

SB

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sponsor Statement

SB 28 - Municipal Land Selections for the Petersburg Borough

Senate Bill 28 will set the total general land entitlement for the Petersburg Borough (Borough) at 14,666 acres. This is an increase of 12,770 acres from its current level of entitlement, and would bring the Borough's land entitlement to a level similar to the other eighteen organized boroughs in the state. SB 28 will address the long-term economic sustainability of a recently formed borough.

When the Borough formed in 2013, it received a general land grant entitlement from the state of 1,896 acres. Of the 1,896 acres, 457.47 acres had already been given to the City of Petersburg. A substantial part of the 457.47 acres is restricted to public, charitable, or recreational use.

After deducting the 457.47 acres that went to the City, the Borough's land entitlement is 1,438.53 acres which is an area roughly 1/3rd the size of the Anchorage International Airport. 1,438.53 acres simply does not provide enough land to support economic development such as rock and sand material sites for roads, airports, waterfront land for tourism development, or residential homes.

The Borough would select the additional 12,770 acres from seven different areas around the Borough. All selections would be made from vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved state lands. No selections would interfere with existing State, University, or Alaska Mental Health Trust lands, including the Southeast State Forest, or private ownership.

The Petersburg Borough recognizes we are in difficult budget times. An increased land base is critical for the Petersburg Borough to become more self-sufficient.

District R

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Ketchikan • Klawock • Klukwan • Kupreanof • Metlakatla • Meyers Chuck • Naukatii • Pelican • Petersburg
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Sectional Analysis

SB 28 - "An Act relating to the general grant land entitlement for the Petersburg Borough; and providing for an effective date."

- SECTION 1** Adds a new paragraph to AS 29.65.010(a) for a general grant land entitlement for Petersburg Borough.
- SECTION 2** Amends AS 29.65.040(c) to state that land may be selected or nominated for the general grant land entitlement created in sec. 1 of this bill any time before October 1, 2018.
- SECTION 3** Adds the Petersburg Borough general grant land entitlement to an exception under AS 29.65.050(c) that allows the director of lands, Department of Natural Resources, to approve a selection that would otherwise be disapproved if the director determines that the public interest can be adequately protected by issuing a patent that is subject to stipulations, conditions, or covenants, and the municipality agrees to them.
- SECTION 4** Provides for an immediate effective date.

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/20/17

FURTHER:

Rules

DATE TURNED

IN TO OFFICE:

2/8/17

Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 28

SB 28-MUNICIPAL LAND SELECTIONS: PETERSBURG

"An Act relating to the general grant land entitlement for the Petersburg Borough; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS _____ (_____) Same Title New Title
- adopt previous CS _____ (_____) Same Title New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
EED	MVA
DEC	DNR
DFG	DPS
GOV	REV
DHS	DOT
AJS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
CED			✓	1
DNR			✓	2

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Beta Gardner</i>	Gardner	X			
<i>Anna Mackinnon</i>	Mackinnon			✓	
<i>Bert Steeman</i>	Steeman	✓			
CHAIR: <i>Cheri Bishop</i>	Bishop	X			

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 28
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB028-DCCED-DCRA-1-27-17
Title: MUNICIPAL LAND SELECTIONS: PETERSBURG
Sponsor: STEDMAN
Requester: (S) CRA

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Appropriation: Community and Regional Affairs
Allocation: Community and Regional Affairs
OMB Component Number: 2879

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018						
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency: Division of Administrative Services, DCCED	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 28

Analysis

SB 28 allows the Petersburg Borough to select 14,666 acres of land under the general grant land entitlement act before October 1, 2018. It also requires the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to review the selected lands and recommend to the Director of Lands in the Department of Natural Resources whether to approve or deny the selection.

The Division of Community and Regional Affairs does not anticipate fiscal impact from this legislation.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

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Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB028-DNR-MLW-1-30-17
Title: MUNICIPAL LAND SELECTIONS: PETERSBURG
Sponsor: STEDMAN
Requester: (S) CRA

Department: Department of Natural Resources
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
Allocation: Mining, Land & Water
OMB Component Number: 3002

Expenditures/Revenues

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OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

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ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Revised analysis.

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Approved By: <u>Andrew T. Mack, Commissioner</u>	Date: <u>01/30/17</u>
Agency: <u>Department of Natural Resources</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 28

Analysis

Department of Natural Resources does not anticipate any direct fiscal impact to the department to adjudicate selections under the proposed legislation. There will be some travel costs for land inspections under this proposed entitlement but will be absorbed by the department.

The bill proposes to revise AS 29.65.010(a) to provide the Petersburg Borough a significantly expanded municipal entitlement, granting a total of 14,666 acres of general grant land which represents over 95% of all the vacant, unappropriated, unreserved (VUU) state owned lands within the Petersburg Borough. With the exception of the City and Boroughs of Haines (21.3%) and Wrangell (44.2%), every other borough or municipality was allocated either 10% of VUU lands or an amount of VUU land established by law. The bill also provides that the Petersburg Borough must select or nominate for selection the land by a certain date.

Historically, municipal land transfers have not been reported as having a negative fiscal impact or as an appropriation. However, a rough estimate of the monetary value of this expanded land transfer based on indicated value in the area is \$5,375 per acre ($\$5,375 * 14,666 = \$78,829,750$).

