

HB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER: FINANCE

4/29/87

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE _____

Mr. President:

RESOURCES _____ Committee considered _____ CSHB 18(Res)

establishing the Willow Creek State Recreation Area; efd.

and recommended:

[] replace with _____ CS FOR _____) [] same title
[] or adopt _____ CS FOR _____) [] new title

[] attached amendment(s) and

[✓] do pass

[] do not pass

[] no recommendation

[] individual recommendations

[] further referral to _____

[] letter of intent adopted _____

Committee [] attached or [✓] adopted fiscal note(s)

[] new [] updated or [✓] previous
[✓] zero [] fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Handwritten signatures:

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Chairman signature and recommendation

[] Committee Backup Attached

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Representative Ronald L. Larson
District 16B

TO: Senator Jack Coghill, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Representative Ron Larson *R.L.*
Sponsor of HB18

RE: Willow Creek Recreation Area

DATE: April 28, 1987

The Willow Creek Bill, HB18, is now in your committee for consideration. I would appreciate your scheduling this bill as soon as possible.

My staff and I stand ready to provide any information you may need on this important bill for our district. Thank you.

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TO: Senator Jack Coghill, Chair
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Representative Ron Larson *R.L.*
Original Sponsor of HB18

SUBJ: Willow Creek State Recreation Area

DATE: May 6, 1987

The intention of HB18 (Resources) is to create a state recreational area in a highly used area of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The mouth of Willow Creek is a prime destination for many southcentral residents, especially during the summer sportfishing season.

HB18 allows for development of a cooperative effort between the Mat-Su Borough and the state for the identified 3581 acres (2747-borough/834-state with no mental health land). This bill sets aside public land and offers directives for its future management.

The natural theme of the Matanuska-Susitna valley is tourism. We see this bill as a major step towards that destiny. This Willow Creek concept has been placed high on the local legislative priorities for years.

This bill has a history dating back several years. As of this date the Sportfishing Association, Alaska Miners' Association, Alaska Outdoor Council, and the Alaska Environmental lobby have all offered support for this bill. I am hopeful that this year Willow Creek State Recreational Area will receive your committee's unanimous support.

Senator John B. (Jack) Coghill
Alaska State Legislature

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TO: SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
FROM: COMMITTEE STAFF
DATE: MAY 11, 1987
RE: HB 18, "An Act creating the Willow Creek State
Recreation Area"

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STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

POUCHY STATE CAPITOL
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

March 31, 1987

SUBJECT: CSHB 18 (Resources): Willow Creek State
Recreation Area A sectional analysis

TO: Representative Ron Larson

FROM: Richard A. Bradley
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional analysis of the above described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional analysis or summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1 states the purpose of the bill. The provision of the CS vary "purpose (2)."

Section 2 adopts the substantive, permanent law provisions of the bill. The provisions are additions to AS 41.21, a chapter dealing with "parks and recreational facilities."

Sec. 41.21.491(a) establishes the Willow Creek State Recreation Area. It described the land and water that are to be included within the Area.

Sec. 41.21.491(b) permits the Mat-Su Borough to agree that the Department of Natural Resources will manage borough land described in Sec. 41.21.491(a) as a part of the Area.

Sec. 41.21.491(c) constitutes a declaration that the land described in Sec. 41.21.491(a) be dedicated to a less than multiple purpose use. Compare art. VIII, sec. 7, Alaska Constitution.

Representative Larson
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Sec. 41.21.491(d) permits oil and gas development within the area and otherwise closes the Area to mining development.

Sec. 41.21.492(a) assigns the land within the Area to the Department of Natural Resources for management. The CS makes stylistic changes to the subsection.

Sec. 41.21.492(b) constitutes reassurances to the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and other state agencies and municipalities about the continued vitality of certain of their responsibilities.

Sec. 41.21.493 directs the commissioner of natural resources to prepare a comprehensive management plan with the concurrence of the Mat-Su Borough.

Sec. 41.21.494 directs the commissioner of natural resources to adopt regulations necessary to implement the Act and the management plan. The regulations are directed to address five stated concerns of the legislature.

Sec. 41.21.495 permits the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land or an interest in land that is within or adjacent to the boundaries of the Area to further the purposes of the Act. The acquisition must be voluntary.

Sec. 41.21.496 permits cooperative management agreements.

Sec. 41.21.497 permits the commissioner to request the attorney general to seek an injunction or damages for violation of a regulation either implementing the management plan or otherwise generally applicable to the Area.

Section 3 of the Act is uncodified temporary law directing the commissioner of natural resources to adopt the management plan for the Area within two years of the effective date of the Act. The CS provides that boating activities within the Area may not be restricted until a boat launch is established.

Section 4 constitutes an immediate effective date.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

RAB:csh
c7/111

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

NO. 1

REQUEST: _____
 Revision Date: March 9, 1987
 Title: Willow Creek State Recreation Area
 Sponsor: Rep. Larson, Rep. Menard
 Requestor: House Resources

Bill Version: CSHB 18(Res)
 Publish Date: HOBSE 3/20/87

Agency Affected: Natural Resources
 BRU: Parks and Outdoor Recreation
 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-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This area will not be actively managed until funding for development, as described in the plan for the area, is obtained.

