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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/8/07

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 2/8/08

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 57

SB 57 MARINE PARKS ADDITIONS/HUNTING ALLOWED

"An Act relating to hunting in marine park units of the Alaska state park system, amending the area within designated marine park units of the Alaska state park system, and adding marine park units to the Alaska state park system."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS SB 57 (Res)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

SENATE BILL:
 Same Title
 New Title

HOUSE BILL:
 Same Title
 Technical Title Change
 New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
DNR	1/15	✓			
DFG	12/19			✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	E. L. ...	✓			
	Thomas	✓			
	OLSON			✓	
	Dyson			✓	
CO-CHAIR:					
CO-CHAIR:				✓	

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: CSSB 57(RES)
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): SB57CS(RES)-DFG-DWC-12-19-07 Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
Title: Marine Parks Additions/Hunting Allowed RDU: Wildlife Conservation
Component: Wildlife Conservation
Sponsor: Senator Kim Ellison
Requester: Senate Finance Committee Component Number: 473

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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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 Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Passage of this bill will not have any fiscal impact on the Department of Fish and Game.

Prepared by: Doug Larson, Director
Division: Wildlife Conservation
Approved by: Tom Lawson, Director
Division of Administrative Services, Department of Fish and Game

Phone: 465-4191
Date/Time: 12/19/07 10:00 AM
Date: 12/19/2007

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: CSSB57(RES)
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): SB57CSRES-DNR-Parks-01-15-08 Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
Title: MARINE PARKS ADDITIONS/HUNTING ALLOWED RDU: Parks and Recreation Management
Component: Parks Management
Sponsor: Senator Elton
Requester: Senate Finance Component Number: 452

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	12.3	0.0	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	
Travel								
Contractual	2.2	0.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	
Supplies	1.1	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	
Equipment								
Land & Structures	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	15.9	0.0	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9	

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

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	15.9	0.0	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	15.9	0.0	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 00

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The costs associated with the management of this new state marine park include funding for seasonal staffing to keep the area's camping beaches clean and safe, contractual funds for chartering boats to service the site, and miscellaneous supplies.

Prepared by: James King, Director
Division: Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Approved by: Tom Irwin, Commissioner
Natural Resources

Phone: (907) 269-8702
Date/Time: January 15, 2008
Date: January 15, 2008



SENATOR KIM ELTON

SB 57 – Channel Islands Marine Park

Sponsor Statement

SB 57 adds 14 islands adjacent to Juneau to the state's system of Marine Parks. They range from Lincoln and parts of Shelter Island, where Southeast residents hunt deer, to Indian and Suedla Islands, which are just big enough for a picnic.

By adding these gems to the Marine Park system, the state makes it possible for local outdoor groups to partner with the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to build amenities and improvements for the benefit of the general public. Cabins, outhouses, picnic areas, and boat ramps can be built by recreation and hunting groups at minimal cost to the state. The bill also ensures the Marine Parks cannot be closed to hunting, protecting this piece of Alaska's outdoor heritage.