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version SB 28
 Fiscal Note Number _____
 () Publish Date _____

Identifier (file name) SB028-DNR-MLW-2-7-17 Dept. Affected Natural Resources
 Title Municipal Land Selections: Petersburg Appropriation Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
 Allocation Mining, Land & Water
 Sponsor Senator Stedman
 Requester Senate Community and Regional Affairs OMB Component Number 3002

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)
 Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY18	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY18 Request	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY18	FY18	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1007	I/A Rcpts (Other)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES		FY18	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
1004	Gen Fund (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
TOTAL CHANGE IN REVENUES		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated **SUPPLEMENTAL (FY17) operating costs** _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated **CAPITAL (FY18) costs** _____ (separate capital appropriation required)
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ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS
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Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)
 Revised initial version.

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 Agency Department of Natural Resources

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 Requester: (S) CRA

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 OMB Component Number: 3002

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Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
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Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

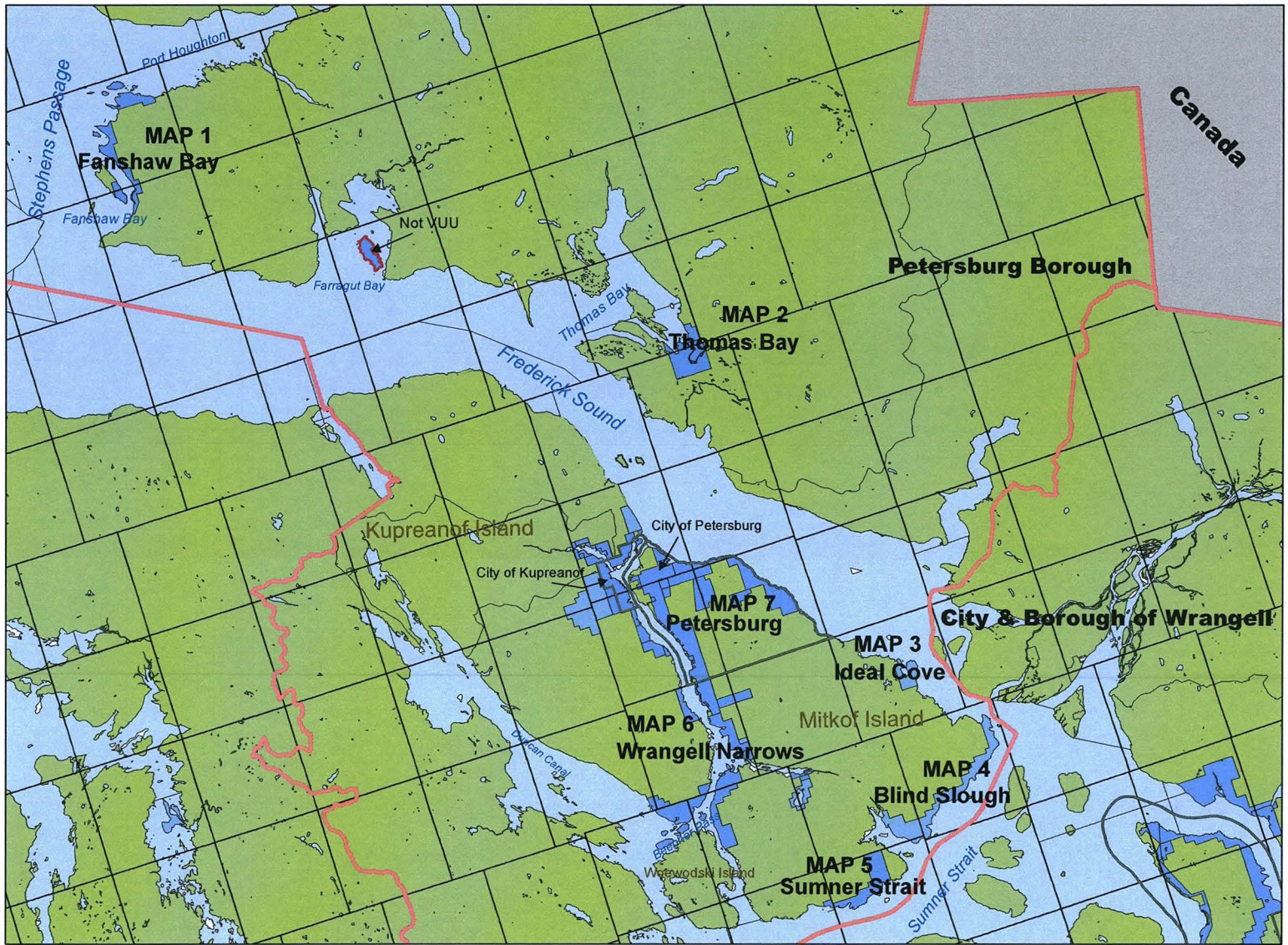
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SB 28
PETERSBURG
BOROUGH
LAND
SELECTIONS



