

SB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/19/07

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 5/7/07

Resources 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 CS. Forthcoming
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

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| HOUSE BILL: | |
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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| | Wielechowski | ✓ | | | |
| | WARSNER | ✓ | | | |
| | STEVENS | ✓ | | | |
| | McQuinn | ✓ | | | |
| | Green | ✓ | | | |
| CHAIR: | Huggins | ✓ | | | |

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: SB057-DFG-DWC-04-20-07
 Bill Version: SB 57
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):
 Title Marine Parks Additions/Hunting Allowed

Dept. Affected: Fish & Game
 RDU Wildlife Conservation
 Component Wildlife Conservation

Sponsor Senator Kim Elton
 Requester Senate Resources Committee

Component No. 473

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 |
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| Personal Services | | | | | | |
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| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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| 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 (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

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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: Matt Robus, Director
 Division: Wildlife Conservation
 Approved by: Denby Lloyd, Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Fish and Game

Phone 465-4191
 Date/Time 4/20/07 1:00 PM
 Date 4/20/2007

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STATE OF ALASKA
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 Bill Version: SB 57
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title MARINE PARKS ADDITIONS/HUNTING ALLCWED
 Sponsor Senator Elton
 Requester Senate Resources Committee

Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
 RDU Parks and Recreation Management
 Component Parks Management
 Component No. 452

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 |
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| Personal Services | 11.5 | 11.5 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 14.5 |
| Travel | | | | | | |
| Contractual | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Supplies | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Equipment | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 14.8 | 14.8 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 |

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| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The costs associated with management of this new state marine park include funding for increased seasonal staffing to keep the area's camping beaches clean and safe; contractual funds for chartering boats to service the site; and miscellaneous supplies. A public use cabin is planned for this new site in FY09, therefore funding to maintain and service this cabin are included in the long term maintenance plan.

Prepared by: Chris Degames
 Division: Parks and Outdoor Recreation
 Approved by: Tom Irwin, Commissioner
 Agency: Natural Resources

Phone (907) 269-8702
 Date/Time 4/24/2007
 Date 4/24/2007

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STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
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 Sponsor Senator Elton
 Requester Senate Resources Committee

Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
 RDU Parks and Recreation Management
 Component Parks Management
 Component No. 452

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
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Prepared by: Chris Degames, Acting Director
 Division: Parks and Outdoor Recreation
 Approved by: Tom Irvan, Commissioner
 Agency: Natural Resources

Phone (907) 269-8702
 Date/Time 4/30/2007
 Date 4/30/2007

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57()**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY****Offered:****Referred:****Sponsor(s): SENATOR ELTON****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to fishing, hunting, and trapping in marine park units of the Alaska**
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4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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8 finds that

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10 maintaining fish and wildlife resources and lawful existing uses of these resources and by
11 protecting their natural, cultural, and scenic values;

12 (2) by combining upland with the surrounding water, tideland, and submerged
13 land into a marine park, the state is able to ensure public anchorages and recreational beaches
14 will be managed as one unit with consistent development and regulations; and

1 (3) Lynn Canal is an important area for fishing and the designation of island
2 uplands, submerged land, and tideland in that area as a marine park should not infringe the
3 fishing activities in the area.

4 (b) It is the purpose of secs. 4 and 5 of this Act to expand the marine park system in
5 Lynn Canal within the City and Borough of Juneau by the inclusion of the islands selected
6 under the Alaska Statehood Act from the Tongass National Forest for the purpose of
7 community recreation that have been tentatively approved or patented to the state.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 41.21.302(b) is amended to read:

9 (b) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the management of
10 fish and game resources on the state land and water described in AS 41.21.304
11 consistent with the purposes of AS 41.21.300 - 41.21.306. The Department of Fish and
12 Game shall give written notice to and consult with the department before adoption of
13 regulations governing fish and game management in a marine park unit of the Alaska
14 state park system. The Department of Fish and Game may not prohibit or restrict
15 fishing, hunting, or trapping in an area based solely on the fact that the area is
16 designated as a marine park.

17 * Sec. 3. AS 41.21.302(d) is amended to read:

18 (d) The commissioner may not prohibit fishing, hunting, or trapping within
19 a marine park unit of the Alaska state park system. The commissioner may not
20 restrict the exercise of fishing, hunting, or trapping rights permitted under law or under
21 a regulation of the Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game within a marine park unit
22 of the Alaska state park system.