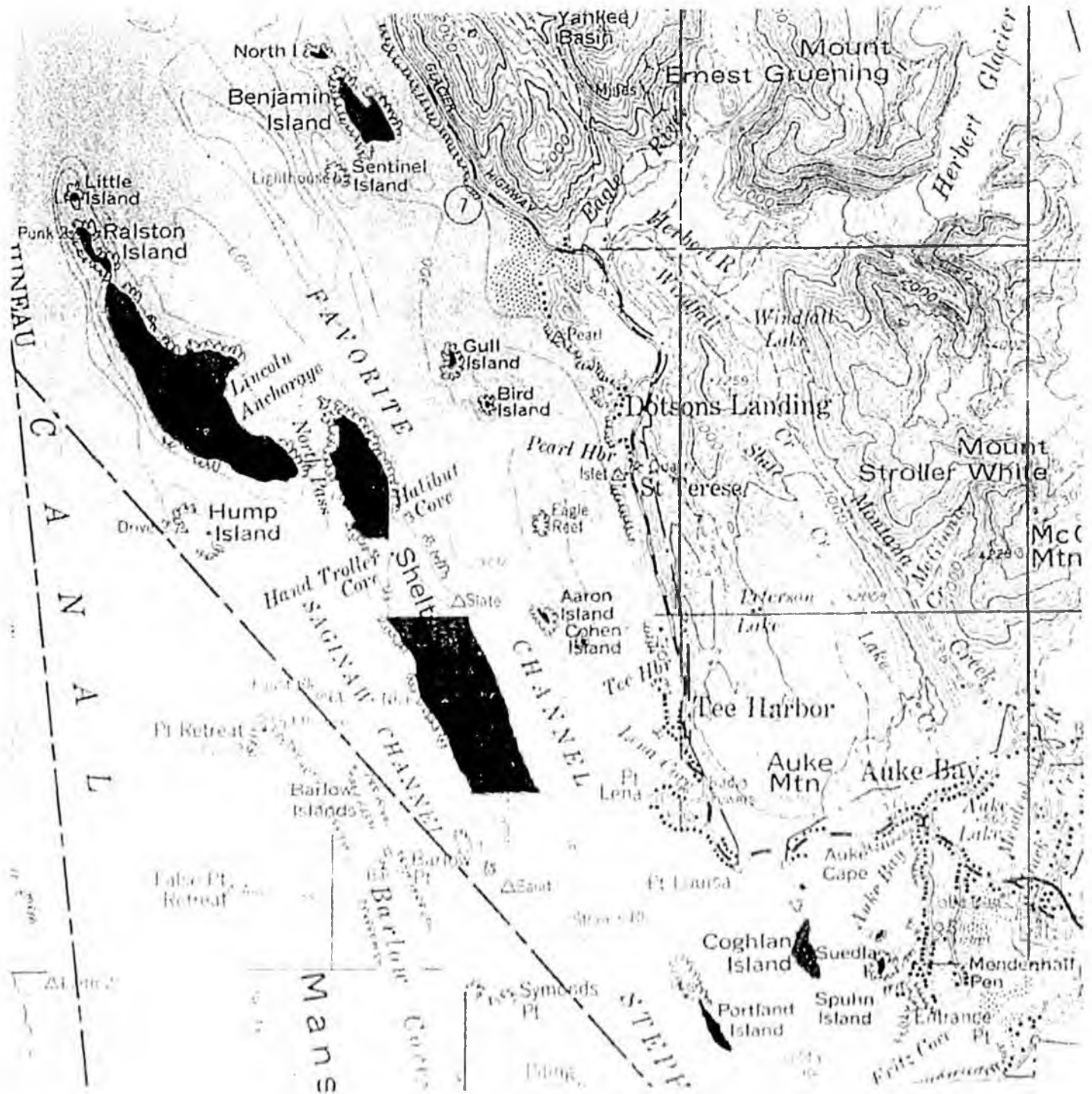
Access to recreational areas is also an important component of Southeast Alaska's economy. Recreational guides, boat rental companies, and purveyors of outdoor clothing and accessories all benefit financially from expanding the Marine Park, as do the Alaskans who enjoy expanded access to hunting, fishing, and recreation.

Developed in consultation with the division of parks, SB 57 excludes private landholdings from addition to the Marine Parks. It is supported by local tourism companies, the Juneau Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and the Juneau Area State Parks Advisory Committee.

I respectfully ask for your support.

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US Geological Survey map
Juneau, Alaska

Marine Park





Juneau State Parks Advisory Board

Photo by A. W. Hanger

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January 26, 2007

Representative Beth Kerttula

Representative Andrea Doll

Senator Kim Elton

Alaska State Legislature

State Capitol

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representatives Kerttula and Doll and Senator Elton,

The Juneau State Parks Advisory Board unanimously and strongly supports the creation of the Juneau Channel Islands State Marine Park.

These islands, located in upper Stephens Passage and lower Lynn Canal, are currently managed under the auspices of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water. The Department through adoption of the Juneau State Land Plan classified the islands as Public Recreation lands, and they are passively managed as such. As you well know, the islands have especially high values for recreation: they are well known throughout the Juneau Borough, and are heavily used for camping, boating, fishing, hunting, picnicking, and wildlife viewing. Many of the islands are important for birds and wildlife. There are several haulouts that are used by Steller sea lions. Large concentrations of nesting sea birds can be found on some of the islands. Putting these islands into parks would be beneficial to all the people currently using them, to future generations and to wildlife.


Creating the Channel Islands State Marine Park would help formally recognize these islands for their important recreational values. The suggested change in law effectively transfers the management of the lands within the Department of Natural Resources. The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation would manage them instead of the Division of Mining, Land, and Water. The islands would still retain their public recreational status, but management will be much more effective under the Division of Parks.

