

HB 2000

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: March 22, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4-15-91

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 200

HOUSE BILL NO. 200

ANCHORAGE COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

"An Act relating to the addition of land to the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge."

RECOMMENDATIONS: [] the same title
 be replaced with _____ [] a new title

[] have attached amendments(s)

[x] do pass

[] do not pass

[] no recommendations

[] individual recommendations

[] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: FINANCE letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

[x] fiscal impact FISH & GAME

[] fiscal note(s) _____

[] zero fiscal note _____

[] zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING <u>DO PASS</u>	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Mike Savane</i>		<i>John Taylor</i>		✓	
<i>MARK BARR</i>		<i>Roxana Barnes</i>		X	
<i>Kay Frank</i>	✓	<i>Eileen P. Mather</i>		X	
<i>Nina</i>	✓				
<i>Best Sharp</i>	✓				
<i>W. J. ...</i>	✓				
<i>Donald ...</i>	X				
<i>...</i>	X				

Mike Savane *Eileen P. Mather*
 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

HOUSE BILL NO. 200

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES GRUENBERG, Donley, Ellis, Baker, Barnes, Brown, Bruckman, Choquette, B.Davis, Finkelstein, Koponen, Leman, Martin, M.A.Miller, Parnell, R.Phillips, Ulmer

Introduced: 3/8/91

Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the addition of land to the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 16.20.031(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (8) Township 13 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian

5 Section 31: N1/2SW1/4NW1/4 Parcel 25

6 N1/2SE1/4NW1/4 Tract A Doubletree Center Subdivision

7 N1/2S1/2NW1/4NW1/4 Parcel 28

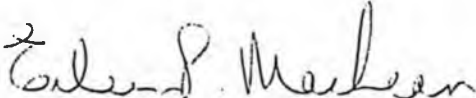
8 South 375 feet of Government Lot 1 except that portion included within

9 the boundaries of the Pyhala Subdivision according to plat P - 197.


LETTER OF INTENT

HOUSE BILL 200

It is not the intent of the Legislature that passage of HB 200 creates an implied commitment of State funds for acquisition of remaining privately owned parcels in the Business Park Wetlands.



Co-Chair Eileen MacLean
House Finance Committee



Co-Chair Mike Navarre
House Finance Committee

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB200

Revision Date: 4-15-91 Department Affected: Fish & Game

Title: Anchorage Coastal Wildlife BRU: Habitat

Refuge Component: Habitat

Sponsor: Gruenberg

Requestor: HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	2.7	19.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
SUPPLIES	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	3.3	20.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	3.3	20.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	3.3	20.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Representative Mike Navarre, Co-Chair *Mike Navarre* 465-3706
Representative Eileen MacLean, Co-Chair *Eileen MacLean* Phone: 465-3722

Division: HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE Date: 4-15-91

Approved by Commissioner: _____

Agency: _____ Date: _____

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

FISCAL NOTE CONTINUATION
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	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
100	0	0	0	0	0	0
200	0	0	0	0	0	0
300						
ENV AUDIT (SOIL & WATER SAMPLING)	1.0	16.2	0	0	0	0
SURVEY	0	2.0	0	0	0	0
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
TRASH COLLECTION	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
TOTAL	2.7	19.9	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
400						
FENCE MAINTENANCE	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
	<u>3.3</u>	<u>20.5</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>2.3</u>

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Mike Navarre
Cochair, House Finance Committee

FROM: Representative Max Gruenberg *MAX*

DATE: March 21, 1991

RE: HB 200, Business Park Wetlands Bill

I would very much appreciate it if you would schedule HB 200, the Business Park Wetlands bill, for a hearing as soon as it is possible.

HB 200 adds approximately 30 acres to the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

The Business Park Wetlands are an incredibly productive nesting area for waterfowl. Funds for the purchase of the property inside the Business Park Wetlands have been donated by such groups as Ducks Unlimited and Exxon Corporation.

Private lands within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge cannot be acquired by eminent domain.

If you if have questions concerning HB 200, please contact me or Mark Handley, my Legislative Assistant, at ext.4968.

Thank you very much.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO
ANCHORAGE COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
(Taken from Business Park Wetlands Coalition Brochure)

The Business Park Wetlands is a 28-acre open space in Anchorage's highly-developed south midtown. It is an isolated, partially disturbed bog remnant of what was, until the late-1970's, a vast interwoven complex of ponds and wetland habitats stretching from near Potter Drive north to the old Fish Creek basin near West 36th Avenue. Portions of the area have been filled and do not currently function as wetland habitat.

The area supports three wetlands plant communities and numerous ponds that contain open water all summer. A small section of mixed birch and cottonwood forest stands in the area's southwest corner. Most of the wetlands plant communities contain ericaceous shrubs including leatherleaf and Labrador tea, and sweetgale, and dwarf birch. Sedges, grasses, rushes, and various mosses are common understory species.