23 * Sec. 4. AS 41.21.304(11) is amended to read:

24 (11) Shelter Island: the following described parcels excluding
25 submerged land seaward of the 10 fathom bathymetric line:

26 Township 39 South, Range 64 East, Copper River Meridian

27 Section 29: All

28 Section 31: All

29 Section 32: All

30 Section 33: All

31 Township 40 South, Range 64 East, Copper River Meridian

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Section 5: NW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4, S1/2

Section 6

Section 8

Section 9: W1/2:

* Sec. 5. AS 41.21.304 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(34) Juneau Area Islands: Aaron, Battleship, Benjamin, Bird, Coghlan, Cohen, Gull, Indian, Lincoln, Little, North, Portland, Ralston, and Suedla Islands: the following described parcels excluding submerged land seaward of the 10 fathom bathymetric line:

Township 38 South, Range 63 East, Copper River Meridian

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Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

Section 32: E1/2

Section 33: SW1/4

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Section 18: SW1/4

Section 19

Section 20: W1/2SW1/4

Section 29: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 30: N1/2

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Section 16: E1/2

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- 5 Section 16
- 6 Section 17: NE1/4
- 7 Section 18: S1/2
- 8 Section 19
- 9 Section 20: SW1/4
- 10 Section 30: except for USS 354
- 11 Section 34: S1/2
- 12 Township 40 South, Range 64 East, Copper River Meridian
- 13 Section 1: W1/2NW1/4
- 14 Section 3: NE1/4
- 15 Section 4
- 16 Section 5
- 17 Section 9
- 18 Section 10
- 19 Section 15
- 20 Section 16
- 21 Section 17: NE1/4
- 22 Section 36: SE1/4SE1/4
- 23 Township 40 South, Range 65 East, Copper River Meridian
- 24 Section 28: SW1/4
- 25 Section 31: SW1/4SW1/4
- 26 Section 32: E1/2
- 27 Section 33: W1/2
- 28 Section 34: W1/2E1/2, W1/2
- 29 Township 41 South, Range 65 East, Copper River Meridian
- 30 Section 1: NE1/4
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Section 6: NW1/4.

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Senate Resources Committee

Butrovich – Room 205

Friday, April 27, 2007
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- **HB 186 -- SPORT FISHING GUIDE RECORDS**
- **SJR 4 – NATURAL GAS FOR STATE RESIDENTS**
- **SB 80 – OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX: EXPENDITURES**
- **SB 57 – MARINE PARKS ADDITION/HUNTING ALLOWED**

May 7, 2007

~~May 3, 2007~~

Senate Resources Bill Packet

see "work draft" version K

Enclosures: Fiscal Notes in inside packet

- 1. CS for SB 57 Channel Islands Marine Park5 pages
- 2. SB 57 - Channel Islands Marine Park Sponsor Statement1 page
- 3. SB 574 pages
- 4. SB 57 Sectional Analysis1 page
- 5. Marine Park Map1 page
- 6. Letters and Resolutions of Support13 pages

1. CS reflects changes discussed at last meeting.

2. CS must be adopted first

3. Ask Senator Elton to speak to CS changes

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57(RES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR ELTON

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**CS for SB 57
as of Monday, May 7, 2007**

Section 2: In previous version of this bill, Section 2 read:

"AS 41.21.302(b) is amended to read:

(b) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for management of fish and game resources.....The Department of Fish and Game may not prohibit or restrict hunting, fishing or trapping in an area based solely upon the fact that the area is designated as a marine park."

This section has been completely removed because it is redundant; there is already a statutory restriction on prohibition of hunting, fishing or trapping by the Department of Fish and Game and therefore does not need to be mentioned in the bill.



SENATOR KIM ELTON

SB 57 – Channel Islands Marine Park

Sponsor Statement

SB 57 will effectively add fourteen islands, adjacent to Juneau, to the state's marine parks system. The islands range from Lincoln Island north of Juneau to Portland Island at the southern-most boundary, including Shelter, Aaron, North, Benjamin, Hump, Bird, Gull, Indian, Battleship, Cohen, Little, Ralston, and Sentinel Islands; these islands are frequented by locals and southeast Alaskan residents who utilize the islands for deer hunting, fishing, gathering of subsistence foods, and recreational activities such as picnicking and camping. Local commercial fishermen who depend upon these vibrant fishing grounds also frequent this area, and their continued access is important.

