29
6	Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2
7	Section 31: NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4,
8	SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4
9	Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4
10	Section 34: N1/2NW1/4
11	(H) Township 18 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
12	Section 6: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4
13	Section 7
14	Section 11: E1/2SE1/4
15	Section 12: SW1/4SW1/4
16	Section 13: NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SE1/4
17	Section 16: SW1/4
18	Sections 17 - 18
19	Section 19: NE1/4
20	Section 20: N1/2, SE1/4
21	Section 21: W1/2
22	Section 24: E1/2NE1/4
23	Section 28
24	Section 29: E1/2
25	Section 32: E1/2
26	Section 33
27	(I) Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
28	Sections 1 - 2
29	Section 12: N1/2, SE1/4

1 (J) Township 19 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
2 Section 3: N1/2, SW1/4
3 Section 4: E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4
4 Section 9: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
5 Section 10: NW1/4
6 Section 15: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
7 Section 16
8 Section 21
9 Section 22: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4
10 Sections 27 - 28
11 Section 34
12 Section 35: S1/2, NW1/4
13 (K) Township 20 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
14 Section 18: W1/2
15 Section 19: W1/2
16 (L) Township 20 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
17 Section 1
18 Section 2: N1/2
19 Section 11: E1/2
20 Sections 12 - 13
21 Section 14: E1/2
22 Sections 23 - 24
23 Section 25: N1/2
24 Section 26
25 Section 27: E1/2
26 Section 34: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4
27 Section 35: NW1/4
28 (M) Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
29 Section 31: SW1/4

1 (N) Township 21 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
2 Section 25: that portion south of the Skwentna
3 River
4 Section 26: that portion south of the Skwentna
5 River
6 Section 35: that portion south of the Skwentna
7 River
8 Section 36: that portion south of the Skwentna
9 River

10 (2) Alexander Creek State Recreation River

11 (A) Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian
12 Sections 6 - 7
13 Sections 18 - 19

14 (B) Township 17 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian
15 Section 18: S1/2, W1/2NW1/4
16 Section 19
17 Sections 30 - 31
18 Section 32: W1/2

19 (C) Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian
20 Section 1
21 Section 2: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4
22 Section 3: N1/2N1/2
23 Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4
24 Section 11: NE1/4
25 Section 12
26 Section 13: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4
27 Section 24: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

28 (D) Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian
29 Section 4: W1/2

1 Section 5
 2 Section 6: NE1/4
 3 Section 8: N1/2, SE1/4
 4 Section 9
 5 Section 10: SW1/4
 6 Section 14: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4
 7 Section 15: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4
 8 Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4
 9 Section 22: N1/2, N1/2S1/2, S1/2SE1/4
 10 Section 23: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4
 11 Section 26: W1/2, W1/2E1/2, E1/2SE1/4
 12 Section 27: E1/2NE1/4
 13 Section 33: SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4
 14 Section 34: S1/2S1/2
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 16 Section 36: W1/2
 17 (E) Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian
 18 Section 19: W1/2, W1/2E1/2
 19 Section 29: W1/2W1/2
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 21 Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2
 22 Section 32
 23 (F) Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian
 24 Sections 3 - 4
 25 Sections 9 - 10
 26 Section 13: S1/2
 27 Section 14: S1/2
 28 Sections 15 - 16
 29 Section 22: N1/2

1 Section 18: E1/2
 2 Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4
 3 Section 20: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4
 4 Section 29
 5 Section 30: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4
 6 Section 32
 7 Section 33: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4
 8 (D) Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian
 9 Section 28: S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4
 10 Section 29: NW1/4, S1/2
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 12 Section 31: N1/2
 13 Section 32: NW1/4, E1/2
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 16 (E) Township 24 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
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 18 Section 4: E1/2
 19 Section 10
 20 Section 11: W1/2, W1/2SE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4
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 24 Section 23: N1/2, SE1/4
 25 Section 24: W1/2, S1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4
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 27 Section 36: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4
 28 (F) Township 25 North, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian
 29 Sections 6 - 7

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29	Section 35: NE1/4

1 Section 36
2 (J) Township 27 North, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian
3 Section 6: SW1/4
4 Section 7
5 Section 8: SW1/4
6 Sections 17 - 18
7 Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4
8 Section 20
9 Section 21: SW1/4
10 Sections 28 - 29
11 Section 30: NE1/4
12 Section 32: E1/2
13 Section 33
14 Section 34: W1/2
15 (K) Township 27 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
16 Sections 1 - 3
17 Section 10: N1/2, SE1/4
18 Sections 11 - 14
19 Section 15: NE1/4
20 Section 23: NE1/4
21 Section 24: N1/2
22 (L) Township 28 North, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian
23 Sections 1 - 5
24 Sections 8 - 12
25 Sections 13 - 17
26 Sections 21 - 24
27 Sections 25 - 28
28 Sections 33 - 36
29 (4) Kroto Creek and Moose Creek State Recreation River

- 1 (A) Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian
2 Section 2: SW1/4
3 Section 3
4 Section 10: E1/2
5 Section 11
6 Section 14
7 Section 15: E1/2E1/2
8 Section 22: E1/2E1/2
9 Section 23
10 Section 25: that portion west of the eastern-
11 most bank of the Susitna River
12 Section 26
13 Section 27: E1/2E1/2
14 Section 34: NE1/4NE1/4
15 Section 35
16 Section 36: that portion west of the eastern-
17 most bank of the Susitna River
18 (B) Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian
19 Section 4
20 Section 5: E1/2
21 Section 8: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4
22 Section 9
23 Section 15: W1/2
24 Section 16
25 Section 21: E1/2, N1/2NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4
26 Section 22: NW1/4, S1/2
27 Section 27
28 Section 34
29 (C) Township 21 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian

1 Section 3
 2 Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4
 3 Section 10
 4 Section 15: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4
 5 Section 16
 6 Section 20: E1/2
 7 Section 21
 8 Section 28
 9 Section 29: E1/2
 10 Section 32: E1/2E1/2, NW1/4NE1/4
 11 Section 33
 12 Section 34: SW1/4
 13 (D) Township 22 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian
 14 Sections 4 - 5
 15 Section 6: E1/2, E1/2W1/2
 16 Sections 7 - 9
 17 Sections 16 - 18
 18 Sections 20 - 21
 19 Section 27
 20 Section 28: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4
 21 Section 29: E1/2NE1/4
 22 Section 33: N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4
 23 Section 34
 24 (E) Township 23 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian
 25 Section 4
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25	Section 22: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4
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28	(H) Township 24 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian
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 2 Section 8: S1/2SW1/4
 3 Section 16: W1/2, W1/2E1/2
 4 Section 17
 5 Section 18: N1/2N1/2, SE1/4NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4,
 6 N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4
 7 Section 19: NE1/4NE1/4
 8 Section 20: N1/2
 9 Section 21: W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2NE1/4
 10 Section 27
 11 Section 28: E1/2
 12 Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4
 13 Section 34: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, NW1/4NW1/4
 14 Section 35: W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4
 15 Section 36: SW1/4
 16 (I) Township 24 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian
 17 Section 1: E1/2
 18 Section 12: NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4
 19 Section 13: NE1/4NE1/4
 20 (J) Township 25 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian
 21 Section 5
 22 Section 8
 23 Section 17
 24 Section 18: SE1/4
 25 Section 19: E1/2, E1/2W1/2
 26 Section 20: W1/2W1/2
 27 Section 29: W1/2W1/2
 28 Section 30: E1/2, E1/2W1/2
 29 Section 31: E1/2

1 Section 32: W1/2W1/2, SE1/4SW1/4
2 (K) Township 25 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian
3 Section 5
4 Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4
5 Section 7: E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4
6 Section 8: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4
7 Sections 18 - 19
8 Sections 30 - 31
9 (L) Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian
10 Section 13: E1/2 SE1/4
11 Section 24: E1/2NE1/4
12 (M) Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian
13 Section 5
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15 Section 17: N1/2, SE1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4
16 Section 19: SE1/4
17 Section 20: E1/2, SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4
18 Section 29: E1/2, NW1/4
19 Section 30: S1/2, NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4
20 Section 31: E1/2NE1/4, that portion of NW1/4-
21 NE1/4 within retained easement (50' each side
22 of MHWM)
23 Section 32: lands within 150' of MHWM
24 (N) Township 26 North, Range 7 West, Seward Meridian
25 Section 4: W1/2
26 Section 5: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4
27 Section 7: SE1/4
28 Section 8
29 Section 9: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4

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25	Section 9: W1/2
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28	Section 20: E1/2
29	Section 21

1 Section 28: N1/2, SW1/4
 2 Section 29: E1/2
 3 Section 32: E1/2
 4 Section 33: W1/2
 5 (Q) Township 27 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian
 6 Section 12: NE1/4
 7 (R) Township 28 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian
 8 Section 32: S1/2SE1/4
 9 Section 33: S1/2S1/2
 10 (5) Talkeetna State Recreation River
 11 (A) Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian
 12 Section 1
 13 Section 2
 14 Sections 3 - 6: excluding ASLS 81-196, ASLS
 15 80-94, ASLS 80-84
 16 (B) Township 27 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian
 17 Section 2: SW1/4
 18 Section 3: S1/2
 19 Section 4: S1/2
 20 Section 5: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4
 21 Section 7: SE1/4
 22 Sections 8 - 12
 23 Section 13: N1/2
 24 Section 14: N1/2NE1/4
 25 Section 17
 26 Section 18: E1/2, SW1/4
 27 Section 19
 28 Section 20: N1/2, SW1/4
 29 Section 30: W1/2

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(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

1 (B) Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian
2 Section 12
3 Section 13
4 Section 14
5 Section 15
6 Section 21: NW1/4NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4
7 Section 22
8 Section 23: N1/2N1/2, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4
9 Section 26: W1/2W1/2
10 Section 27
11 Section 34
12 (C) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
13 Section 8: NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4
14 (D) Township 18 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian
15 Section 15: N1/2NW1/4
16 Section 16: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4
17 (E) Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian
18 Section 15: NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SW1/4
19 Section 16: S1/2
20 Section 17: S1/2
21 Section 19: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4.
22 (F) Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian
23 Section 19
24 Section 20: SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4,
25 W1/2NW1/4
26 Section 30: NE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4
27 (G) Township 18 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian
28 Section 11: SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
29 Section 13: S1/2, SW1/4NW1/4

1 Section 14
2 Section 24
3 Section 25: N1/2
4 Section 26
5 Section 27: S1/2
6 Section 33: S1/2, S1/2NE1/4
7 Section 34
8 Section 35: NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4

9 ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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

12 * Sec. 2. Until a management plan has been adopted for a recreational
13 river under AS 41.23.220(a) as enacted in sec. 1 of this Act, interim
14 management shall be consistent with ^{41.23.200.} ~~the purposes of AS 41.23.200 --- 41.23.280.~~
15 ~~The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt management plans~~
16 ~~for each recreation river established under AS 41.23.280(c) as enacted in~~
17 ~~sec. 1 of this Act by July 1, 1992, except that the commissioner of natural~~
18 ~~resources shall adopt a management plan for the most extensively used~~
19 ~~rivers by July 1, 1989.]~~

20 * 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 want-

ed 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.

