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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. President:

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state's Russian Orthodox churches

and recommended

- replace with _____ CS _____) same title
- or adopt _____ CS _____) new title
- attached amendment(s) and technical title change (HB only)
- _____ letter of intent adopted

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no recommendation

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FISCAL NOTE(S) zero fiscal impact appropriation no FN
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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup attached

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Date of 5-DAY NOTICE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM RULE 23

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Mr. President:

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Original sponsors: Faiks, Zharoff,
Sturgulewski, and Kelly

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the state's Russian Orthodox
6 churches.

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8 WHEREAS the history of the state has been enriched by the contribu-
9 tions of its early Russian settlers; and

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11 Unalaska and Sitka represent the Russian Heritage that is today reflected
12 in the religion and traditions of many of the state's Native people; and

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17 Russian people; and

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BY FAIKS, ZHAROFF,
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Alaska State Legislature

Senate Resources Committee

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Senator Rick Halford
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Senator Fred Zharoff



P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811
(907) 465-4907

March 29, 1989

Senator Tim Kelly,
Senate President
Capitol 111
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Kelly:

The Senate Resources Committee, in considering SCR 24, Relating to the state's Russian Orthodox churches, received a fiscal note of \$41,500 from the Department of Natural Resources to inventory and document the art and architecture of the state's Russian Orthodox churches.

Because of the fiscal impact, the committee recommended that the resolution receive an additional referral to the Finance Committee. The committee was also concerned that the proposed funding would only be sufficient to inventory churches at St. George and St. Paul, while the resolution calls for documentation of all of the state's Russian Orthodox churches listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bettye".

Bettye Fahrenkamp
Chairman

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SENATOR FRED F. ZHAROFF
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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MARCH 31, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATOR JOHNE BINKLEY, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
SENATOR RICK UEHLING, Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee

FROM: SENATOR FRED F. ZHAROFF 

RE: SCR 24

I respectfully request a committee hearing on the Resources Committee Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution 24, relating to the state's Russian Orthodox churches.

CS for SCR 24 requests the Governor and the State Office of History and Archeology to inventory and document the art and architecture of the state's Russian Orthodox churches listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This measure also specifically requests that the Church of the Holy Ascension in Unalaska be surveyed.

To show the exact costs of this project, Senator Jan Faiks has requested a fiscal note from the Department of Natural Resources based on the budget proposal provided by the Icon Preservation Task Force. The amount shown in this fiscal note covers both the church in Unalaska as well as 19 others across the state that have a priority listing among the state's 48 historical churches.

There was some question in the minds of the Resources Committee members as to the relationship of the budget items to the intent of the resolution. The budget proposal has since been simplified and revised to more explicitly reflect the costs of the two-pronged project. A new fiscal note has also been requested to show the changes.

Next year, many communities will be commemorating the advent of the Russian Era in our state. These historical Russian Orthodox churches are one of the major legacies of the Russian occupation. As such they are deserving of some much needed attention, particularly documentation and renovation. This resolution is a step in that direction.

I would greatly appreciate a hearing on this resolution at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Senator Faiks, Senator Sturgulewski, Senator Kelly, Senator Eliason

BACK GROUND INFORMATION

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ICON PRESERVATION TASK FORCE
c/o Alaska Pacific University
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

March 20, 1989

Senator Fred F. Zharoff
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V,
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 24

Dear Senator Zharoff,

Please accept this letter in full support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24. Your efforts and those of your cosponsors in the introduction of SCR 24 are important first steps towards the inventory and preservation of the unique historic architecture and art of the Russian heritage in Alaska.

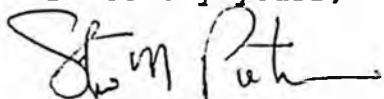
As you know, the Icon Preservation Task Force (IPTF) is a secular group organized in the spring of 1986 dedicated towards the inventory, preservation and restoration of the architecture and art of the Russian culture in Alaska. It is the belief of the IPTF that this heritage resource is significant to all people of Alaska and to the nation as a whole.

IPTF efforts to this point have focused upon the inventory of the orthodox churches and the art within. The inventories complement the architectural drawings and building condition assessments that have typically been prepared by the National Park Service. The end product is a comprehensive record and priority of preservation needs for each property. Additional scheduled inventory work will be undertaken in 1989 in the Pribilof islands as part of a cultural exchange with the Soviet Union. Support for our efforts has come from many sources, both private and governmental. The IPTF believes that if we are prudent and can all pull towards a common goal of inventory and preservation we can make a significant dent in the preservation of this heritage resource. The IPTF wishes to work with the State of Alaska and serve as a catalyst in this effort.

