

SB

132

**COMMITTEE: House
Community and Regional
Affairs Standing Committee**

**SUBJECT:
SB 132-MINTO FLATS GAME REFUGE & TOWNSITE**



DATE: May 5, 2004

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB132CS(CRA)-DNR-LSME
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 4/15/2004 Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: Minto State Game Refuge and Townsite RDU: Resource Development
 Component: Land Sales and Municipal Entitlement
 Sponsor: Sen. Lincoln
 Requester: Sen RES Component No.: 2460

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (GF 1004)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation directs DNR to convey a parcel of state land to the Minto Village Council. This proposed Legislation will have no fiscal impact on the department.

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 Approved by: Thomas Irwin, Commissioner
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FROM: Senator Georgianna Lincoln *g*

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McCarthy
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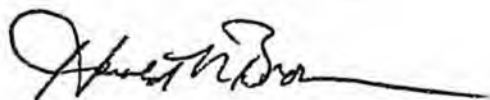
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President and Chairman

cc: Old Minto Recovery Camp

Old Minto Village Site

Minto Tribal Council Resolution # 03 - 06

Whereas, The land is like our parent, providing us with nourishment and the foundation of our culture, and

Whereas, The Minto people have lived on the land of the Minto Flats continuously for centuries, relocating from the Old Village Site to the present location due to flooding conditions at the Old Site, and

Whereas, Even though the people had to relocate to a new village site, the people of Minto continuously travel to and stay at the Old Village Site to renew the spiritual connection to the site, and participate in cultural activities, and

Whereas, The Old Village Site is still the home of the people who were born there, the connection has never left them, and if the land were granted to the people of Minto this connection would be secure for future generations, and

Whereas, The Minto Village Council is the governing body of the Native Village of Minto, representing all the Minto people, and as such is the most appropriate entity to receive the land and to care for it for generations to come, and

Whereas, The Minto Village Council is a responsible land manager and has the ability to protect the land and its resources, including the important services provided by the Old Minto Recovery Camp that is so valuable for alcohol treatment, as well as the Cultural Heritage and Education Institute.

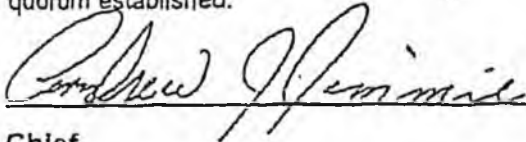
Whereas, It is in the best interest of the State of Alaska to protect the rich cultural heritage of Alaska's indigenous people by transferring the Old Minto

Village Site land, and the responsibility of caring for its cultural significance, to the Native Village of Minto.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Minto people support the transfer of approximately 32 acres of land at the Old Minto Village Site from the Minto Flats Wildlife Refuge to the Native Village of Minto through the most expedient way available to the State to make such transfer.

Certification

This resolution was adopted by the Minto Village Council by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and ___ abstaining, at a meeting of the Tribal Council where notice was posted and a quorum established.



Chief



Secretary/Treasurer

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Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (GF 1004)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 This legislation directs DNR to sell a parcel of state land to the Minto Village Council. This proposed Legislation will have no fiscal impact on the department.

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AGENDA

State Capital 124

May 6, 2004

8:00am to 10:00am

9:00 10:00

- Call to Order
- SB 260 Municipal Planning Organizations/Areas
- SB 387 Commercial Fishing Loans for Quota Shares
- Next meeting Friday at 8:00am
- Adjourn