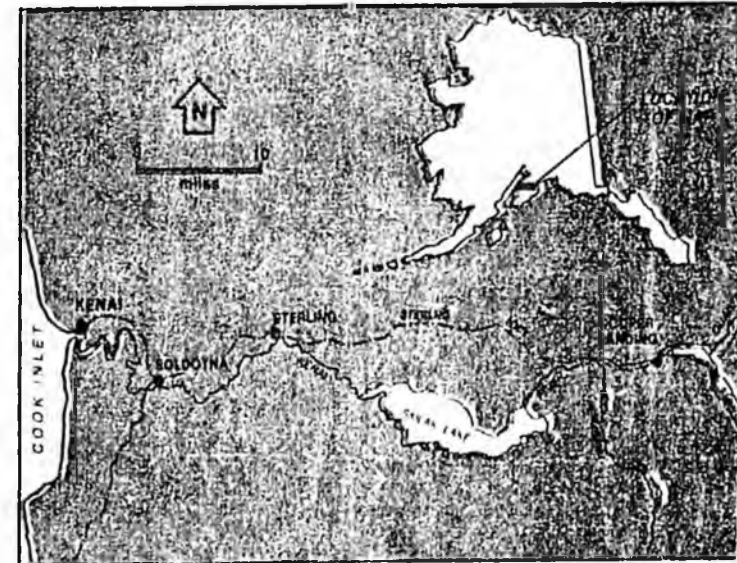
State officials said the ruling will make it easier to manage the river this year.

"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 sight-seeing.

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 at checkpoints, although first



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, too, but it

Trouble on the Tal?

By Bill Sherwilt
Times Outdoor 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.

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 ac-

cess to the mouth."

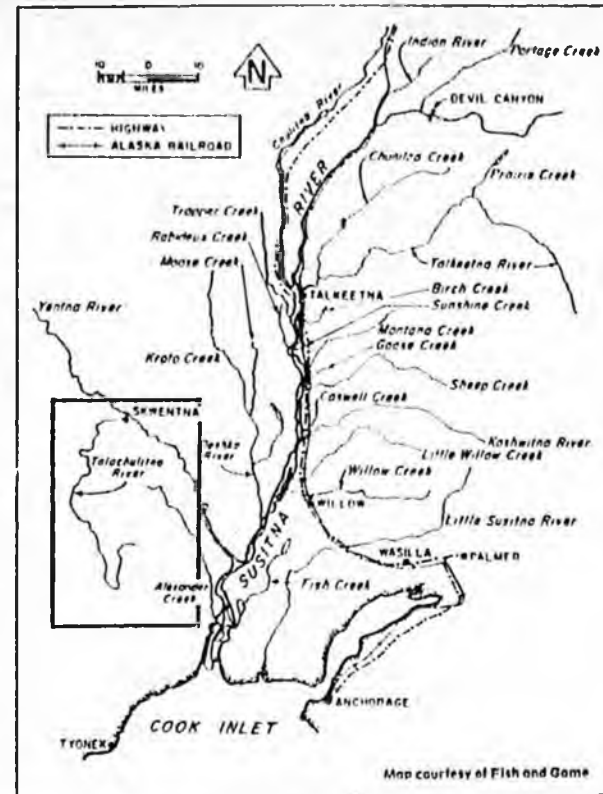
Even in high-powered jetboats, it takes a minimum of three or four hours to reach the Tal from the nearest Parks Highway access points. Jetboat travel time from Anchorage is about six hours. Few anglers are willing to make such a journey.

"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



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 1-1/2 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 fly-fishing 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 Ellic. "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.

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: _____

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Agency Affected: Natural Resources

Title: Recreation Rivers

BRU: Land and Water Management

Sponsor: Cotten

Components: _____

Requestor: House Resources Committee

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		

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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		133.5	133.5	133.5		
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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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Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 3-24-87

Approved by Commissioner: Dennis Boston Gorseuch Date: 3-26-87
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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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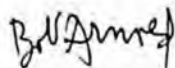
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Please let me know if we may provide additional information.

Sincerely,



f Judith M. Brady
Commissioner

Enclosure: Maps

cc: Committee Members
Governor's Legislative Liaison

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 rivers 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 disposal. 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:

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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.
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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.

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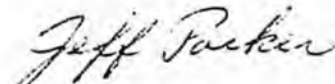
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Russ Redick



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Alaska Professional Guide Association
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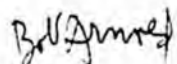
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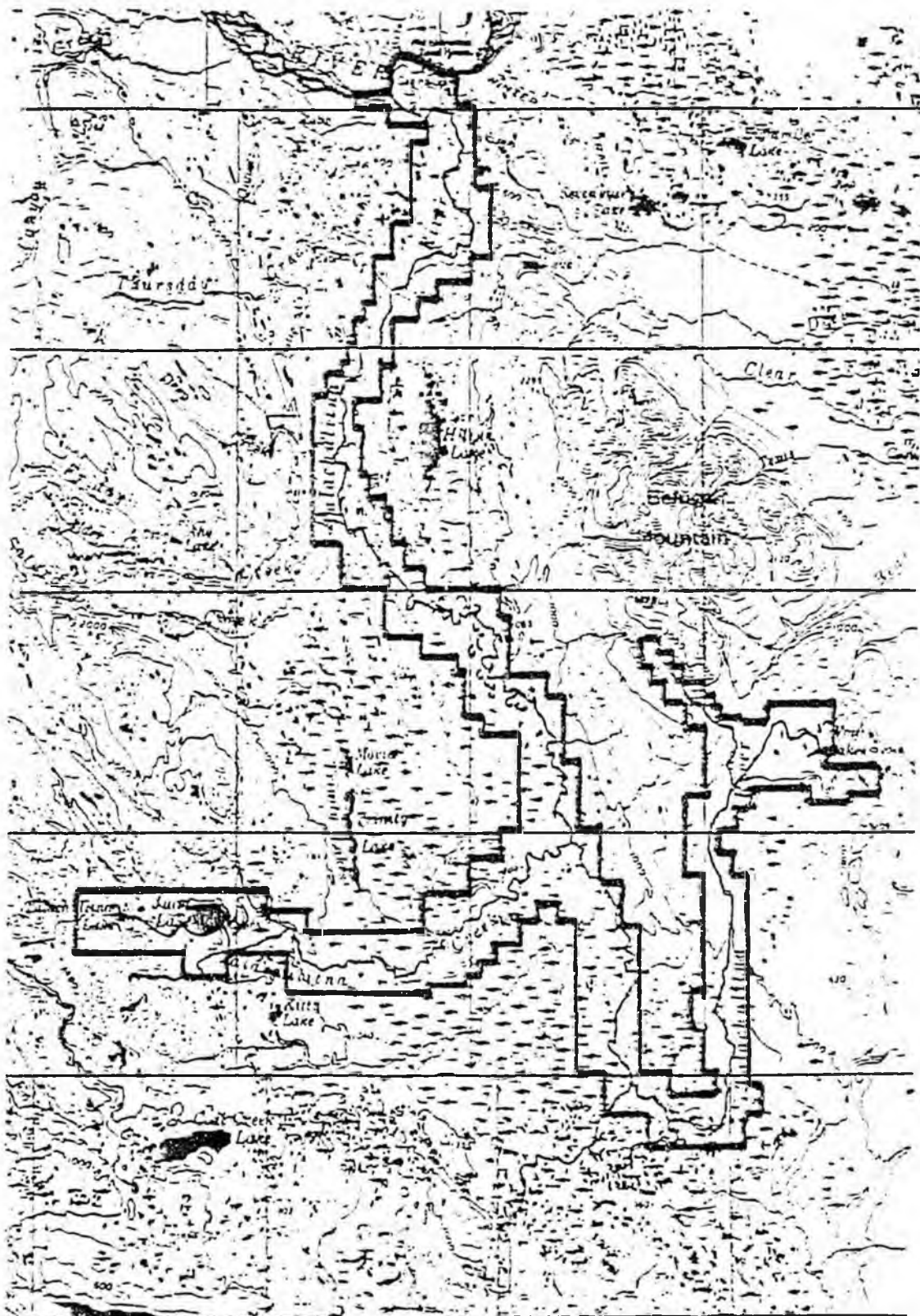