In late spring 1989, upwards of 20 pairs of Canada Geese nested in the Business Park Wetlands. The large number of nests is three to four times higher per unit area than other comparable Anchorage Wetlands. In early spring, it is common to see more than 100 ducks and geese at a time on the meltwater ponds. The area is also home to one of four significant mew gull colonies remaining in the Anchorage Bowl, as well as many mallards, northern shovelers, American wigeons, plovers, dowitchers, and other birds. Over

thirty avian species have been observed in the wetlands during the summer months.

Located in close proximity to several major thoroughfares, the Business Park Wetlands provides a quiet and surprisingly remote oasis for eating lunch, viewing the abundant waterbird population, or just watching the change of seasons. It is an important and well-used open space for neighborhood residents and those working in the adjacent business and industrial areas. On many a nice day, area residents or workers can be found walking, jogging, or sitting along the wetland's perimeter. Greater Anchorage area residents also use the area, especially for viewing wildlife and bring their families to observe the geese and goslings.

The local hydrology has been altered by onsite and adjacent development. Groundwater input to this system is necessary to maintain the wetland's habitats and open water in critical dry periods. Adjacent properties currently use the site as a winter snow dump. Existing onsite drains affect the hydrology. Any additional change or loss of the area's groundwater will further degrade the wetland's functions and viability.

The Business Park Wetlands is owned by four separate owners. Three parcels are private land and one has been acquired by the Municipality of Anchorage as mitigation for the Port development project. Because the state refuge is composed only of state lands,

these parcels would become part of the refuge only at such time as they were acquired by the state from willing owners.

BIRDS YOU ARE LIKELY TO SEE IN THE
BUSINESS PARK WETLANDS

Canada Goose*	Ring-billed Gull
Mallard*	Mew Gull*
Green-winged Teal	Herring Gull*
American Wigeon*	Glaucous-winged Gull
Northern Pintail	Bald Eagle
Northern Shoveler*	Tree Swallow
Greater Scaup	Violet-green Swallow
Semipalmated Plover	Black-billed magpie
Killdeer	Common Raven
Lesser Golden-Plover	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Greater Yellowlegs	American Robin*
Lesser Yellowlegs*	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Spotted Sandpiper	Savannah Sparrow*
Short-billed Dowitcher*	White-crowned Sparrow*
Common Snipe	Lincoln's Sparrow
Least Sandpiper*	Pine Siskin
Common Redpoll	

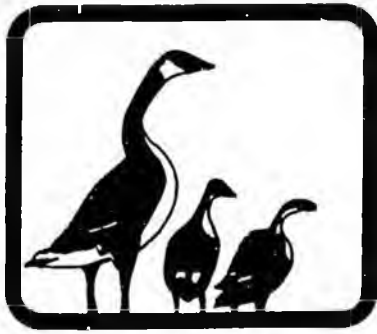
* Known or probable breeder

List provided by the Anchorage Audubon Society

Business Park Wetlands Refuge Addition Budget*

	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96
Line 100					
1 F&W Tech. III 6 mo.	\$18,576	\$18,576	\$18,576	\$18,576	\$18,576
1 Carto. II 1 mo.	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	-
1 W. Bio. III 1 mo.	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
	\$27,576	\$27,576	\$27,576	\$27,576	\$23,376
Line 200					
Line 300					
Env. Audit (soil & water sampling)	\$1,000	\$16,200	-	-	-
Fencing (5,800' total)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	18,000
Survey	-	2,000	-	-	-
Boardwalk (4,700' total)	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	98,000
Interpretive Signs (5 signs)	1,500	1,500	3,000	1,500	-
Vehicle Maintenance	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Trash Collection	500	500	500	500	500
Office Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	\$155,200	\$172,400	\$155,700	\$154,200	\$118,700
Line 400					
Fence Maintenance	600	600	600	600	600
Signposts/Hardware	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	-
	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$2,600	\$1,600	\$600
TOTAL	\$184,376	\$201,576	\$185,876	\$183,376	\$142,676

* Does not include cost of land acquisition, pond construction, revegetation, or parking. Cost of living and inflation increases over time are not factored in.



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March 25, 1991

Representative Max Gruenberg
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Representative Gruenberg:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 200. The Business Park Wetlands Coalition is very interested in continuing to be active in the acquisition and management of the Business Park Wetlands. The Coalition organized in June 1988 with the goal of using a joint venture private/public approach to preserve and enhance the Wetlands. We have been very successful in using this approach to raise over \$316,000 from the private, nonprofit and municipal sectors. We have raised over half that sum from individuals, small businesses, corporations, and nonprofit organizations.

The Coalition is interested in working closely with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to develop a mutually agreeable management and enhancement plan for the Wetlands. The Coalition is also committed to continuing to raise money for improvements such as fencing, signage, and boardwalks as well as organizing volunteers to help in their final design and construction.

For your information, we have also spoken with owners of the Wetlands' remaining privately-owned parcels and they have not voiced an objection to the proposed legislation.

Again, thank you for your support and interest in the preservation of the Business Park Wetlands.

Sincerely,

Marideth Sandler
Chair