Prepared by: Carol Wilson
 Division: Commissioner's Office

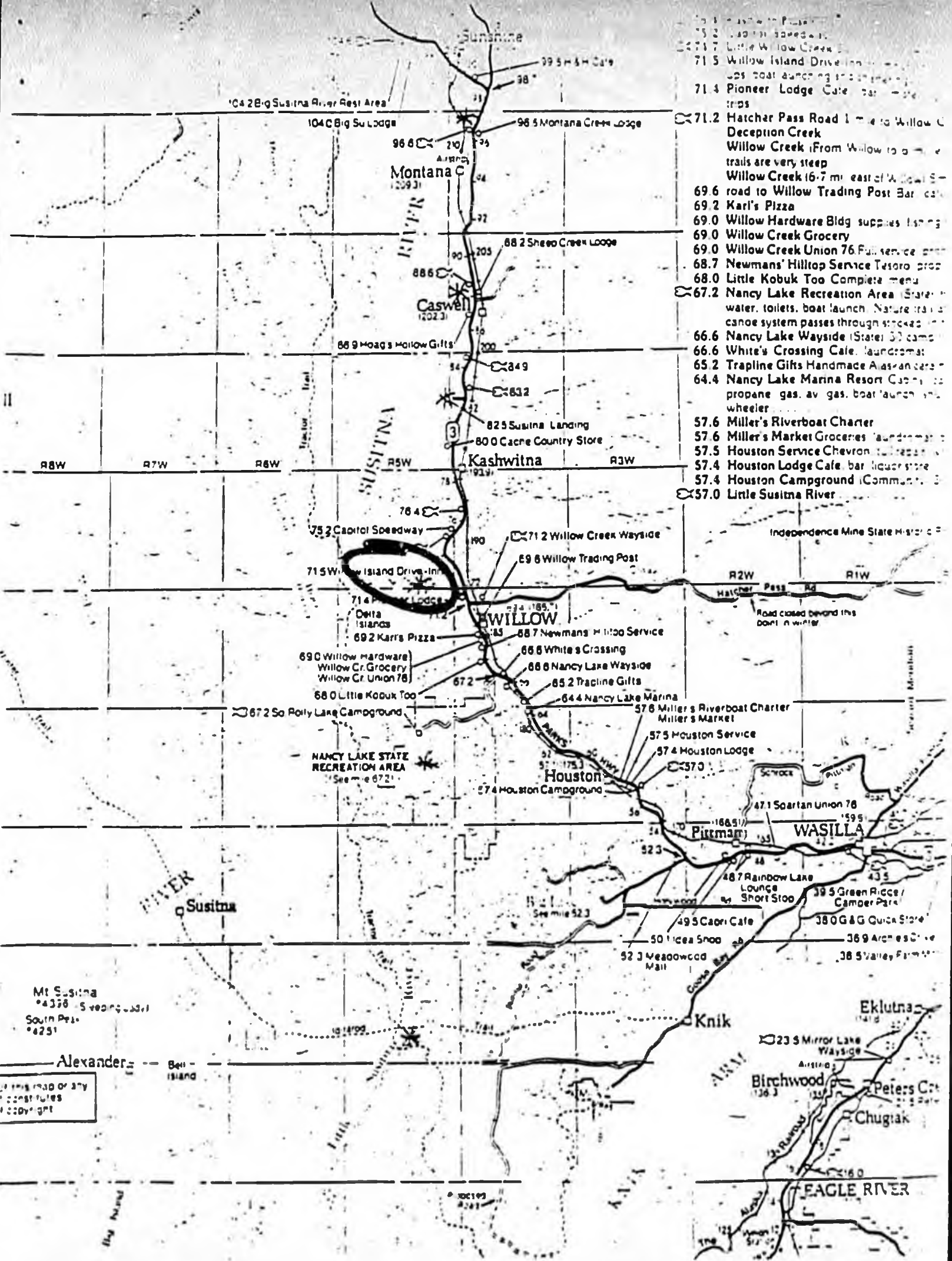
Phone: 465-2400
 Date: 4/9/87

Approved by Commissioner: C. Wilson for S.M.S.
 Agency: Natural Resources

Date: 4/19/87

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
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- Impacted Agency(ies)
- Senate Secretary