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Commissioner

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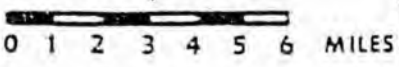
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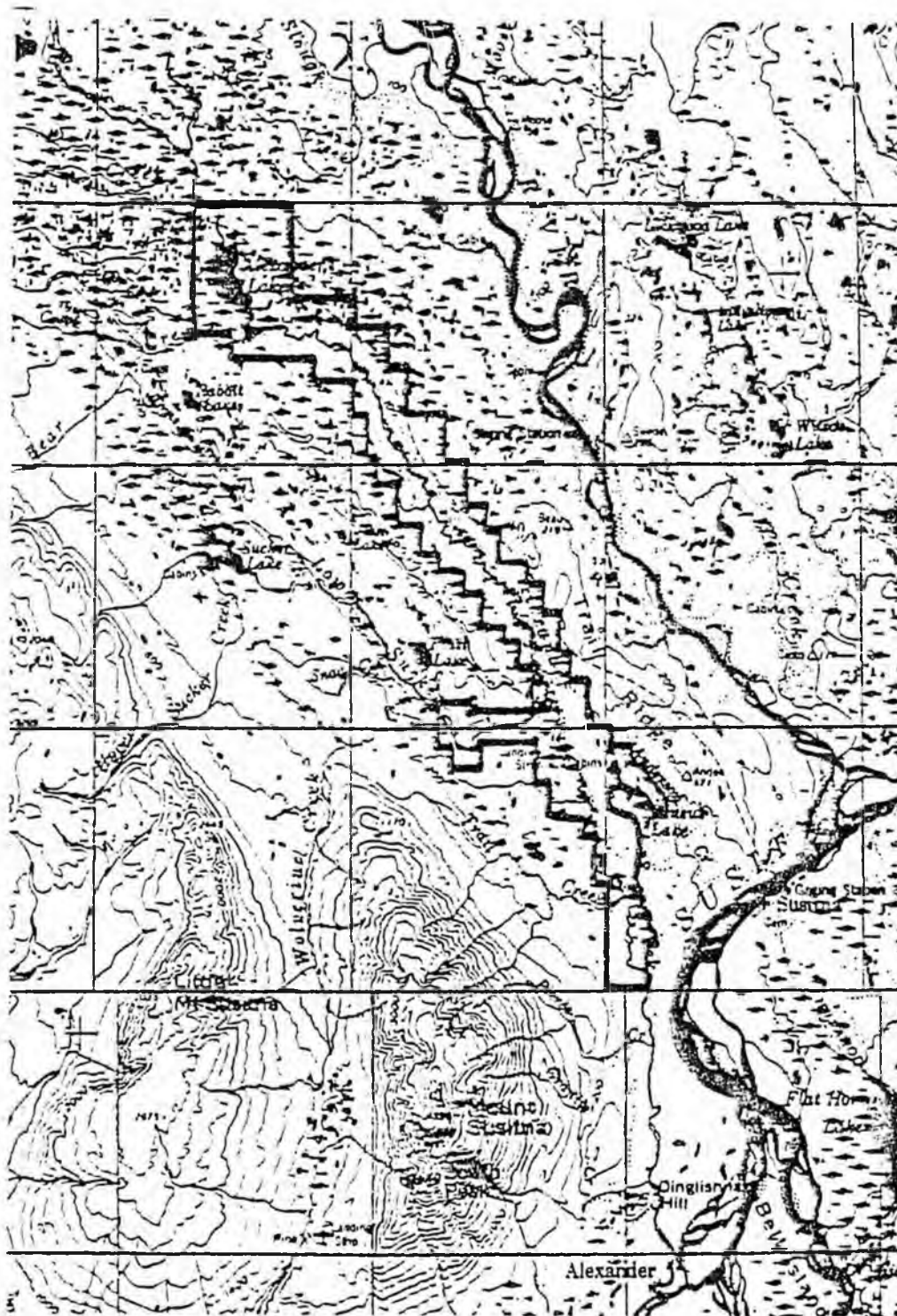
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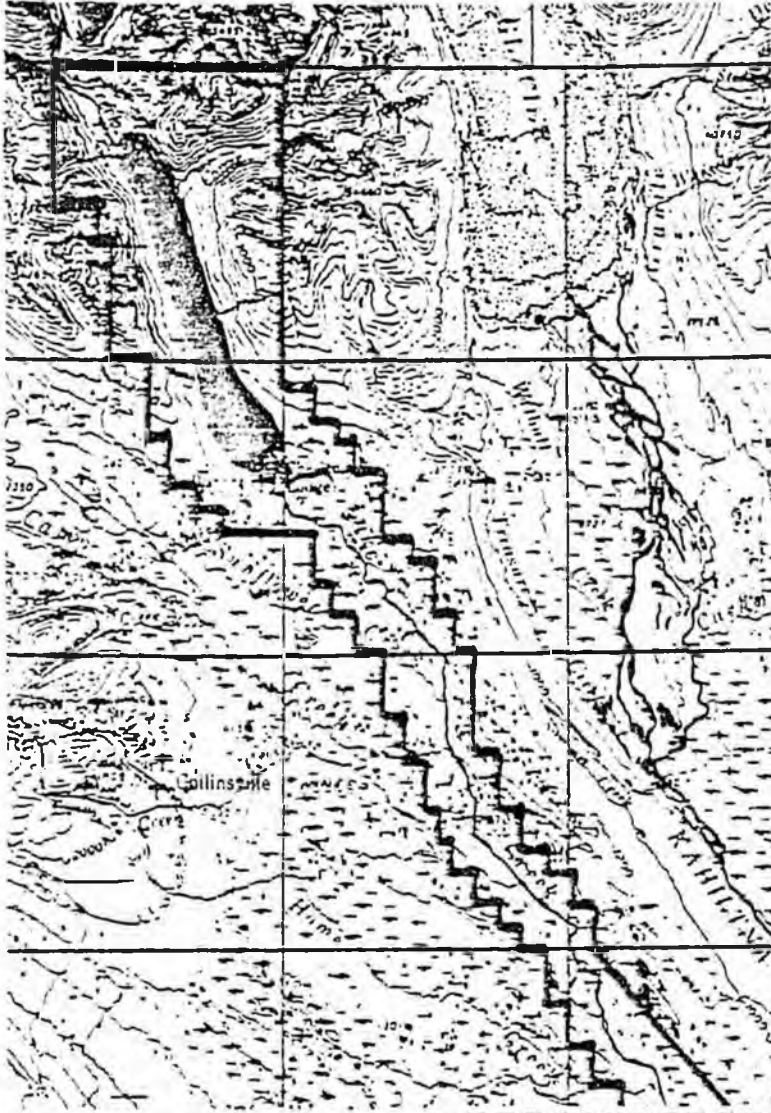


