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TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp  
Chair, Senate Resources Committee

FROM: *Mike Szymanski*  
Senator Mike Szymanski

DATE: February 16, 1989

SUBJECT: Request for Committee Hearing on SB165,  
Chelatna Public Use Area

I formally request a hearing be held at your earliest convenience in the Senate Resources Committee on Senate Bill 165, an Act relating to Chelatna Public Use Area.

The Chelatna Public Use Area comprises approximately 300,000 acres. Most of this land is in the Sunflower Basis subregion of the Susitna Area Plan. A variety of lands are included -- muskegs, riparian forests and alpine zones.

This Bill conforms to the management intent adopted by the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Fish and Game. The legislation protects the trumpeter swan nesting areas and a portion of the wildlife habitat, and provides for several other uses, including timber harvest, road access and mining.

I have additional reference material which I will make available prior to the hearing date.

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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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February 27, 1989

The Honorable Bettye Fahrenkamp  
Chair, Senate Resources Committee  
P.O. Box V  
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Dear Senator Fahrenkamp:

Subject: Senate Bill 165, An act establishing the Chelatna Public Use Area.

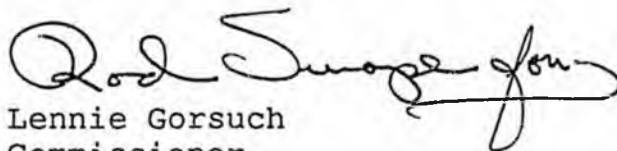
Position: The department supports this bill as a by-product of the Susitna Area Plan. The area plan was adopted by the commissioner and completed with the cooperation of other state agencies.

Background: The Commissioner of Natural Resources adopted the Susitna Area Plan on April 24, 1985. The proposed Chelatna Public Use Area falls within the boundary of this plan which provides for legislative designation of areas to be managed for specific uses or retained in public ownership.

This bill recognizes traditional uses, including mining, in appropriate areas, and provides for management under the Susitna Area Plan until adoption of a management plan for the Chelatna Public Use Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Lennie Gorsuch  
Commissioner

cc: Bill Sponsor  
Committee Members  
Bob Evans  
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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 15-Feb-89 Agency Affected: Natural Resources  
 Title: An Act establishing the Chelatna BRU: Parks Management  
 Public Use Area: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Szymanski and Kertulla Components: Parks Management  
 Requestor: Senate Resources

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						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0.0					

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Approved by Commissioner: Lennie Gorsuch Date: 15-Feb-89  
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