Vicinity Map

Petersburg Borough

ADL 104903
 VUU LAND
 within the
 Borough Boundary

Legend

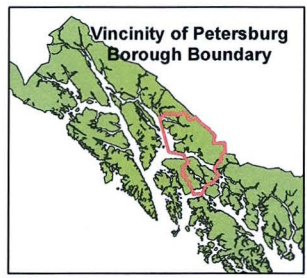
- Borough Boundary
- City Boundaries

State Land

- Patent
- Tentatively Approved

Other Land

- United States Forestry Service

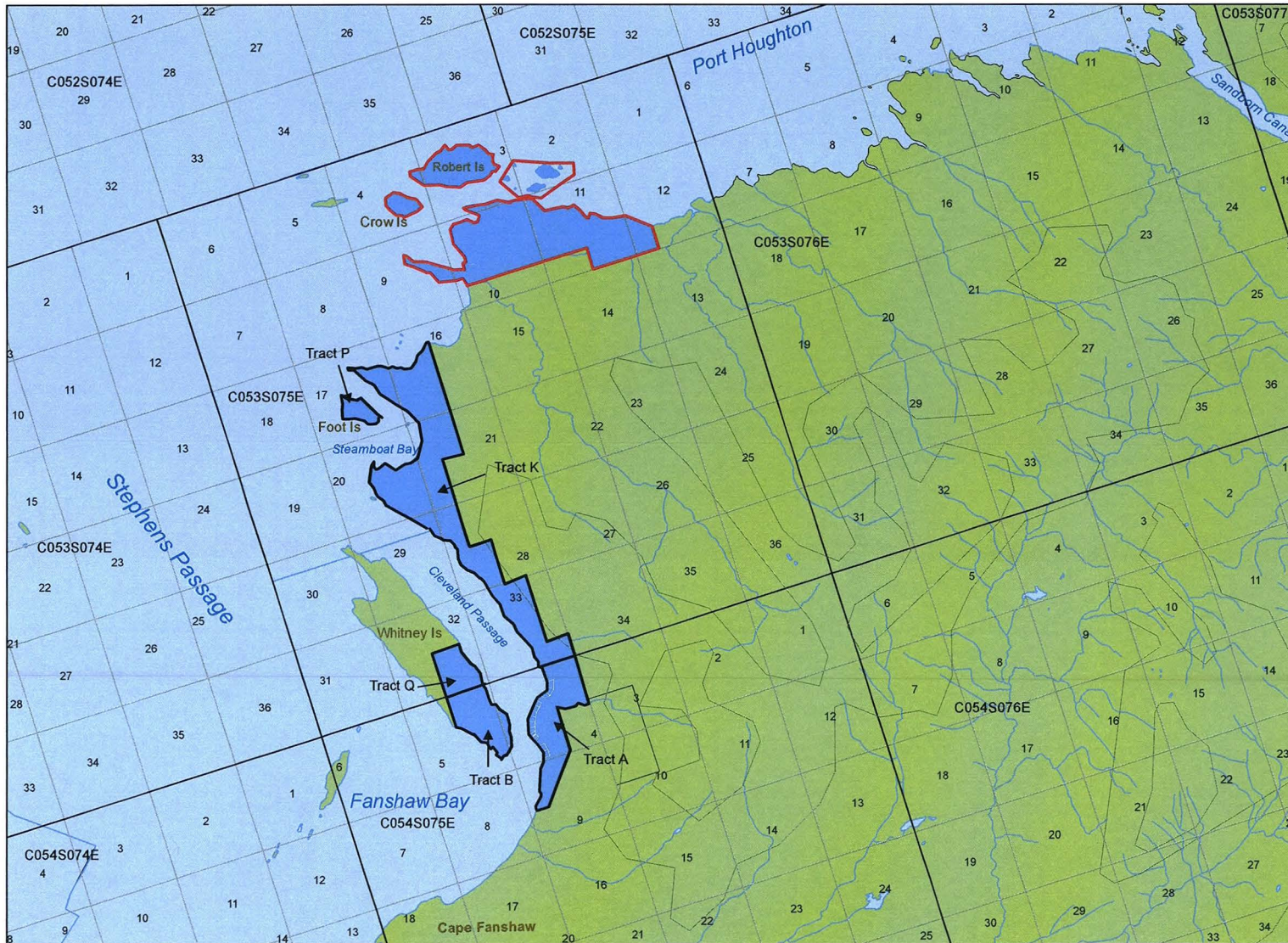


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 Municipal Certification December 3, 2013

Map 1
Petersburg Borough
ADL 104903
VUU LAND
within the
Borough Boundary

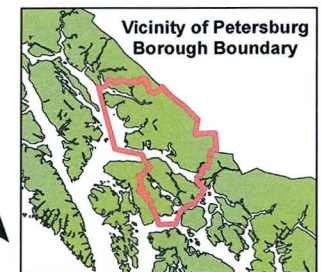
Fanshaw Bay



Legend

- Surveyed Lots
- State Land**
 - Patent
 - VUU Lands
 - Area Plan Boundaries *NOT VUU***
- Other Land**
 - United States Forestry Service