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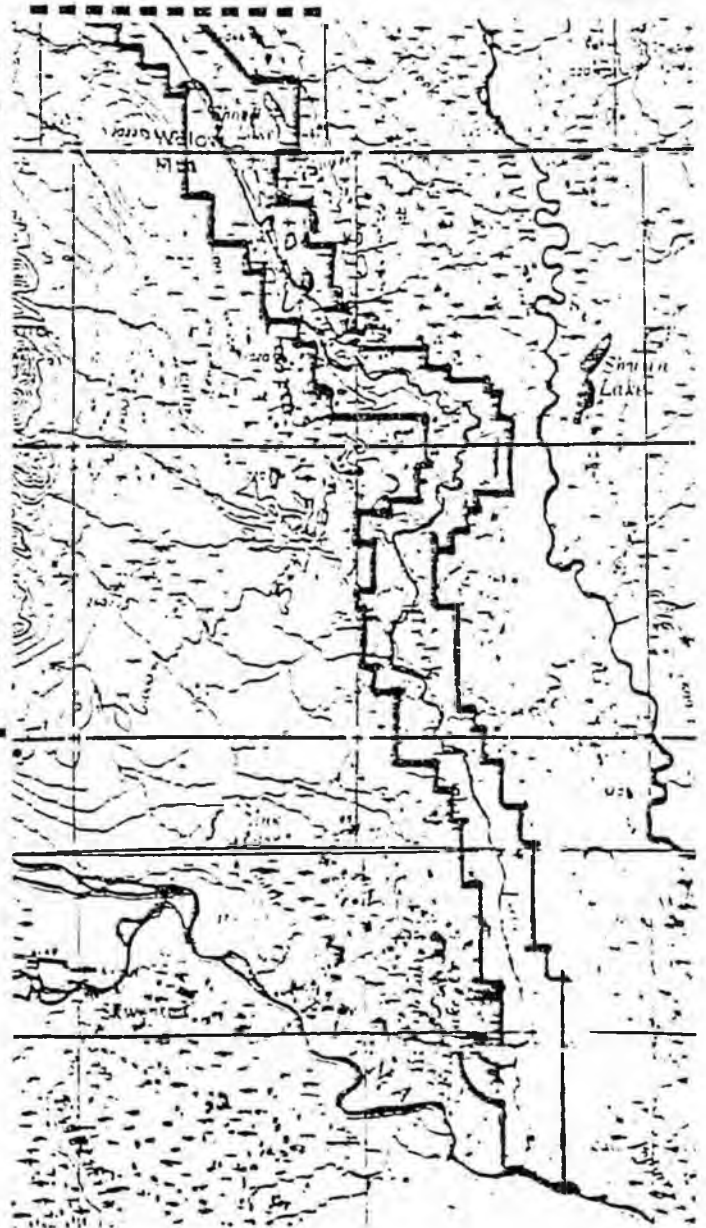
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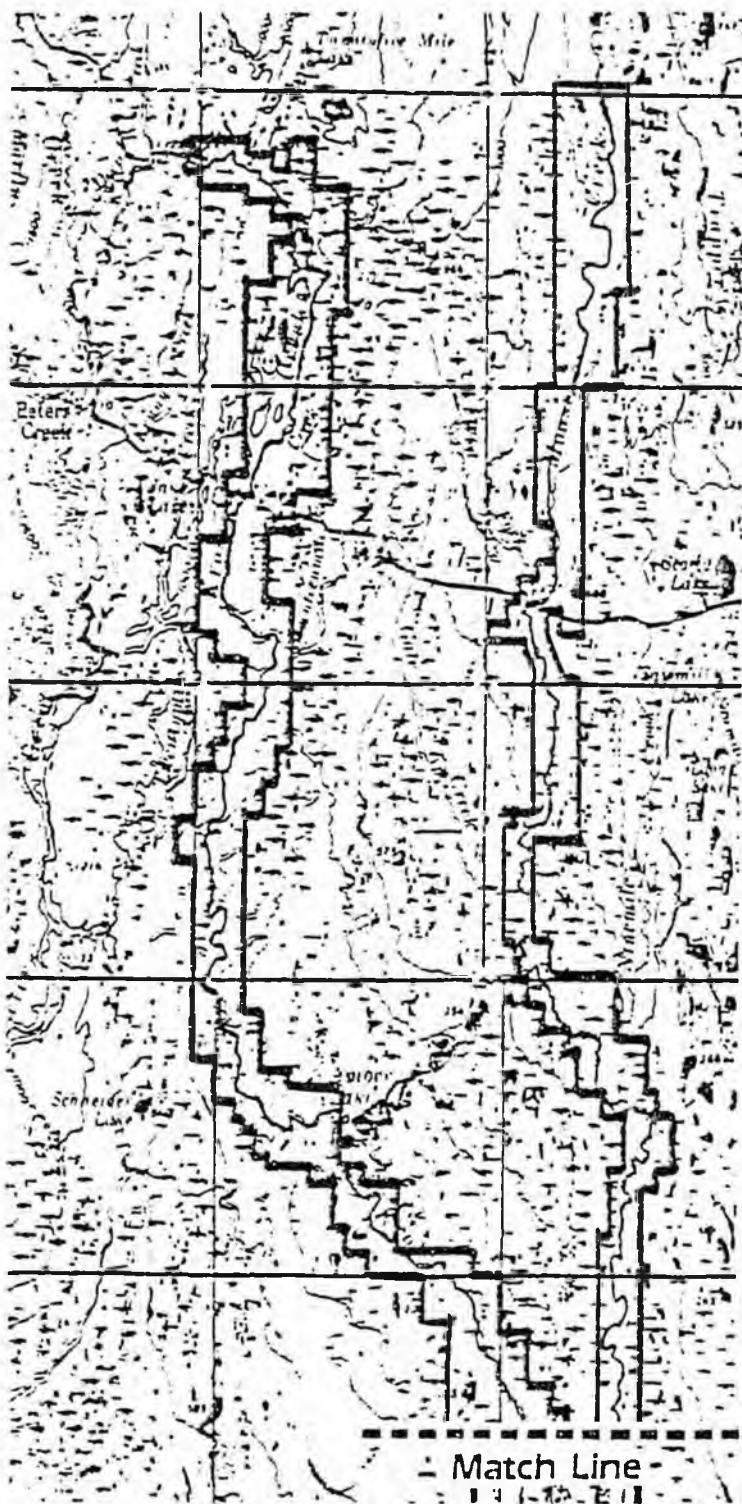


