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## FISCAL NOTE

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: SB 329 Addition of Powder  
Island  
 Sponsor: Szymanski  
 Requestor: Senate CSRA

Agency Affected: Department of Natural Resource  
 BRU: Parks Management

Components: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** (Thousands of Dollars)

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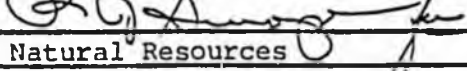
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**ANALYSIS :** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Lawrence Z. Ostrovsky  
 Division: Commissioner's Office

Phone: 465-2400  
 Date: 3/27/90

Approved by Commissioner:   
 Agency: Department of Natural Resources

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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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March 27, 1990

The Honorable Mike Szymanski  
Alaska State Senator  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Szymanski:

Subject: SB 329, Addition of Powder Island to Kachemak Bay State Park

Background: SB 329 would add Powder Island in Seldovia Bay to Kachemak Bay State Park. Powder Island consists of 11.9 acres located on the east side of Seldovia Bay about 3/4 mile south of the Seldovia small boat harbor. The island is one of two tracts of public land on Seldovia Bay, the other being Outside Beach north of Seldovia.

Powder Island consists of three wooded knolls with primarily steep rocky shorelines, separated by two low grassy areas with sandy beaches. There are two unauthorized cabins on the island. The island is included in the pool of state land identified for possible trade to the Seldovia Native Association (SNA) in order to acquire SNA's land in Kachemak Bay State Park. A 1989 appraisal valued the island at \$165,000.

Position: At this time there is an existing written agreement with SNA which requires us to keep this parcel available for possible exchange. There will soon be a legislative proposal to acquire SNA's land in Kachemak Bay State Park via purchase at fair market value, in which case this parcel would not be needed for the exchange. However, until the future of the SNA land trade is decided, DNR has a Preliminary Exchange Agreement that reserves this land for possible exchange. Powder Island is one of the parcels of state land that is of greatest interest to SNA.


Senator Mike Szymanski

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March 27, 1990

If included in a land exchange with SNA, DNF proposes to retain a one acre public use easement on the island.

Sincerely,

  
Lennie Gorsuch  
Commissioner

cc: Committee Members  
Denby Lloyd, Special Staff Assistant  
Office of the Governor  
Gary Gustafson, Director  
Division of Land and Water Management  
Neil Johannsen, Director  
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation

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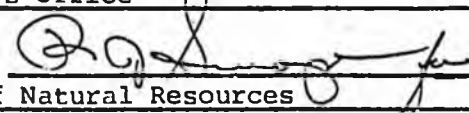
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JUNE 30, 1989

ATTACHMENT B

SELDOVIA NATIVE ASSOCIATION / STATE OF ALASKA  
LAND EXCHANGE ADL 224612

POWDER ISLAND IN SELDOVIA BAY

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Approx Acres</u>
No. 1	T9S, R14W, SM SEC 6: LOT 4	11.9

- One acre public use site easement (for day use only) to be reserved on the nob at the west end of the island, along with the beach between this nob and the larger nob to the east.

FORMER PLO 316 - JAKOLOF BAY

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Approx Acres</u>
No. 1	T8S, R13W, SM: A PORTION OF TRACT "A" WITHIN SECS. 20, 29 AND 30 DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN PLO 316. PARCEL APPROX. 2640' x 5280' FRONTING ON JAKOLOF BAY; ACQUIRED UNDER MENTAL HEALTH GRANT MH-128.	320

- ADL 39029 - Letter of non-objection to public utility right-of-way fifty (50') feet in width for existing power line constructed by Homer Electric Association, Inc.
- ADL 37929 - Letter permit for a public access road right-of-way 200 feet in width along existing roadway from Seldovia to Jakolof Bay through subject parcel.
- ADL 39789 - Letter permit issued for an access road 100 feet in width (Alaska Project No. S-1190)
- ADL 224138- Upland lease authorization (lease application) for approximately 0.25 acres at the end of Jakolof Bay airstrip to support mariculture activities associated with Tideland Use Permit ADL 224137 (Southcentral Region Finding and Decision dated October 31, 1988).

Subject to valid existing rights (airstrip identified on state tidelands adjacent to parcel) and subject to a public use easement under AS 38.05.127.

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

Last year, the Department of Natural Resources began working on a land exchange to trade state lands for parcels held by the Seldovia Native Association within Kachemak Bay State Park. When DNR presented its proposal to SNA, Powder Island was included in the proposed package of state lands to be traded. At that time, I introduced Senate Bill 329 as a measure to add Powder Island to Kachemak Bay State Park and preserve the island for public access and use. Currently, the land trade negotiations are stalled and a new plan to purchase SNA's lands within Kachemak Bay State Park is being developed by the Administration. Since a land purchase arrangement would remove Powder Island from the bargaining table, I would like to see Powder Island kept in the public domain.