I have enclosed for your information a copy of our latest newsletter, The Icon News. If we can be of any further assistance to you please contact Barbara Smith at 343-6179 or Steven Peterson at 257-2667 (2900 Wentworth, Anchorage, AK 99508).

SCR 24 is a worthy beginning in the identification and preservation of a heritage resource which is important to all Alaskan's. We thank you for your assistance and support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven M. Peterson".

Steven M Peterson
Chairman, IPTF

ICON NEWS

Published by the Icon Preservation Task Force
c/o Alaska Pacific University
Anchorage, AK 99508

Newsletter #2, March 1989



ICON PANEL AT ANNUAL MEETING

Three contemporary icon painters of the Anchorage area will be the guest speakers at the second annual meeting of the Icon Preservation Task Force. The panel discussion, "Icon Perspectives," will be held in the Conference Room, ground floor of the Z. J. Loussac Library, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 21.

Byron Birdsall, a contemporary interpreter of the icon tradition, and two local church iconographers will discuss the challenge of painting icons in the 1980s. Ron Rollins, iconographer at Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Anchorage, and Robin Armstrong of St. John the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral in Chugiak will join Birdsall. Each of the speakers will present slides of their work.

Rollins paints in a traditional style using tempera on wood. Armstrong recently attended a workshop in Pennsylvania on iconography sponsored by the St. John of Damascus Iconographic Society. She will report on new thinking about interpreting the ancient forms.

Birdsall, a commercial artist, began painting icons two years ago. His interpretations of some of the world's most famous icons, rendered in nontraditional media, have been a spectacular success in art galleries in Anchorage and Seattle.

An original painting of Alaska's four Orthodox Saints, presented by Birdsall as a gift to St. Innocent Orthodox Cathedral in Anchorage, was blessed by Bishop Gregory and consecrated as an icon in services at the cathedral a year ago. Offset prints of this icon are being sold by the cathedral and Artique, Ltd., with proceeds to benefit the construction fund

of the cathedral.

Birdsall is offering one of these prints to the Task Force for a membership drawing (see story on page 4.)

The panel discussion will be preceded by the annual business meeting of the Task Force, including a report on an inventory of the icons and liturgical furnishings of the Church of the Holy Assumption in Kenai.

Future projects, including an international exchange with Soviet architectural historians, will be described.

The public is invited to this event. There is no charge.

NATIONAL PARK SUPPORT

The National Park Service has been active in its support of the IPTF during the past year. Cooperative efforts will continue during the coming summer when the NPS will conduct building condition assessments and architecture documentation of the churches at St. Paul and St. George in the Pribilof Islands. Both churches are National Historic Landmarks. Soviet architects will assist as part of an international cultural exchange between the USA and the USSR.

If the IPTF can find additional funds, the architectural documentation project will be supplemented with the inventory and documentation of the icons and objects in these churches. It is our hope that by the end of the summer we will have completed the inventory of three National Historic Landmarks.

REMEMBER
OUR ANNUAL
MEETING

March 21

7:30 p.m.

Loussac Library

Conference Room

Everyone Invited

YEARLY REPORT

This past year has been a busy one indeed. We have been actively pursuing our goals to inventory and document the icons and the architecture of the historic Orthodox churches on several fronts. We have had discussions with state and federal agencies, representatives of private foundations, and Native corporations.

These efforts combined with the continued dialogue between the IPTF and the Orthodox Church in Alaska have allowed us to move forward in a positive manner. With each discussion of the project, enthusiasm builds. We are excited about our progress in 1988.

Kenai Inventory Completed

In April, the IPTF coordinated an inventory of the Church of the Holy Assumption at Kenai. (See article on page 3.) The results are exciting, and the end product represents the first written and visual record of the architecture and art of an Orthodox church in Alaska.

Legislative Support Sought

In November, Senator Jan Faiks asked us to present a proposal for the inventory and documentation of the Church of the Holy Ascension in Unalaska. Senator Faiks is concerned about the preservation of the building and the icons and historic art objects inside. A resolution in support of the IPTF proposal is winding its way through the legislature.

IPTF Incorporates

In December, the IPTF, now a subcommittee of the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, began the process of incorporation as a nonprofit organization under its own charter. Bylaws were drafted and filed with our Articles of Incorporation. Attorneys Jim Wanamaker and LeRoy DeVeaux of Wanamaker and DeVeaux donated their time to provide assistance to the IPTF.