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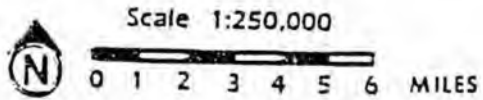
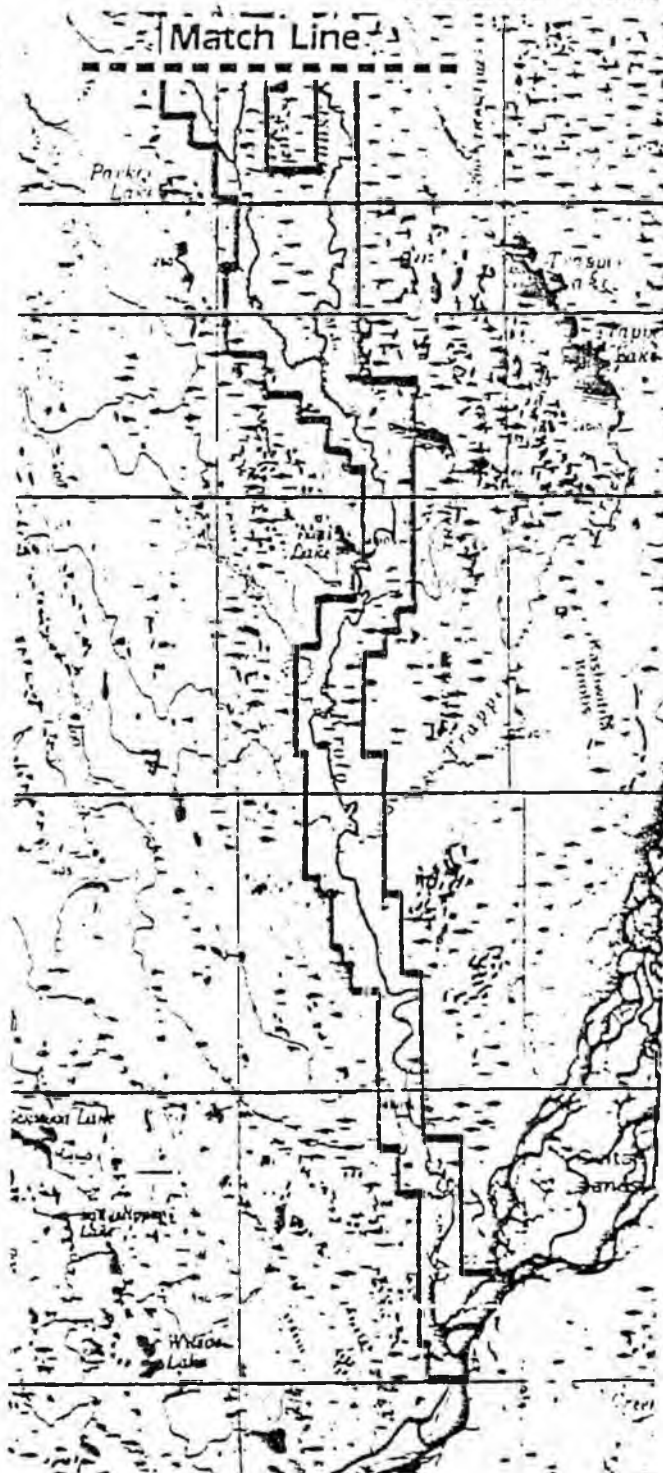
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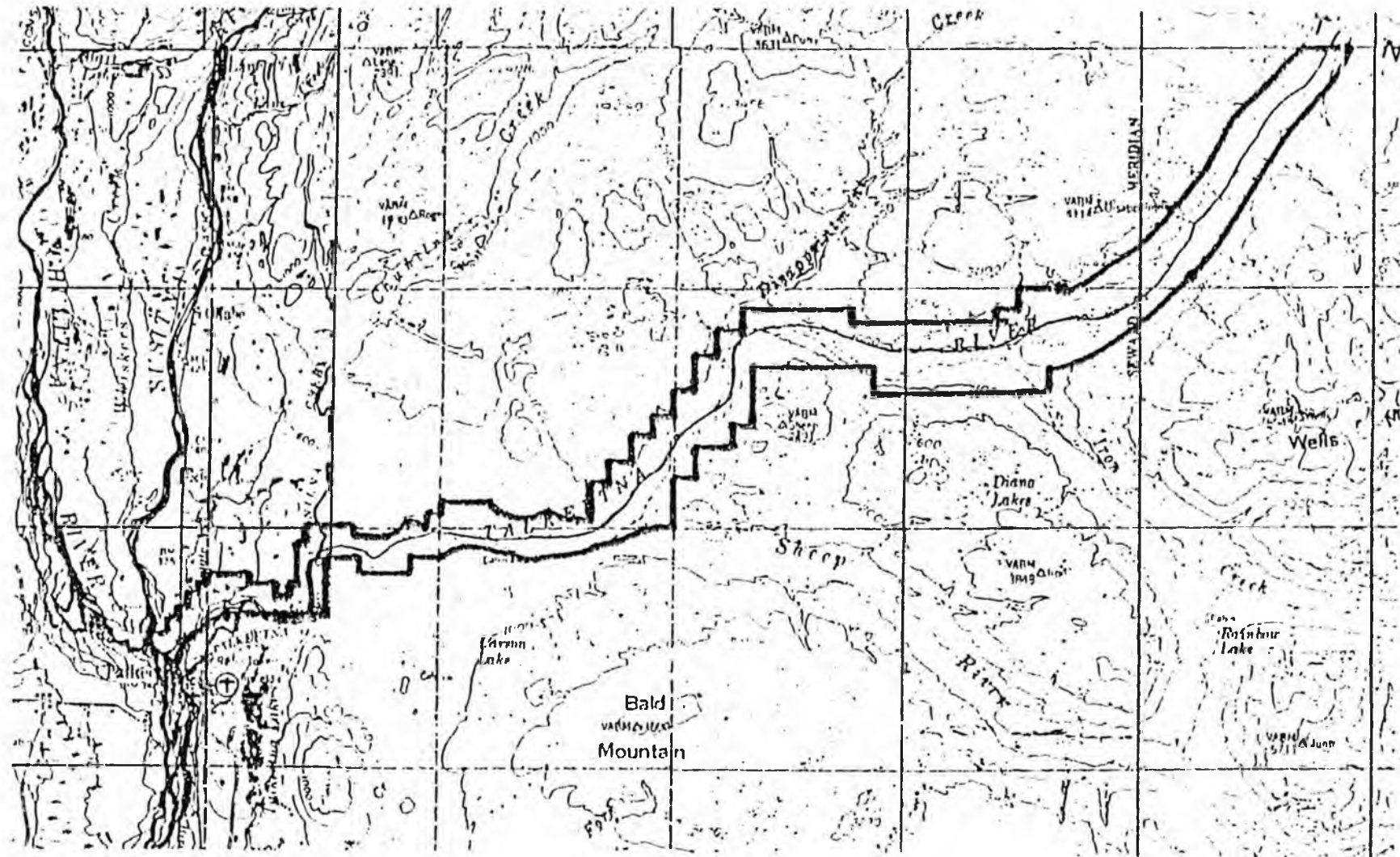