By adding these local treasures to the Alaska Marine Park System, the state will make possible the opportunity for local outdoor groups to partner with the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to build amenities and make improvements for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. Recreation and hunting groups, at minimal cost to the state, can build cabins, outhouses, picnic areas and shelters, and boat ramps for the public to enjoy and utilize throughout the year.

Access to recreational areas is an important part of southeast Alaska's economy. Recreational use guides, boat charter and rental companies, and purveyors of outdoor clothing, equipment and accessories all benefit financially from expansion of the Marine Park system, as do the Alaskans who will be able to enjoy increased access to hunting, fishing and recreational activities.

SB 57 was developed in consultation with the Division of Parks, the Juneau Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, the Juneau State Parks Advisory Committee and local tourism companies. SB 57 excludes private landholdings from addition to the Marine Parks system.

SENATE BILL NO. 57

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR ELTON

Introduced: 1/19/07

Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. (a) The legislature
8 finds that

9 (1) marine parks promote and support recreation and tourism in the state by
10 maintaining fish and wildlife resources and lawful existing uses of these resources and by
11 protecting their natural, cultural, and scenic values; and

12 (2) by combining upland with the surrounding water, tideland, and submerged
13 land into a marine park, the state is able to ensure public anchorages and recreational beaches
14 will be managed as one unit with consistent development and regulations.

1 (b) It is the purpose of secs. 3 and 4 of this Act to expand the marine park system in
 2 Lynn Canal within the City and Borough of Juneau by the inclusion of the islands selected
 3 under the Alaska Statehood Act from the Tongass National Forest for the purpose of
 4 community recreation that have been tentatively approved or patented to the state.

5 * Sec. 2. AS 41.21.302(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) The commissioner may not prohibit hunting within a marine park unit
 7 of the Alaska state park system. The commissioner may not restrict the exercise of
 8 fishing, hunting, or trapping rights permitted under law or under a regulation of the
 9 Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game within a marine park unit of the Alaska state
 10 park system.

11 * Sec. 3. AS 41.21.304(11) is amended to read:

12 (11) Shelter Island: the following described parcels excluding
 13 submerged land seaward of the 20 fathom bathymetric line:

14 Township 39 South, Range 64 East, Copper River Meridian

15 Section 29: All

16 Section 31: All

17 Section 32: All

18 Section 33: All

19 Township 40 South, Range 64 East, Copper River Meridian

20 Section 5: NW1/4NE1/4. S1/2NE1/4. NW1/4. S1/2

21 Section 6

22 Section 8

23 Section 9: W1/2;

24 * Sec. 4. AS 41.21.304 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

25 (34) Juneau Area Islands: Aaron, Battleship, Benjamin, Bird, Coghlan,
 26 Cohen, Gull, Indian, Lincoln, Little, North, Portland, Ralston, and Suedla Islands: the
 27 following described parcels excluding submerged land seaward of the 20 fathom
 28 bathymetric line:

29 Township 38 South, Range 63 East, Copper River Meridian

30 Section 13

31 Section 24: E1/2NE1/4

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Sectional Analysis for SB 57 Channel Islands Marine Parks

Sec. 1 of the bill lays out legislative findings describing the purpose and benefits of marine parks. It ensures consistent Fish and Game management of uplands, tidelands, and submerged parklands for public use.