ICON TASK FORCE

The Icon Preservation Task Force (ICPTF) is a secular group organized in the spring of 1986 to launch a major effort aimed at preserving and, where necessary, restoring the remarkable legacy of Russian culture in Alaska—a heritage resource significant to the people of Alaska and to the nation as a whole.

As time passes, these irreplaceable treasures are becoming increasingly vulnerable to deterioration, vandalism, and destruction. The effort to preserve these treasures must be multifaceted and support must come from many sources. The IPTF wants to work with other organizations to achieve our common goals.

With full support of the Orthodox Church officials in Alaska, the IPTF has resolved to undertake a long-range program to insure the preservation of the cultural resources by:

- *creating public awareness and educational opportunities for the people of Alaska,*
- *sponsoring an inventory and documentation program to record the objects and historic structures within Alaska, both to serve as a*

useful historical and cultural reference,

• in a cooperative effort, assisting the Orthodox Church, the owners of the art objects, in the restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the art objects, icons, and selected structures.

In our last Newsletter, we printed a letter from Bishop Gregory wherein he clearly states our intentions: "We understand that the intention is to retain all of the icons in the churches where they now reside. If they are removed, it will only be for necessary restoration, and/or brief display in an educational program." He continues, "It is my pleasure to be associated with this dedicated group of Alaskans who have taken on such a big task, which we all know will take many years. Please be assured that my blessings are with your efforts."

Bishop Gregory is right. These goals will take many years to accomplish, but the time to begin is now. We welcome your support for this endeavor and encourage you to become a Task Force member today. (See membership application on page 5.)

World War II Damage Assessments

Finally, in January of 1989, a proposal was submitted to the the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association to assist them in their efforts to substantiate damages to the church properties as a result of World War II under the War Reparations Act, which was passed by Congress in 1988.

In summary, our year has been very busy and rewarding. We anticipate that next year will be equally as rewarding as we continue with our inventory efforts and hopefully begin with some of our restoration tasks.

—Steve Peterson

Icon Preservation Task Force Board of Directors

Dr. Robert D. Craig
Kathleen Lindfors
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Steven M. Peterson
Barbara Sweetland Smith

Editors of Newsletter

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We gratefully express our appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who have graciously contributed their services, talents, and money to the Icon Preservation Task force:

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PILOT INVENTORY COMPLETED

Icons by an Alaskan Native iconographer were among the exciting discoveries emerging from the first church inventory undertaken in April 1988 by the IPTF. Three icons in the Church of the Holy Assumption in Kenai were painted before 1858 by Grigori Petukhov, an Aleut born at Unalaska. Petukhov is one of only two known native Alaskan iconographers from the Russian era. Until his death in 1858, he lived in Sitka, while Vasilii Kriukov, worked at Unalaska.

Another exciting discovery was an 1896-1906 Russian language inventory in the church archives by Reverend Marcarius Targonsky, priest of the parish. This document aided in the dating of many of the items.

Other significant finds include icons donated by monks on Mount Athos in Greece and books used by Abbot Nicholas, the first resident priest.

The inventory of the church was accomplished with money donated by members of the Task Force and with a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Kenai church was selected for the pilot inventory because it has had extensive architectural and historical documentation already, and also for its accessibility. The parish

was founded in 1849, and the present church was built in 1894. Some of the furnishings in the church date from the first church.

The National Park Service has architectural drawings and photographs of this church because of its designation as a National Historic Landmark. These will also become part of the inventory file.

The inventory process included describing, measuring, and photographing 171 items, including icons, vestments, liturgical utensils, altar and table coverings, candlestands, banners, crosses, a baptismal font, and historic photographs.

The collected information has been computerized. Each narrative description also includes both black and white and colored photographs. Slides have also been made for a number of the items.

Heading the inventory project was Barbara Sweetland Smith; Rev. Targonsky; Rev. Paul Merculief, Orthodox diocesan liaison on the project; Patrick McKnight, assistant curator for the Alaska Region of the National Park Service; Barry McWayne, Photograph Curator for the University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks; and Gerri Clark, a freelance conservator. The National Park Service, the University of Alaska, and Clark donated their services to the project.

Transportation was donated by MarkAir, Southcentral Air, and ERA Aviation.



Barbara Smith measuring Kenai church vestment.