- 71.5 Willow Island Drive-In (boat launching station)
- 71.4 Pioneer Lodge Cafe (bar - 24 hrs)
- 71.2 Hatcher Pass Road 1 mi. to Willow Creek Deception Creek Willow Creek (From Willow to 16.7 mi. trails are very steep Willow Creek 16.7 mi. east of Willow S. road to Willow Trading Post Bar cafe)
- 69.6 Willow Hardware Bldg supplies fishing
- 69.2 Karl's Pizza
- 69.0 Willow Hardware Bldg supplies fishing
- 69.0 Willow Creek Union 76 Full service pro
- 68.7 Newmans' Hilltop Service Tesoro pro
- 68.0 Little Kobuk Too Complete menu
- 67.2 Nancy Lake Recreation Area (State) water, toilets, boat launch, Nature trails canoe system passes through stocked lake
- 66.6 Nancy Lake Wayside (State) 30 camp
- 66.6 White's Crossing Cafe, laundromat
- 65.2 Trapline Gifts Handmade Alaskan arts
- 64.4 Nancy Lake Marina Resort Cabins propane gas, av. gas, boat launch, wheelchair
- 57.6 Miller's Riverboat Charter
- 57.6 Miller's Market Groceries, laundromat
- 57.5 Houston Service Chevron, gas, repairs
- 57.4 Houston Lodge Cafe, bar, liquor store
- 57.4 Houston Campground (Community)
- 57.0 Little Susitna River

Mt. Susitna
 4378 - Steep, rocky
 South Peak
 4251

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 Bell Island

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 83-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE ESTABLISH THE WILLOW CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA.

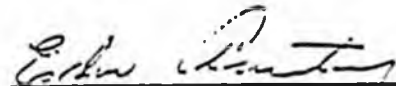
WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the State of Alaska, Division of Parks have jointly developed a plan for a proposed State recreation area along Willow Creek near Willow, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has agreed to enter into a long term joint management agreement with the Division of Parks to manage Borough lands within the proposed recreational area; and

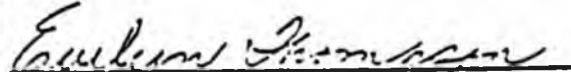
WHEREAS, the assembly finds this projected plan to be of public interest and requiring legislative designation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough recommends that the State Legislature support a bill such as is attached which would establish the Willow Creek State Recreation Area and provide for an effective date.


ACCEPTED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough this 23rd day of March, 1983.


EDNA ARMSTRONG, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Evelyn Thompson, Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:


Gary Thurlow, Manager

(Seal)



Alaska Sportfishing Association

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February 9, 1987

Governor Steve Cowper
Pouch A
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Cowper:

RE: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Alaska Sportfishing Association is a statewide organization headquartered in Anchorage. We currently have approximately 2,000 individual members and 135 business members. This organization stands ready to work cooperatively with you for good resource legislation.

Since we publish a monthly newsletter, we regularly pass along information to our members about resource and sportfishing issues. We feel we can assist your administration in disseminating information to sportfishing interests. We have worked with ADF&G in the past to this end.

We appreciate your support for the sportfishing industry as evidenced by your answers to our questionnaire last July. We understand the difficult job that you and the legislature face this session determining the course this great state must take for continued progress under a greatly restricted budget. This restriction may have a major impact on our short and long-term future. Thus our legislative priorities for 1987 address legislation that is important to the economic future of this state, but legislation without cost to the General Fund of the state.

All three of the Alaska Sportfishing Associations' legislative priorities address an important step forward in the necessary expansion of recreational fishing for Alaskans, and of Alaska's fledgling tourism industry of which recreation fishing is the major drawing card. As you have identified, development and expansion of this one industry will lead to increased trade with Pacific Rim and other countries. There are many actions that need to be taken to improve our ability to attract and provide suitable facilities for Alaskans, as well as U.S. and foreign tourists. The following are important steps forward and are our top priorities:

1. *Letter of Support
(see 2nd page for Willow
Creek endorsement)*

Governor Steve Cowper
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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.
2. Passage of legislation which creates an effective public access acquisition and/or development program. Passage of SB 62 (and SB 26) will go a long way toward making possible the acquisition of critically needed public access sites and/or development of those sites. This legislation will not result in any General Fund expenditures. These bills raise the percentage of Federal Aid Breaux-Wollop funds which must be committed to access from 10 percent to 20 percent. The Breaux-Wollop funds are generated at the federal level by a tax on certain fishing items, and the funds must be used for sport fish projects. Since those funds are generated by sportfishermen, the sport fishing community should have a strong hand in deciding how they should be spent. Sport fishermen strongly support SB 62 and SB 26.
3. Passage of legislation to establish the Willow Creek State Recreational Area. HB 18 is enabling legislation which jointly involves Mat-Su Borough and state lands. It is not a duplication of the Recreation Rivers Bill mentioned above and will go a long way toward long-term protection of the Willow Creek area and access to a series of Susitna Drainage salmon and trout fisheries. }

We wish you, your administration, and the 1987 legislature the best in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Alaska Sportfishing Association
Legislative Committee

Bob Hunter

Robert L. Hunter, Chairman

Russ Redick

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Jeff Parker

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Jim Richardson

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cc: Each Legislator
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Commissioner, DNR
Alaska Outdoor Council

Kenai River Sportfishing Association
Mat-Su Valley Sportsmens Association
Alaska Professional Guide Association
Resource Development Council