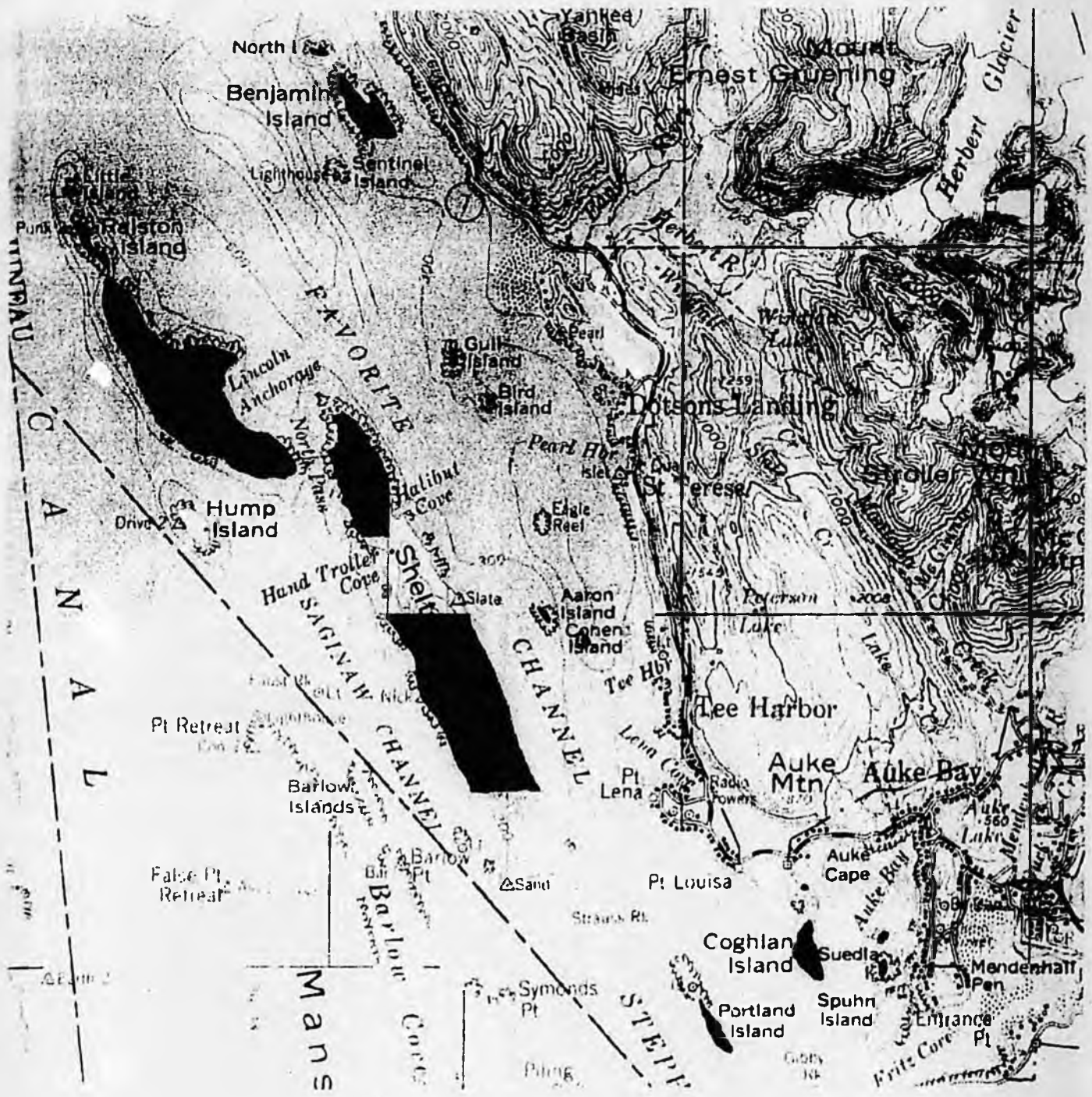
Sec. 2 prevents the Department of Natural Resources from prohibiting fishing, hunting or trapping in any marine park unit anywhere in the state.

Sec. 3 adds the portions of Shelter Island not already in private ownership to the marine park. A small piece of Shelter Island is currently in marine park status. The portions of the island already in private property are not included.

Sec. 4 adds thirteen islands or portions of islands to the marine parks in this area. The names of the islands are listed in the section. A small private parcel is identified for exclusion.

Copied from
US Geological Survey map
Juneau, Alaska

Marine Park



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March 8, 2007

The Honorable Charlie Huggins, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, Alaska 998901-1182

RE: Channel Island Marine Park

Dear Senator Huggins:

I write on behalf of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly in support of SB 57 and its companion bill, HB 94, which would add several islands in Lynn Canal to the Alaska Marine Park system.

By resolution, the assembly has consistently supported previous legislation to achieve this goal. This is because the islands are popular recreational sites for the owners of nearly 5,000 boats registered in the Juneau area.

Enactment of this legislation will promote public-private partnerships for the development of recreational infrastructure and will expand the recreational opportunities available to residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely Yours,



Bruce Botelho
Mayor



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Photo by A. W. Hanger

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 that reads "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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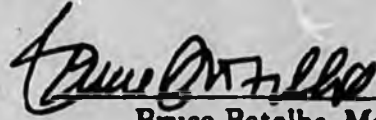
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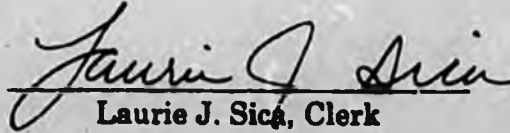
Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 13th day of March, 2006.



Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk



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March 8, 2007

The Honorable Carl Gatto, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 108
Juneau, Alaska 998901-1182

The Honorable Craig Johnson, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 126
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February 28, 2007

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

Dear ~~Senator Elton:~~ ^{Kim,}

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

From: Marvin Walter
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 8:10 AM
To: Sen. Kim Elton
Cc: Marvin Walter

Subject: House Bill 94 and Senate Bill 57

Dear Senator and Representative:

I've lived in the Juneau area the past 27 years, and during that time I've observed a great deal of development take place. Development and change to the Juneau landscape is happening at an ever-increasing rate.

The developers are planning their next adventures in an effort to make a profit. This same process has happened all over the United States and elsewhere. The beauty of the Juneau area has been discovered.

It is time to support House Bill 94 and Senate Bill 57. I support these two bills, because I want the beauty of Aaron, Battleship, Bird, Coughlan, Cohen, Indian, Lincoln, Little, North, Portland, Ralston and Suedla Islands to remain the same wonderful Islands they now are.

I've watched what happened to South Shelter, Spuhn, Horse and Colt, and soon Portland Islands. Over time these Islands will experience ever-increased development at the expense of the beauty to this area.

One of the greatest aspects of the Juneau area is the opportunity to set foot on land on any of the Islands in this area. That is not the case in many areas in other states. The land is owned and protected from trespassing on private property. The trees are cut, buildings are built, and the land is landscaped for private enjoyment.

I support the Juneau 2nd crossing by Sunny Pt, and future development on Douglas Island. The road past Outer Point on Douglas Island should be built to support carefully planned development of recreational space and future homes.

Please leave our Islands for all to enjoy. Leave the beauty for generations to come. Please support Senate Bill 57 and House Bill 94.

Sincerely,

Marvin Walter
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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



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RESOLUTION OF THE TERRITORIAL SPORTSMAN INC.

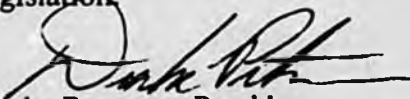
WHEREAS, the Marine Park Bill, HB 94 protects the rights of people who hunt and trap on Marine Park lands, and

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



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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

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
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Dear Senator Elton:

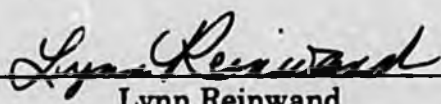
Our family owns 6-acres of private property which is located at Hand Trollers Cove on the northwest end of Shelter Island. We have owned this property since 1994. Our property is formally designated as U.S. Survey 356 and is located within the boundaries of Shelter Island State Marine Park. Our property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

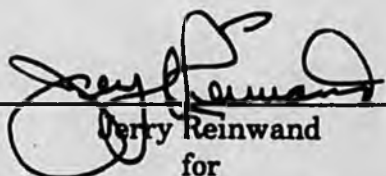
Our family supports your legislation—S.B. 57—to expand the boundaries of Shelter Island State Marine Park and to add other state-owned islands to the State marine park system.

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
Reinwand Family Living Trust

Juneau State Parks Advisory Board

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March 14, 2007

Senator Charlie Huggins

Please schedule a hearing for SB 57, "An act relating to hunting in marine park units of the Alaska state park system, amending the are within designated marine park units of the Alaska state park system, and adding marine park units to the Alaska State park system." The bill is short and should not take up too much time.

SB 57 has received endorsed support from the following:

The City and Borough of Juneau Assembly
The Territorial Sportsmen
Goldbelt native corporation
Anytime Charters
Juneau State Parks Advisory Board
Southeast Alaska Land Trust
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council

As you can see by the endorsements, the bill is being supported by a wide range of users. I use Lincoln Island for deer hunting and camping. I also use Benjamin Island to kayak to so I can watch the sea lions that haul out there. Goldbelt takes tourists to Benjamin to see the sea lions and to North Pass (between Shelter and Lincoln Islands) for whale watching. The islands have both commercial value and recreational value.

I have attached copies of the letters of support that have been received by the three Juneau legislators. Please schedule a hearing for this bill.

Thank you.