BIRDSALL DONATES PRINT FOR DRAWING

Byron Birdsall continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of the Icon Preservation Task Force. Last year, Byron donated proceeds from the sale of one of his icon prints. This year, Byron has donated a copy of "The Four Saints of Alaska" print which depicts Alaskan Saints Innocent, Herman, Juvenalii, and Peter the Aleut.

In May, the IPTF will hold a drawing for the print as part of its membership drive. New or renewing members will be eligible for the drawing. (See form on page 5.)

The Task Force greatly appreciates Byron's generosity and continued support.



The Four Saints of Alaska by Byron Birdsall
Photo courtesy of Artique, Ltd.

CONCERN FOR UNALASKA CHURCH

In February of this year, representatives of the IPFT met with Senator Fred Zharoff and his assistant, Penelope Goforth, in Anchorage. Senator Zharoff represents the Kodiak-Aleutian region where a major portion of Alaska's Orthodox communities are located. The meeting was an opportunity to introduce the Senator to the goals and objectives of the IPTF and explain how our efforts dovetail with other programs, such as the National Park Service Landmarks at Risk. Senator Zharoff expressed concern over the condition of the Church of Holy Ascension in Unalaska. He is interested in seeking a legislative appropriation for restoration of the structure and for an inventory of the church following the IPTF Kenai model. (See Legislative Support story on page 2.)

DON'T FORGET

Send in your annual
membership form
today

Be eligible for the
special drawing.

Come to our annual
meeting

March 21

Loussac Library

7:30 p.m.

THE FORGOTTEN FRONTIER

Barbara Smith, one of the founders of the IPTF, has become the guest curator for the Anchorage Museum of History and Fine Art, for an exhibit on Russian America entitled "The Forgotten Frontier." Steven Peterson, cofounder of the IPTF, prepared a short section for the exhibit on the Architecture of the Russian Colonial Period in Alaska which deals with the art and architecture of the Russian Orthodox Church. The exhibit will open in July 1990 at Tacoma, Washington, in conjunction with the Soviet-American Goodwill Games. In the fall, it will travel to Anchorage, where it will celebrate the 250th anniversary in 1991 of the North American discoveries of explorer Vitus Bering.

LANDMARKS AT RISK



Although maintenance work is done on a continuing basis, severe weathering conditions and structural problems threaten the long-term preservation of this magnificent church. Photo: CCC Architects

Landmark Condition

Although the church building is regularly painted and maintained, the cost of undertaking extensive, essential repairs to the foundation, cupola, and roof have been prohibitive for its parishioners. The property's location on the edge of an inlet means that the weathering process is unceasing. At this point, there is a serious structural problem at the bell tower dome and the central nave dome. Intrinsic to the Orthodox faith and fundamental to their services are the iconostasis, religious artifacts, and art objects within the church. These treasures remain in poor condition: uncatalogued, with little protection, and kept in an uncontrolled environment without curatorial care. Major funding will be required to meet the preservation needs of this significant structure for continued public appreciation.

Recommended Work/Costs

Data has been taken from a National Park Service-funded report, "National Historic Landmark Condition Assessment Report: Holy Ascension Orthodox Church, Unalaska, Alaska" by CCC Architects, Anchorage, Alaska. Work recommended for the church exterior totals almost \$423,000. Of that amount, \$198,000 will be needed to cover the costs of work considered critical to the longevity of the church, including partial replacement of foundation piers, major work on the bell tower, and replacement of deteriorated wood in the onion domes and decking. Another \$130,000 will be needed to correct serious exterior problems, such as providing proper ventilation for the foundation and replacing rotted wood "skirting" at the perim-

eter of the foundation. Finally minor problems, consisting mostly of replacing siding that has deteriorated under multiple layers of paint, then repainting with original colors, could be corrected for about \$95,000.

Total interior work is estimated at \$328,000. Of that amount, an estimated \$273,000 is for work deemed critical, including inventorying, cataloging, and cleaning the church icons based on a conservation plan; and replacing rotted flooring. Other interior work rated serious and minor would cost about \$55,000, and includes repairs to rotted horizontal ceiling members in both the central nave and bell tower due to long-term moisture penetration, and replacement of some floor joists. Finally, door trim and frames need repairing, and the entire interior should be repainted to match the original colors.

Incorporating a fire detection system in the church interior, and upgrading heating and electrical systems, are other needs deemed to be critical both to the longevity of the structure and its contents. Providing a fire protection system with auto dialers to the fire department will cost about \$15,000. Installation of an HVAC system to provide proper temperature and humidity control is estimated at \$108,000. An additional \$6,800 will be required to provide a fuel tank appropriate for the proposed HVAC system. The old electrical system will be inadequate when the climate control system is installed; a new panel box, wiring and service to meet code will be required and this is estimated at about \$22,500. Finally, cleaning and polishing the church chandeliers will cost about \$2,500.