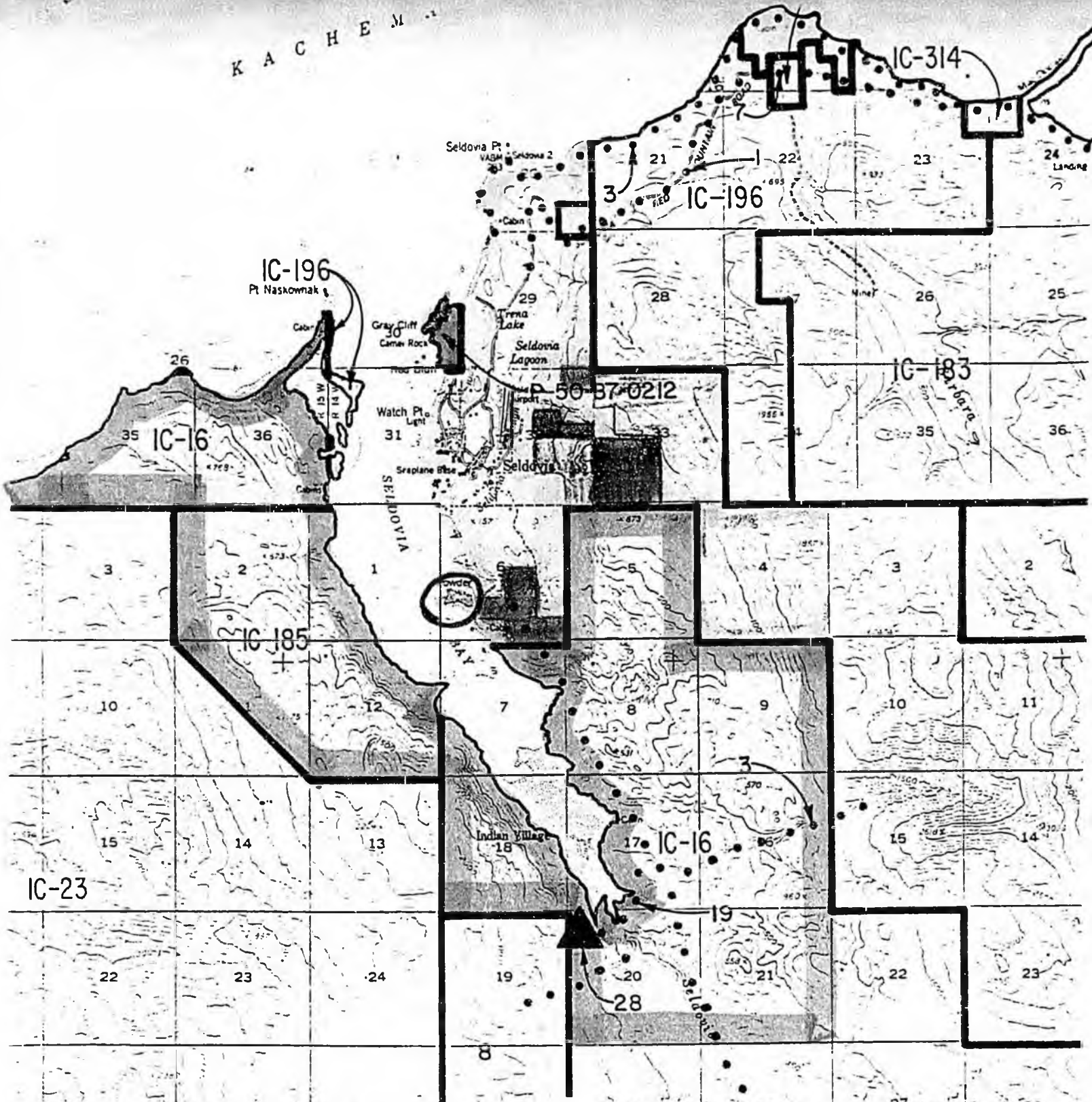
In reviewing the attached map, it is obvious that the only remaining public land within Seldovia Bay is Powder Island. Seldovia Bay is an extremely popular and well utilized recreational boating area which provides sheltered moorage that is not available anywhere else in the surrounding area. Relinquishing this public land to the Seldovia Native Association, the major land holder in Seldovia Bay, or to any other private entity, will preclude public access and recreational usage of Seldovia Bay. Of course, the tidelands are available for public use, but they are not particularly appropriate or convenient for camping, picnicking or hiking.

I feel that it is not in the public's best interest to eliminate Seldovia Bay as a public recreational use area. While we cannot reverse past land decisions, we can certainly retain state ownership of the last remaining parcel of public land by including it in the Kachemak Bay State Park system.








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SELDOVIA BAY LAND STATUS - February, 1989

-  State Land
-  State Land - borough selected
-  University Land
-  Native Corp. Land (with some private inholdings)
-  Other Private Land
-  One Acre Campground Easement
-  ANCSA 17(b) Trail Easements



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April 25, 1990

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Mike Szymanski *Mike*

RE: Request for Hearing

I respectfully request that you schedule SB 329, adding Powder Island to Kachemak Bay State Park, at the earliest possible date.

Thank you for your consideration.