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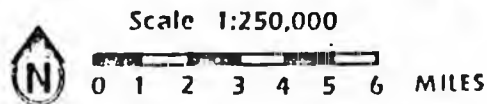
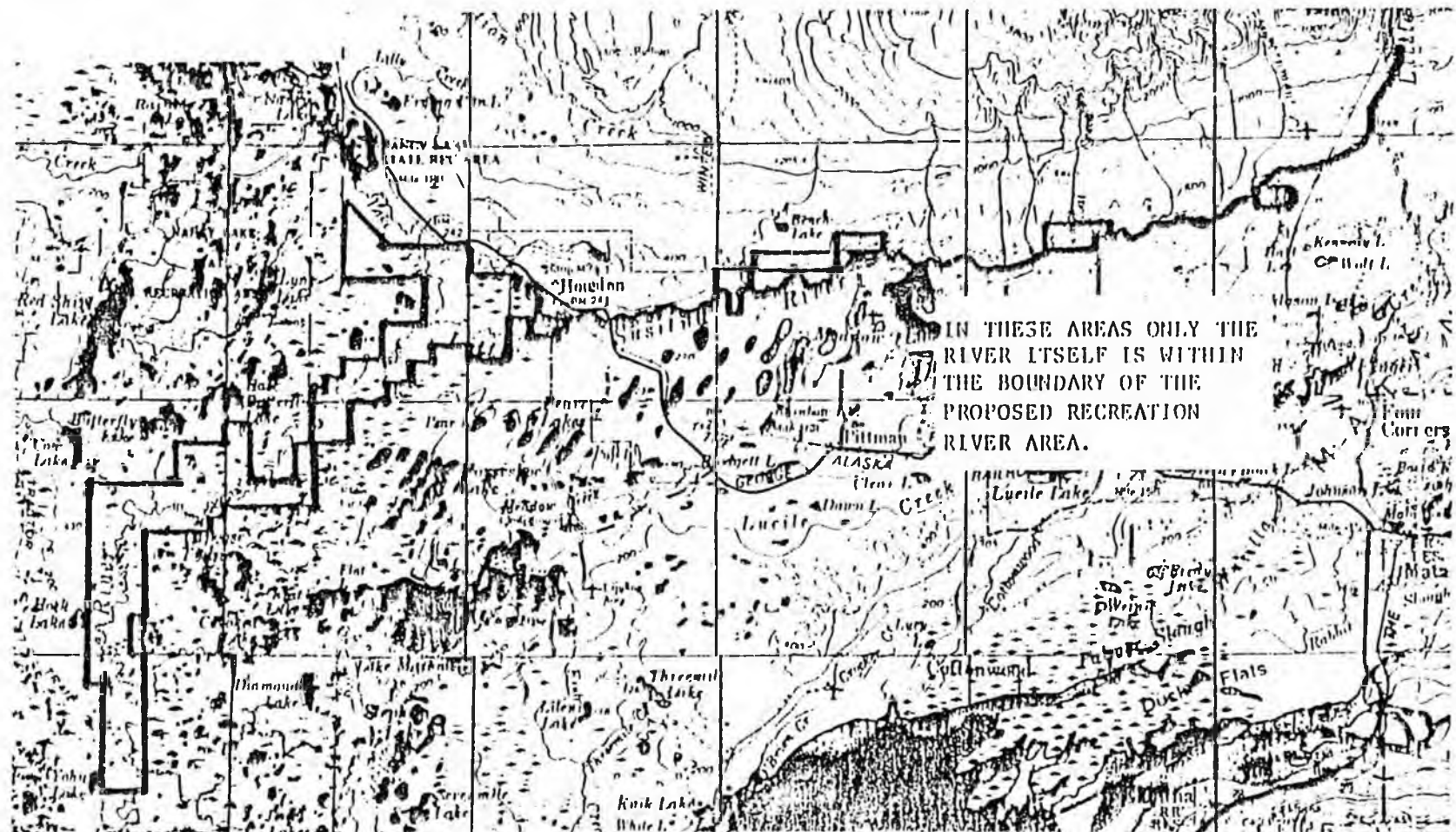
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LITTLE SUSITNA RIVER