The architects' detailed assessment is available from National Park Service offices (see HOW YOU CAN HELP, over).



The chapel's significant art work is in urgent need of conservation. Photo: CCC Architects

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HOLY ASCENSION ORTHODOX CHURCH

Unalaska, Alaska

Its earliest portions dating from 1826, Holy Ascension Orthodox Church is significant as the oldest church in Alaska that features a cruciform plan with three altars. (The three-one story wings and the three-story front tower were added in 1894.) Of particular importance is the interior, with its rich collection of icons—religious objects executed in the Russian Orthodox style that convey the craftsmanship and artistry of the Aleut people.

Although the imposing white wood-frame

church almost seems out of place on the shore of a small Aleutian village, its presence is easily explained by historians. After the sale of Alaska to the United States, Unalaska and Sitka became vital economic and religious centers; the church diocese shared administrative responsibilities and each city had its cathedral. This picturesque Church is a visual reminder of the important role of both Russian contact and the Orthodox religion, not only among the Aleuts, but in North America

as well. In 1970, the Secretary of the Interior designated Holy Ascension Orthodox Church a National Historic Landmark for its exceptional value to our Nation's history.

Unfortunately, at this date, the long-term preservation of the Church is being jeopardized because of serious building deterioration. Also at risk is what may represent the largest collection of Russian Orthodox art in Alaska.

LANDMARKS AT RISK HOW YOU CAN HELP

Over 150 deteriorating and endangered National Historic Landmarks across the country need your help now.

You can assist these National Historic Landmarks through donations of money, building materials, or professional services.

The National Historic Landmark Fund, administered by the National Park Foundation in conjunction with the National Park Service, makes possible **TAX DEDUCTIBLE MATERIAL AND CASH DONATIONS** by individuals, organizations, or companies.

Donations may be used to support threatened Landmarks in general or a Landmark of the donor's choice. Donors may select a Landmark to assist based on its associations with specific historic themes, events or individuals; its architectural style; its building type; or its construction material. Landmarks in need of various services or building products which correspond to a donor's business can also be selected.

The National Park Foundation and the National Park Service give priority to those Landmarks in which critical needs have been identified through professional evaluation and planning.

If you want to donate to the National Historic Landmark Fund, or would like additional

information on how you can help Landmarks at Risk, please call or write:

Landmarks at Risk

National Park Service
Preservation Assistance Division
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127
(202) 343-9581 or

The National Park Foundation
P.O. Box 57473
Washington, DC 20037
(202) 785-4500

State Historic Preservation Office

Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
History and Archeology
P.O. Box 7001
Anchorage, AK 99510
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Local/State Preservation Groups

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For information on how you may help Holy Ascension Orthodox Church in Unalaska, Alaska, contact the following offices and organizations:

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Anchorage, AK 99503
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 Sponsor: Senator Faiks Components: Historic Resource Mgt
 Requestor: Senator Faiks

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND&STRUCTURES						
GRANTS,CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL		41.0				
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		41.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0.0	41.0				

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Of the \$41.0, \$37.3 will fund the inventory and documentation of the art and architecture of the 19 Russian Orthodox churches listed on the Register of Historic Places as described in the attached. The remaining \$3.7 is for administration of the project by the State Office of History and Archeology.

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 Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 5-Apr-89

Approved by Commissioner: Lennie Gorsuch *[Signature]* Date: 5-Apr-89
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AND
HABS PHOTO DOCUMENTATION OF NATIONAL REGISTER CHURCHES

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3. The total funds requested for Phase 1 and 11 are \$37,212.

SCOPE OF WORK - ITEM #2 - HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEYS ON 19 CHURCHES
THROUGHOUT ALASKA

a.	HABS photographer	
	30 days in field	
	15 days in lab.....	*
	Per Diem 30 days @ \$80.....	\$ 2,400
b.	Icon Expert	
	1 ea X \$200 X 45 days.....	*
	Per Diem 30 days X \$80.....	*
c.	IPTF Liaison	
	30 days in field.....	*
	Per Diem 30 days X \$80.....	2,400
d.	Transportation for 3 as listed above	
	Juneau (Cordova-Tatitlek, Sitka) @ \$366 ea.....	1,098
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	Kodiak @ \$254 ea.....	792
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	Kodiak-Spruce Island (boat charter).....	200
	Seldovia @ \$183 ea.....	546
	Unalaska @ \$754 ea.....	2,264
	Pribilofs-St. Paul, St. George @ \$866 ea.....	2,598
	Russian Mission @ \$428 ea.....	1,184
	South Naknek @ \$320 ea.....	960