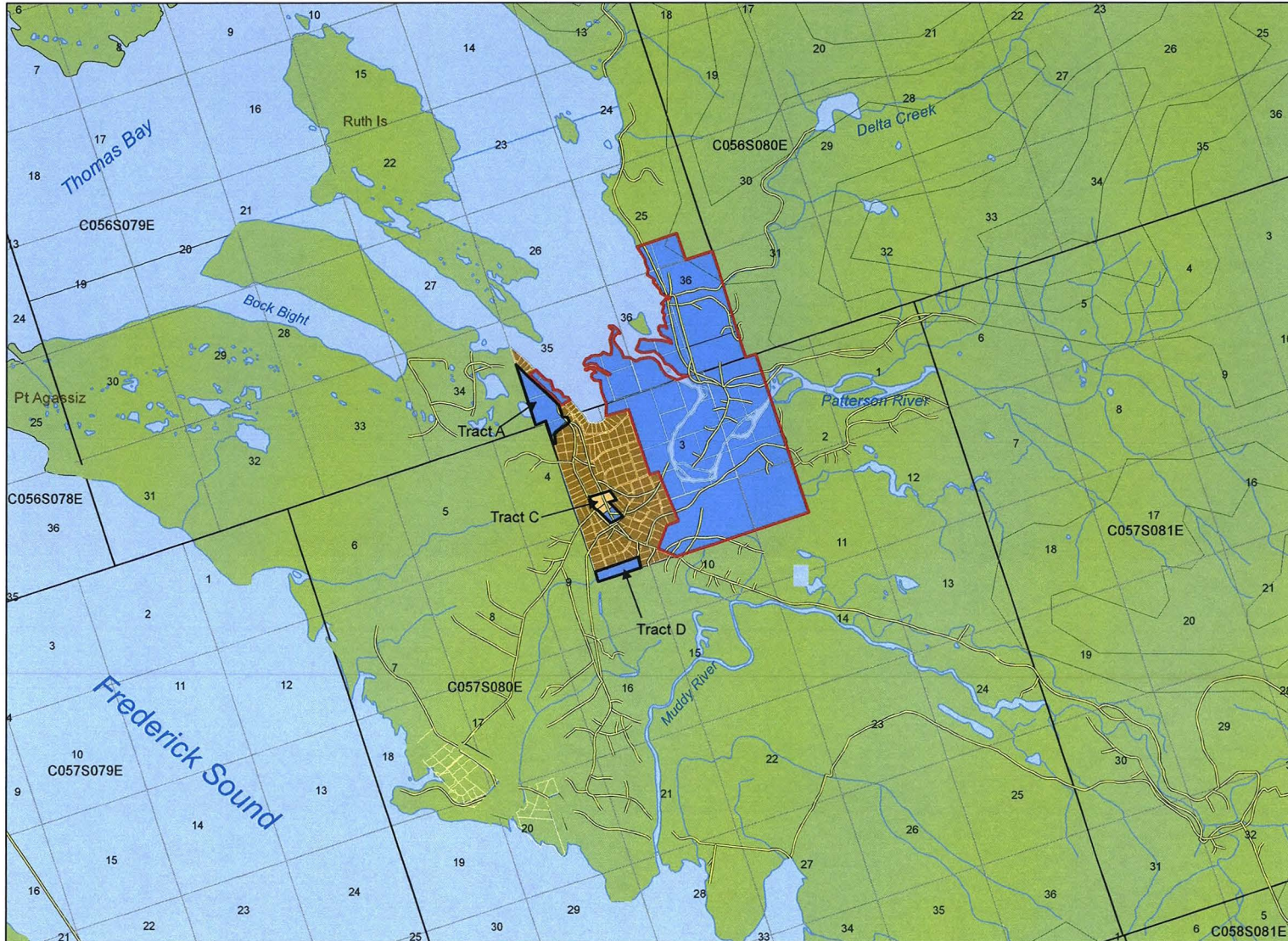
****VUU: Vacant, Unappropriated, Unreserve State Land**



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Map 2
Petersburg Borough
ADL 104903
VUU LAND
within the
Borough Boundary
Thomas Bay