Gary Miller

Juneau State Parks Advisory Board

Cc: Senator Kim Elton



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SB 57

"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."

I am a member of the Juneau State Parks Advisory Board. We asked our legislators in Juneau to introduce this legislation. The islands included in Senate Bill 57 are currently used for hunting, trapping, camping, picnicking, kayaking and fishing. Goldbelt has used the areas around these islands to take tourists whale watching and to see the sea lions on Benjamin Island. We want to see all these activities continue and be protected by adding these islands to the marine park. These islands are valuable areas for both recreational and commercial activities. We want a guarantee that these activities will be allowed to continue. The language in SB 57 will do this.

At one time Shelter Island was owned entirely by the State of Alaska. Now there are 152 private lots. The Division of Mining, Land and Water, which currently manages the land, divided part of the island up and sold it. I would be trespassing if I hunted, camped or picnicked on these lands.

I am a deer hunter. I have hunted deer on Lincoln Island for many years. Both Lincoln Island and Shelter Island have good deer hunting that offer those of us with small skiffs the opportunity to hunt away from the mainland. These islands also offer two other advantages. On the mainland I am only allowed to shoot bucks and then I can only shoot two. On Lincoln and Shelter I can harvest 4 deer of either sex. Both islands are also safer to hunt than islands such as Admiralty because bears seldom use the islands.

I am also a fisherman. I anchor up in the North Pass, the area between Shelter Island and Lincoln Island, and I fish there for halibut. I like looking at the beaches and trees on the islands. I prefer to look at them rather than houses. The tourists who go whale watching in the North Pass also prefer seeing wilderness rather than houses. Whale watching brings many thousands of dollars to our community without impacting the area. This is one of the rare instances where both recreational interests and commercial interests overlap without negatively affecting the other.

These islands are easily accessible. According to the State of Alaska, Division of Motor Vehicles, there were 4,526 recreational boats in the Juneau Area in 2006 (www.state.ak.us/local/akpages/ADMIN/dmv/research/boat06.htm). This figure does not include kayaks and canoes since they are not registered. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has 90

commercial boats registered in the Juneau area (www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/geninfo/permits/intent/2005ito-v11.pdf). The steep mountains and the water of the Juneau area restrict available space for land recreation. As Juneau's population grows the demand for recreational areas will also grow.

According to the US Census Bureau the population of the Juneau area has grown by over 11,000 between 1980 and 2000. The logical place to expand availability to the public is through the marine park. SB 57 will add 12.1 square miles of land and 11.5 square miles of water to the marine park. If the land were placed into a square it would be 3.5 miles on each side.

SB 57 has received written support from the following:

**Alaska Outdoor Council
The Territorial Sportsmen
Goldbelt native corporation
The City and Borough of Juneau Assembly
Anytime Charters
Juneau State Parks Advisory Board
Southeast Alaska Land Trust
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council**

There is a reason the title of the bill includes "...hunting in marine park units of the Alaska state park system...". The Juneau State Parks Advisory Board wants the marine park kept open to hunting, trapping, camping, picnicking and other outdoor recreation. We want tourists to continue whale watching in a pristine wilderness. Please vote "yes" on SB 57.

Thank you.

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Marine Park

In Square Acres

In Square Miles

Land Water Total

Land Water Total

Island

| | Land | Water | Total |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Battleship | 5 | 80 | 85 |
| Bird | 5 | 20 | 25 |
| Cohen | 5 | 20 | 25 |
| Indian | 5 | 80 | 85 |
| Aaron | 20 | 80 | 100 |
| North | 20 | 80 | 100 |
| Gull | 25 | 100 | 125 |
| Suedia | 25 | 120 | 145 |
| Ralston | 80 | 180 | 240 |
| Portland | 80 | 400 | 480 |
| Coghlan | 180 | 200 | 380 |
| Benjamin | 352 | 300 | 652 |
| Lincoln | 2555 | 800 | 3355 |
| Subtotal | 3367 | 2420 | 5787 |

| | Land | Water | Total |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 0.008 | 0.125 | 0.133 |
| | 0.008 | 0.031 | 0.039 |
| | 0.008 | 0.031 | 0.039 |
| | 0.008 | 0.094 | 0.102 |
| | 0.031 | 0.125 | 0.156 |
| | 0.031 | 0.125 | 0.156 |
| | 0.039 | 0.156 | 0.195 |
| | 0.039 | 0.188 | 0.227 |
| | 0.125 | 0.250 | 0.375 |
| | 0.141 | 0.625 | 0.766 |
| | 0.281 | 0.313 | 0.594 |
| | 0.550 | 0.469 | 1.019 |
| | 3.992 | 1.250 | 5.242 |
| Subtotal | 5.281 | 3.781 | 9.042 |