Many significant improvements have been made to state recreational lands in the Juneau area that are managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. For example, public-use cabins

have been added at very little cost to the state through donations from the Juneau Territorial Sportsmen and the Taku Conservation Society. Trails and picnic areas have also been created or upgraded - again, at little or no cost to the state through grants made available to the Division of Parks or to Trail Mix, Juneau's trails stewardship organization.

We are excited for the possibility of the creation of this park. We would be happy to entertain any questions you may have, or provide more information. We look forward to working with you on this important goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice Rarig".

Alice Rarig
Chair, Juneau State Parks Advisory Board

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 03/13/2006
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2348

**A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for State
Legislation Which Would Add Certain Islands in Lynn Canal
to the Alaska Marine Park System.**

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature is considering Senate Bill 190 and House Bill 292, which would add several islands in Lynn Canal to the Alaska Marine Park System; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing demand for recreational areas within the Borough, and some 4,800 boats registered in CBJ that might be used by residents and visitors to visit the Marine Park; and

WHEREAS, transferring these islands to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation will keep them open to the public for hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, and hiking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Assembly hereby expresses its support for SB 190 and HB 292, and urges their passage.

Section 2. That upon passage, the Assembly recommends to Governor Murkowski that he sign into law legislation adding these islands to the Alaska Marine Park System in the Juneau area.

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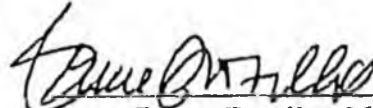
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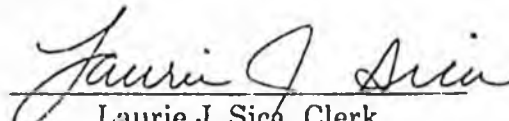
Section 3. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 13th day of March, 2006.



Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk



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March 20, 2007

Senator Charlie Huggins
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Huggins:

The Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. would like to go on record as supporting SB 57 that expands the existing Alaska State Marine Parks Units in Southeast Alaska. This legislation also contains important language which assures that hunting, fishing and trapping activities conducted legally under state laws and regulations will be continued.

Attached is a Resolution adopted by the Territorial Sportsmen which strongly supports the expansion of the Alaska Marine Park System in northern Southeast Alaska.


The Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. is a Juneau based conservation and sportsmen organization dedicated to maintaining our outdoor resources and opportunities as Alaskans. Our organization has over 1200 members, mostly located in Juneau and surrounding communities. In the past, our members have opposed some large single purpose withdrawals like Parks and Preserves because of the tendency for the traditional activities like hunting, fishing, trapping and general outdoor recreation to be closed or severely restricted. Our support for the local State Marine Park system is, however, based on the close cooperative working relationship our organization has established with the regional staff members and their record of incorporating some of our goals and objectives into their plans.

The Marine Park Units are relatively small and are designed to enhance the public's use resources available within and near each unit. Our organization has entered into a cooperative public cabin building arrangement with the State Park Regional office which combines volunteer labor, local business support and limited legislative appropriations. This partnership has allowed us to construct public cabins on State Marine Park lands at a considerable savings to the State and for the maximum benefit of the user public. Not only are these types of facilities important to enhance the public's use of Alaska's outdoor opportunities, they serve as critical emergency shelters for the commercial and recreational boating public. These public use cabins are managed and reserved under the State Park reservation system. Our organization also helps to maintain specific remote cabins. An examination of the data compiled by the State Park System will show that these cabins are so popular that the user fees are adequately covering the annual maintenance costs to the state.

Because we feel that the establishment of additional Marine Park Units in this area will continue to be extremely beneficial to the general public, we strongly encourage the legislature to pass this legislation.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,


Drake Peterson, President
Territorial Sportsmen, Inc.

Attachment

cc: Senator Elton
Governor Palin

Southeast Alaska Land Trust



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February 28, 2007

Senator Kim Elton
State Capitol
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Diane Mayer
Executive Director

Re: Senate Bill 57

Dear Senator Elton,

On behalf of the Southeast Alaska Land Trust's Board of Directors and our entire membership, I want to thank you for sponsoring SB 57 to properly classify the State-owned islands adjacent to Juneau as State Marine Park.