Legend

- Roads
- Surveyed Lots

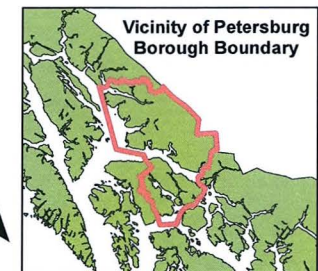
State Land

- Patent
- VUU Lands
- Area Plan Boundaries **NOT VUU****

Other Land

- United States Forestry Service
- Land Disposal
- Resource Sale

****VUU: Vacant, Unappropriated, Unreserve State Land**

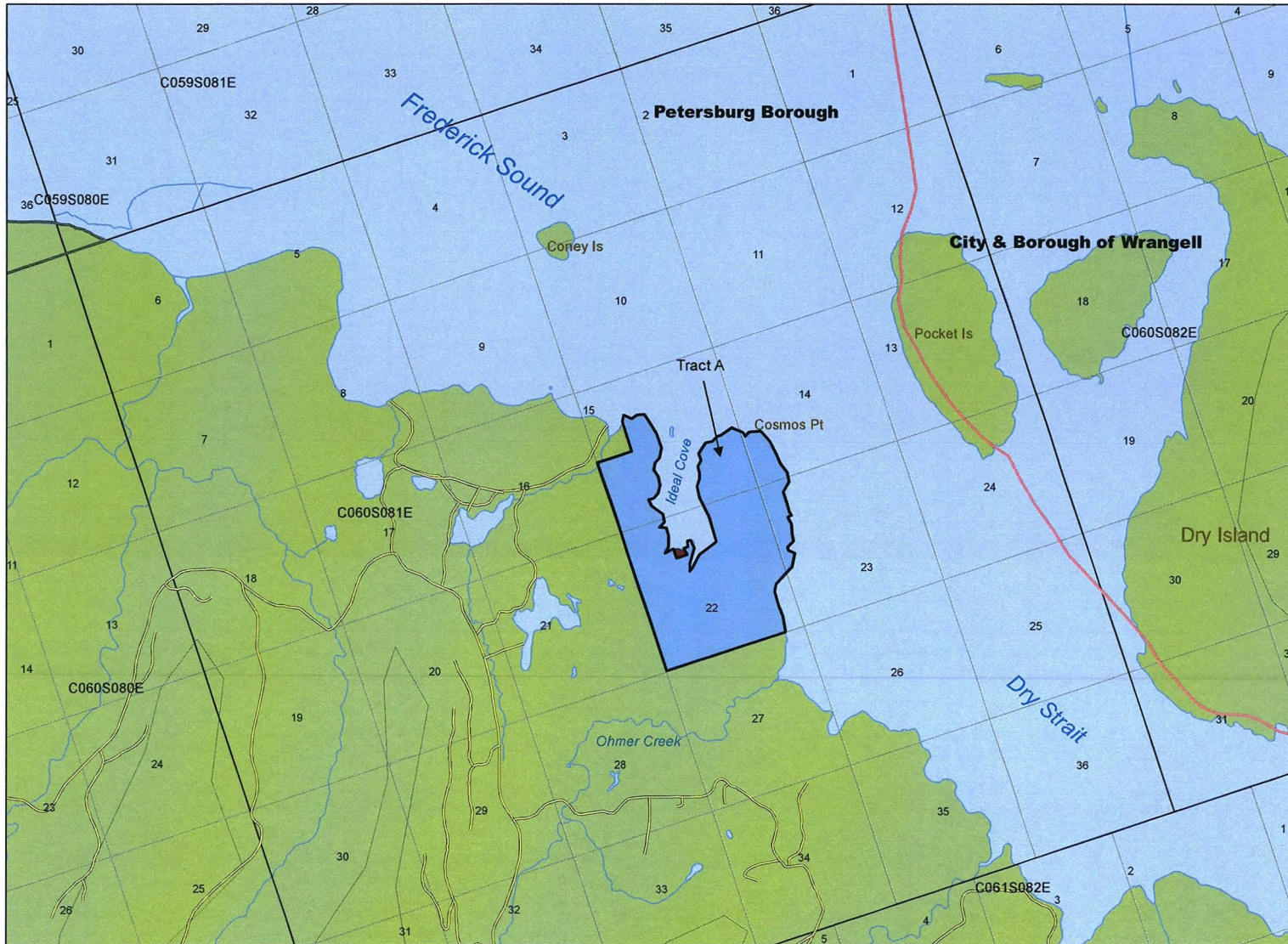


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Map 3
Petersburg Borough
ADL 104903
 VUU LAND
 within the
 Borough Boundary

Ideal Cove



Legend

- Borough Boundary
- Roads

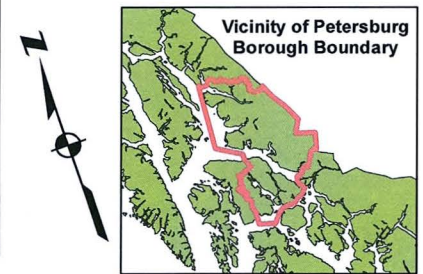
State Land

- Tentatively Approved
- VUU** Lands

Other Land

- United States Forestry Service

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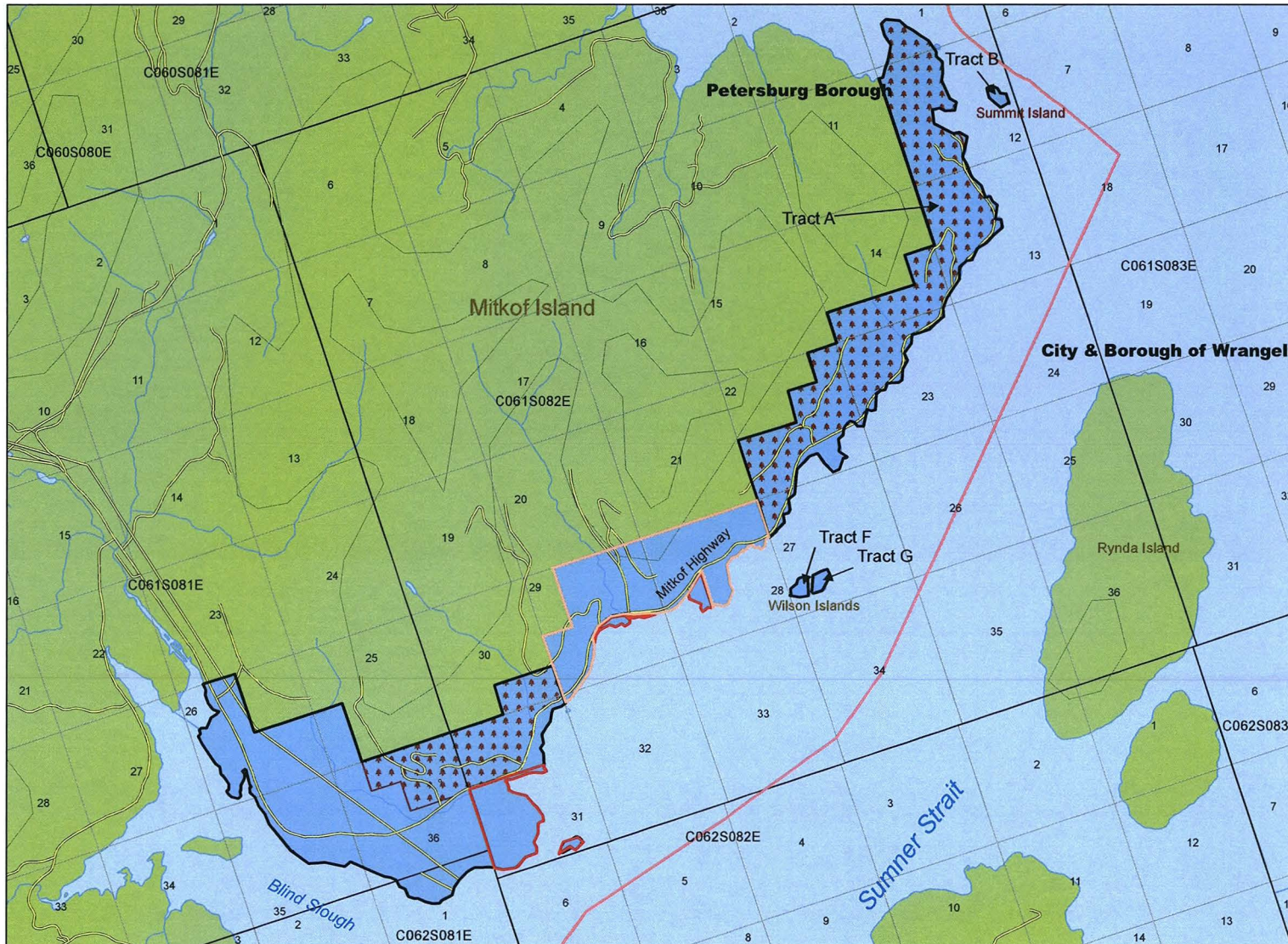