ITEM #2 - COST	\$15,762
ITEM #1 - COST	<u>21,450</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT THIS PROPOSAL \$37,212**

*Funded by National Park Service and private donations

**Plus percentage retained by Office of History
and Archeology for grants administration.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

SCOPE OF WORK - ITEM #1 - INVENTORY AND DOCUMENT ART AND ARCHITECTURE
CHURCH OF THE HOLY ASCENSION
UNALASKA, ALASKA

a.	Curator - National Park Service	
	5 days in field.....	*
	5 days processing inventory.....	*
b.	Supervisory Priest (translator of Russian and Old Church Slavonic records)	
	1 ea X \$120 X 8 days.....	960
	Per Diem @ \$80 X 8 days.....	640
c.	IPTF Historian (Coordinate, assist with field inventory and edit report)	
	1 ea X \$120 X 25 days.....	3,000
	Per Diem @ \$80 X 8 days.....	640
d.	Museum Photographer (photograph every accessioned object, approximately 450)	
	1 ea X \$300 X 8 days.....	2,400
	Per Diem @\$80 X 8 days.....	640
e.	Architect Intern	
	15 days in field	
	45 days preparing HABS drawings.....	8,400
f.	Transportation	
	5 ea @ \$754 (round trip).....	3,770
g.	Supplies	
	film and processing.....	500
	report preparation/printing.....	500

ITEM # 1 - TOTAL COST....\$21,450

(BUDGET continued)

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REQUEST:

Revision Date: 29-Mar-89 Agency Affected: Natural Resources
Title: Russian Orthodox Churches BRU: Parks & Outdoor Recreation
Sponsor: Senator Faiks Components: Historic Resource Mgt
Requestor: Senator Faiks

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TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND&STRUCTURES						
GRANTS,CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL		41.5				
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		41.5				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0.0	41.5				

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

\$37.7 would be used to fund a proposal to assist Soviet Architects document landmark churches on St. Paul and St. George Islands, as described in the attached project description. Ten percent of this amount, or \$3.8, would be used by the State Office of History and Archeology to administer the project funds.

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3. The total funds requested for Phase 1 and 11 are \$37,722.

BUDGET

SCOPE OF WORK - ITEM #1.....

- a. Curator - NPS
5 days in field
5 days processing inventory.....No cost
- b. Supervisory Priest (translator of Russian
and Old Church Slavonic records)
1 ea x \$120 x 8 days.....\$ 960
Per Diem: 8 days x \$115.....\$ 920
- c. IPTF Historian (Coordinate, assist with
field inventory and edit report)
1 ea x \$120 x 25 days..... 3,000
Per Diem: 8 days x \$115..... 920
- d. Museum Photographer (photograph every
accessioned object, 450 approx)
1 ea x \$300 x 8 days..... 2,400
Per Diem: 8 days x \$115..... 920
- e. Architect (Soviet exchange - NPS)
15 days in field
45 days preparing HABS drawings..... 8,400
- f. Transportation:
5 round trip airfare x \$754..... 3,770
- g. Supplies:
film and processing..... 500
report preparation/printing..... 500

TOTAL COST FOR ITEM #1.....\$22,290

SCOPE OF WORK - ITEM #2 - YEAR #1

- a. HABS Photographer - HABS
30 days in field
15 days in lab.....No cost
Per Diem: 30 days x \$43.....\$ 1,290
- b. Icon Expert
1 ea x \$200 x 45 days..... 9,000
Per Diem: 30 days x \$43..... 1,290
- c. IPTF liaison
30 days in field
Per Diem: 30 days x \$43..... 1,290

d. Transportation - Year #1

Juneau (Cordova-Tatitlek, Sitka)	
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TOTAL COST FOR ITEM #2 - YEAR #1.....\$23,832

SCOPE OF WORK - ITEM #2 - YEAR #2.....

- a. The remaining 18 churches will be inventories in FY90. Expenses for year #2 will be the same as year #1.

TOTAL COST FOR ITEM #2 - YEAR #2..... \$23,832

TOTAL REQUESTED SUPPORT- FY89.....\$37,722**

**plus percentage retained by History and Archeology for grants administration.