Each year residents and visitors alike enjoy the use of these islands for hunting, subsistence, recreation and open space. These green emeralds bring a unique quality and character to our commercial ocean-going tours and provide locals with safe, accessible marine destinations for family picnics and remote camping experiences.

Naming the 14 small islands and areas of the larger Shelter Island to the Marine Park System brings a positive recognition to their highest and best use for Juneau's business and pleasure. With the fate of the islands finally established in law, the State can move forward and partner with private and non-profit entities to provide the amenities needed for managing their existing uses and increasing popularity.

The Southeast Alaska Land Trust appreciates your vision and commitment to growing our economy in accord with the natural assets that attract people to this place year after year. You have our whole-hearted support for SB 57.

Sincerely,

Diane Mayer
Executive Director

cc: Representative Beth Kerttula
Representative Andrea Doll



Goldbelt

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February 28, 2007


Senator Kim Elton
State Capitol, Room 506
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator ^{Kim,} Elton:

We support passage of HB 94, the Marine Park Island Bill. While it is true that Goldbelt no longer operates cruise tours in the area of these proposed island parks, we feel that preservation of these islands would allow continued enjoyment by residents and visitors alike. Moreover, we and our partners are considering reinstating the tours in the area, so they remain important parts of our future plans.

I would be happy to discuss our views should you find that helpful.

Sincerely,
Goldbelt, Incorporated


Robert Martin, Jr., PE
Vice President of Operations

Reinwand Family Living Trust

P.O. Box 32291
Juneau, Alaska 99803

March 19, 2007

Senator Kim Elton
Alaska State Senate
Alaska State Legislature
Office 506 – State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Elton:

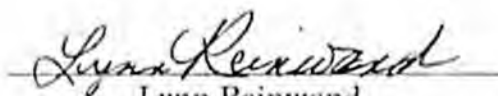
Our family owns 6-acres of private property which is located at Hand Trollers Cove on the northwest end of Shelter Island. We have owned this property since 1994. Our property is formally designated as U.S. Survey 356 and is located within the boundaries of Shelter Island State Marine Park. Our property is one of two parcels of private property located with this park and was formerly a fish trap site.

Our family supports your legislation—S.B. 57—to expand the boundaries of Shelter Island State Marine Park and to add other state-owned islands to the State marine park system.

There are compelling reasons why S.B. 57 should be passed by the Legislature. When Shelter Island State Marine Park was created in 1983, the parcels of land proposed to be added to the park in S.B. 57 (portions of Section 5 and 9 and all of Sections 6 and 8) were owned by the Federal government and were then part of the Tongass National Forest. After the park was created, the State selected these lands and they are now in the ownership of the State. Therefore, it is entirely appropriate that these recently-acquired state lands should be added to the Shelter Island park.

As you know, the waters and land in and around the Shelter Island State Marine Park are heavily used by both Alaskans and tourists. This area is prime whale watching territory and is one of the best fishing locations in Southeast Alaska. It should be incorporated into the existing park's boundaries and we hope the Legislature will act expeditiously to pass S.B. 57.

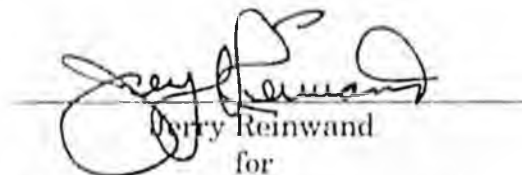
Sincerely,



Lynn Reinwand

for

Reinwand Family Living Trust



Jerry Reinwand

for

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RESOLUTION OF THE TERRITORIAL SPORTSMAN INC.

WHEREAS, the Marine Park Bill, HB 94 protects the rights of people who hunt and trap on Marine Park lands, and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of people in Juneau who own boats to access these Marine Park Lands, and

WHEREAS, these lands are currently being used by people for hunting, trapping camping and picnicking, and

WHEREAS, the Marine Park will be expanded to include additional land on Shelter Island and 14 other islands,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Territorial Sportsmen support the Marine Park bill and urge the legislature to pass it bills and request that Governor Palin sign the legislation.


Drake Peterson, President
Territorial Sportsmen, Inc.

February 23, 2007

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/19/07

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 4/19/07
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 5/7/07

Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 57

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
DNR	4/30	✓			1

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
	Wielechowski	✓			
	Wagner	✓			
	Street	✗			
	McQuive	✓			
	Green	✓			
CHAIR:	Auggins	✓			