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Map 4
Petersburg Borough
ADL 104903
VUU LAND
within the
Borough Boundary

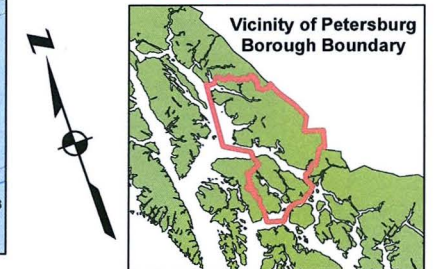
Blind Slough



Legend

- Borough Boundary
- Roads
- State Land**
- Tentatively Approved
- VUU Lands
- Area Plan Boundaries *NOT VUU***
- *** SE State Forest
- University Land *NOT VUU***
- Other Land**
- United States Forestry Service

****VUU: Vacant, Unappropriated, Unreserve State Land**

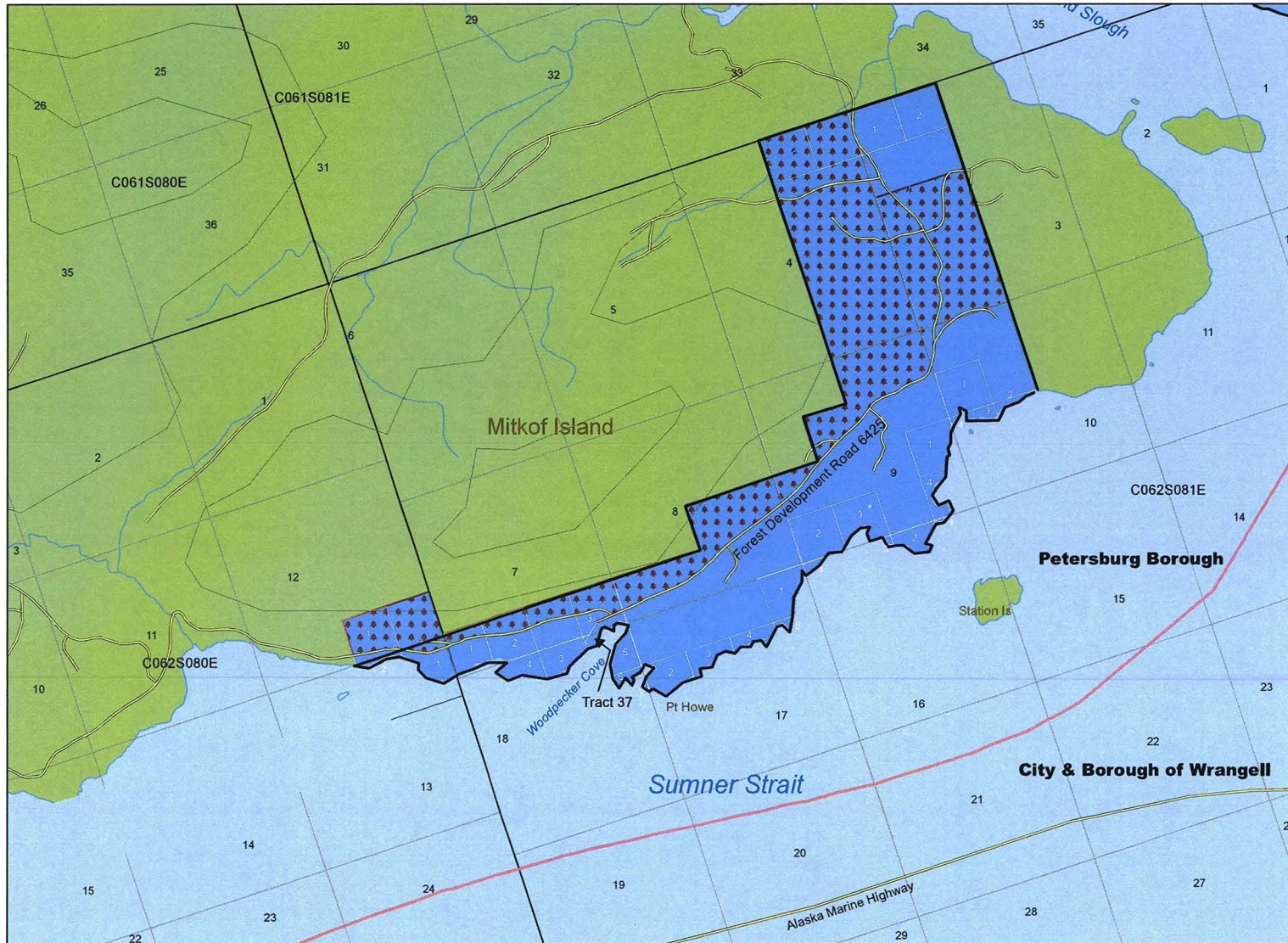


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Map 5
Petersburg Borough
ADL 104903
VUU LAND
within the
Borough Boundary