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| Shelter (Current) | 851 | 2342 | 3193 |
| Shelter (Addition) | 3497 | 2800 | 6097 |
| Subtotal | 4348 | 4942 | 9290 |

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| | 1.330 | 3.659 | 4.989 |
| | 5.484 | 4.083 | 9.527 |
| Subtotal | 6.794 | 7.722 | 14.516 |

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|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Grand Total Addition | 7715 | 7362 | 10729 |
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| Grand Total Addition | 12.055 | 11.503 | 23.558 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|

Acres per square mile 640

The additional land, if in a square, would be 3.47 miles on each side.

**SB 57 – ELTON – MARINE PARKS ADDITIONS/HUNTING ALLOWED -
ELTON –**

(HUGGINS TO MOVE RESOURCES CS)

The Senate Resources CS for SB 57 made 3 changes:

- 1) It added a statement to the intent language saying designation of the tidelands, uplands, and submerged lands in the bill should not infringe the fishing activities in the area.

- 2) It added fishing and trapping – along with hunting – to the activities the commissioner of DNR may not restrict in marine parks. This protection extends statewide, not just to the islands added in the bill. (There was a conforming change to the title.)

- 3) It extends the tidelands and submerged lands added in the bill only to the 10-fathom line, rather than 20. 60 feet of water is plenty for boat ramps, mooring buoys, and a comprehensive management plan, and the 10-fathom line is clearly marked on charts.

SB 57

Marine Park Islands

**Aaron
Battleship
Benjamin
Bird
Coghlan
Cohen
Gull**

**Indian
Lincoln
Little
North
Portland
Ralston
Suedla**



Marine Park Islands

SB57

The recreational areas in the Juneau area are heavily used. The steep mountains and the water restrict available space for land recreation. As Juneau's population grows the demand for recreational areas will also grow. The logical place to expand availability to the public is through the marine park. HB94 and SB57 will add 12.1 square miles of land and 11.5 square miles of water to the marine park.

According to the State of Alaska, Division of Motor Vehicles, there are 4,800 boats in the Juneau Area (2005 data).

According to the US Census Bureau:

In 1980 the Juneau population was 19,528.

In 1990 the Juneau population was 26,751, an increase of 7,223 people.

In 2000 the Juneau population was 30,711, an increase of 3,960 people.

There will continue to be an increased demand for recreational areas in the Juneau area. By converting these state island lands into parklands, we can keep them open to the public and manage them for public use.

Most of these islands are currently popular with boaters. Shelter Island is usually listed in the Fish and Game weekly fish reports under 'hot spots' for kings, slivers and halibut. Shelter Island and Lincoln Island, are popular places for deer hunters. Both Shelter and Lincoln have nice beaches for landing a boat, camping and picnicking.

The North Pass between Shelter and Lincoln currently is a valuable commercial area for whale watching boats. Benjamin Island also has a high commercial value for tourism because of the sea lion haul-out area. Tourists enjoy viewing the islands in their natural state.

Kayakers use both Gull and Benjamin islands. They are popular places to kayak to and camp. Both are close to the road system and so offer even the novice an opportunity to visit the islands.

Just north of Benjamin Island is North Island. Benjamin is about half a mile from the mainland off Glacier Highway and North Island is about one mile. Whales swim between the islands and the mainland. People who drive out the road will stop by the cliffs and watch for whales off the two islands.

Coghland Island has nice beaches for camping and picnicking. Suedla is near by it. Both are in sheltered waters that allow canoes, kayaks and small boats access to them.

Ralston Island is a small but beautiful island that is next to Lincoln Island. At low tide it becomes part of Lincoln. Just north of Ralston is Little Island, an island with just a few acres.

Portland has a campground and picnic site with tables and an outhouse. It has three beaches and a rustic trail.

These islands are precious jewels. By adding these islands to the Marine Park they will be kept open to the public for hunting, camping, picnicking and hiking. We ask that you grant the request of the people of Juneau by passing the bill.

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US Geological Survey map
Juneau, Alaska

Marine Park