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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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Sturgulewski: "Several members of the Senate Finance Committee, not the state Senate as a whole, have contracted for a review of the resource agencies. I am opposed to the combination of DNR, Fish & Game, and DEC. I am committed to maintaining a front line environmental agency to ensure environmental concerns receive proper attention.

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 &

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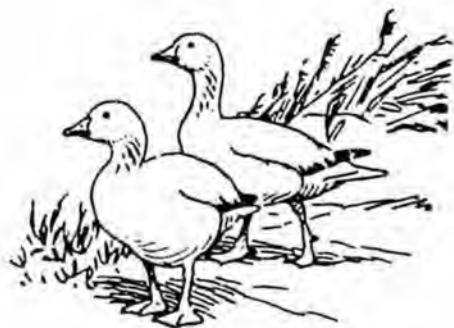
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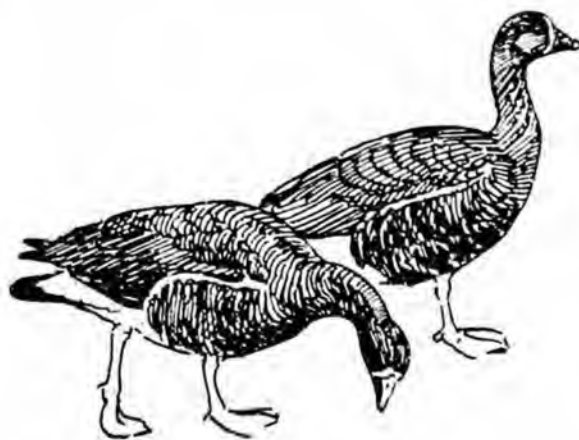
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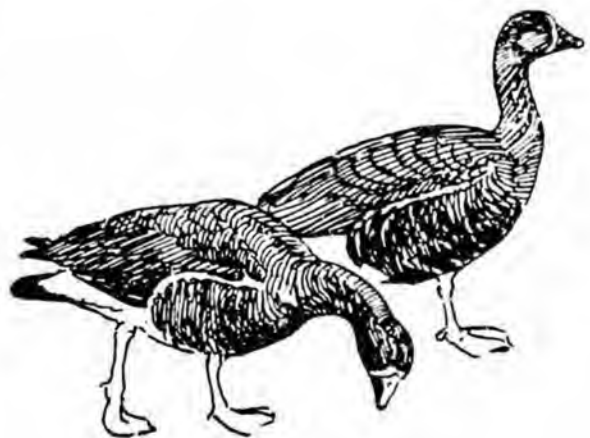
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FROM THE PRESIDENT: STATE POLITICS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

By Ann Rothe

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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!**

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ANNUAL MEETING DATE SET—THIS ONE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

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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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And when action on legislation is called for, we'll be calling on you for help. Phone calls to your legislators and public opinion 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.)

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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 29—Willow Community Center, 7 pm. Public meeting on Kashwina 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.

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under consideration and recommends:

- do pass do not pass
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- replace with CS for HB 93 (FIN) same title
 new title
- and recommends do pass
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
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∴ 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

→  dev. from conserve div opps for river -
rec.

B) mtg for spec. purposes -

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- 1) design'n of mgmt div'n
 - 2) special purposes: fish + wild/life habitat
rec'n
access
guide/ind'y concerns
 - 3) cont'ly comp'l spec. uses:
gravel
airstrips
 - 4) spec'ly prohib' uses: grazing
 - 5) mgmt plan - needed? req'd
 - 6) land description.



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 recreation 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 disposals 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 experience for Alaskans, who go-outdoors at twice the national average. 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 addition to supporting sport fishing, these stream are major contributors to the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery. The 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. Probably will need plans on these rivers (because of use) whether or not the bill passes. 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