Sumner Strait



Legend

- Borough Boundary
- Roads
- Surveyed lots

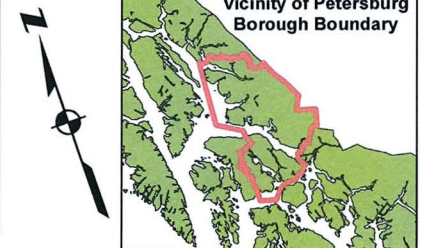
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- VUU Lands
- SE State Forest

Other Land

- United States Forestry Service

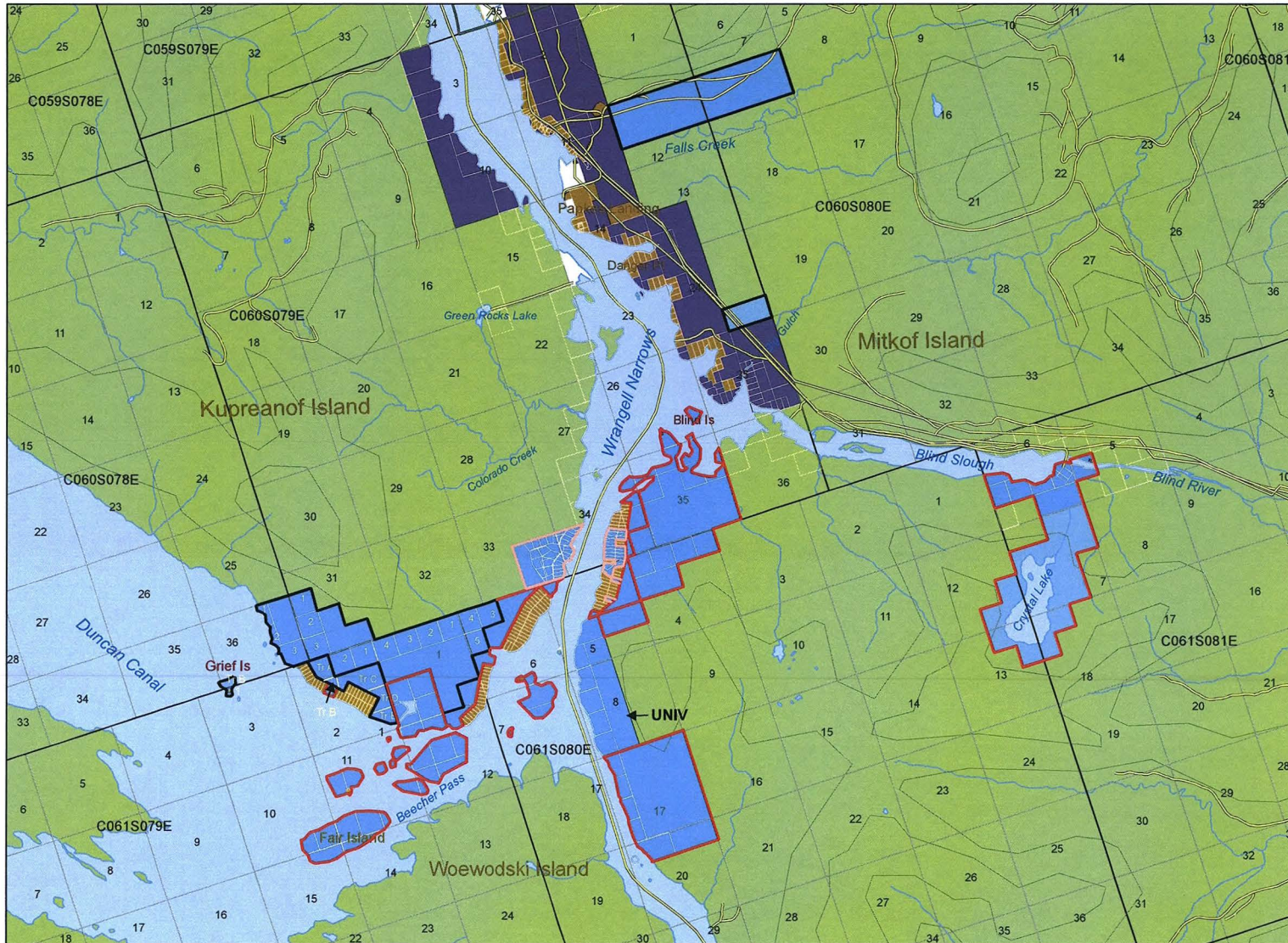
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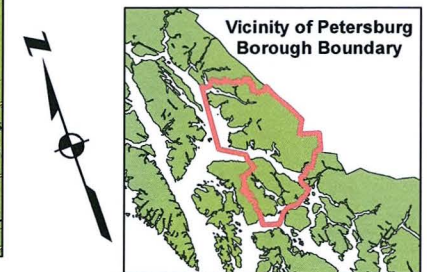
Map 6
Petersburg Borough
ADL 104903
VUU LAND
within the
Borough Boundary
Wrangell Narrows



Legend

- Roads
- Surveyed lots
- State Land**
 - Patent
 - Tentatively Approved
 - VUU Lands
 - Area Plan Boundaries *NOT VUU***
 - University Land *NOT VUU***
- Other Land**
 - United States Forestry Service
 - Land Disposal
 - Mental Health

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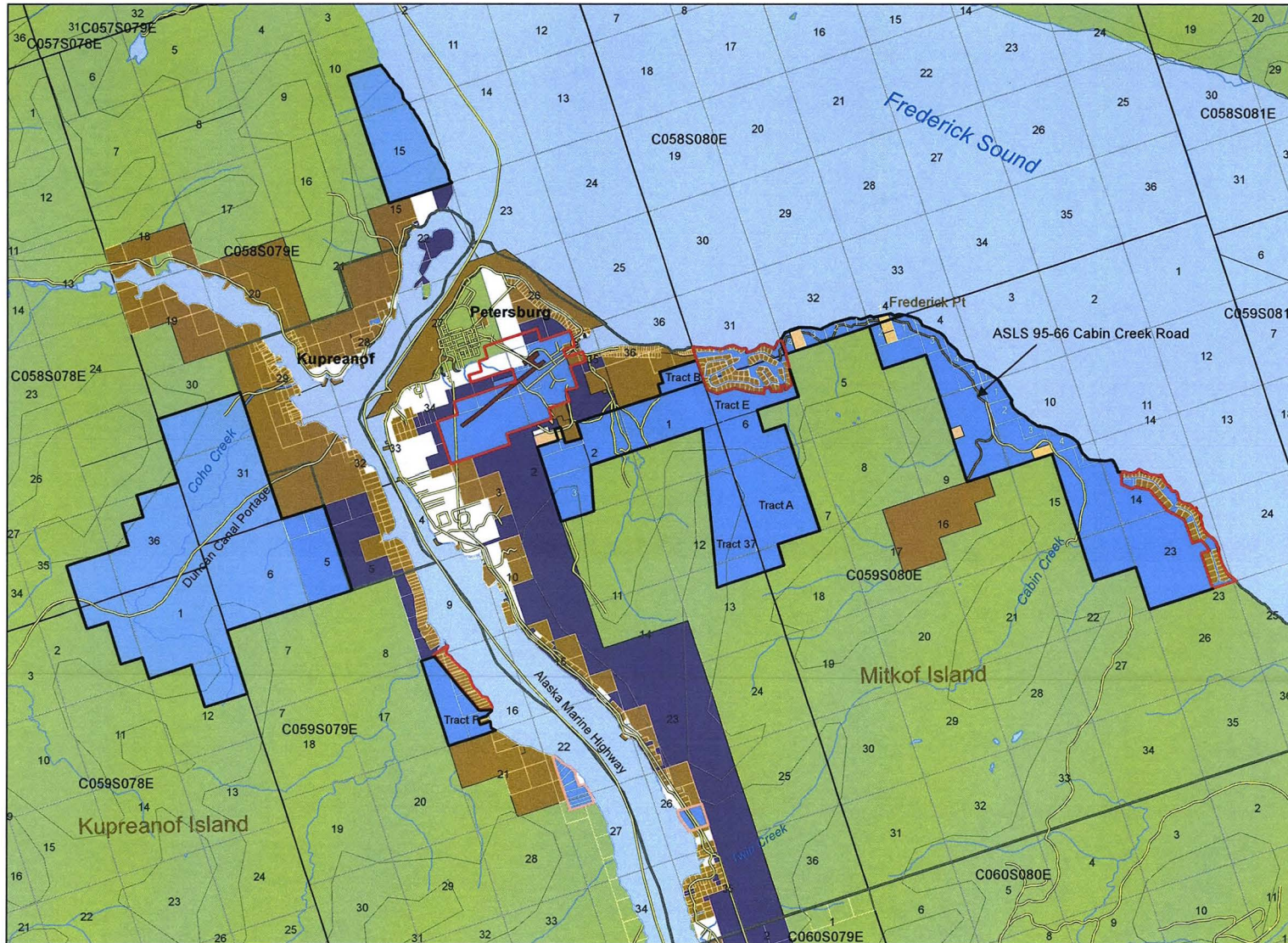
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Map 7

Petersburg Borough

ADL 104903

VUU LAND
within the
Borough Boundary
Petersburg



Legend

- Roads
- City boundaries
- Surveyed lots

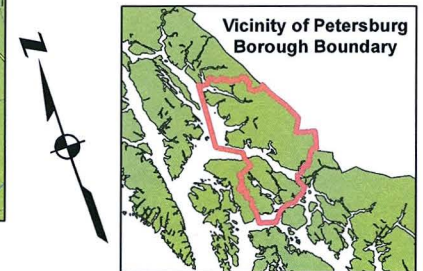
State Land

- Patent
- Tentatively Approved
- VUU Lands
- Area Plan Boundaries
*NOT VUU***
- University Land
*NOT VUU***

Other Land

- United States Forestry Service
- Land Disposal
- Mental Health
- Resource Sale

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February 9, 2016

Honorable Senator Bert Stedman
Honorable Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

We, the Petersburg Borough Assembly, are writing to request introduction of legislation seeking an increase in the general land grant entitlement to the Petersburg Borough.

According to ADNR, there are approximately 18,324 acres of state-owned VUU (vacant, unappropriated, unreserved) land within the Petersburg Borough that qualifies for selection under the Municipal Entitlement program. Of this, the borough land entitlement is 1,374 acres or approximately .07% of the borough's land area.

While the state owned a great deal of land within the borough at one time, most has been re-conveyed to other agencies such as the Alaska Mental Health Trust, the University of Alaska, and Southeast State Forest leaving little for the new borough to select to meet its future planning and economic development goals. Moreover, the majority of these lands were either valuable waterfront property or forested land, leaving primarily inaccessible and undevelopable lands in the borough's entitlement selection pool.

Petersburg would not be setting a precedent by seeking an increased land grant, in fact, quite the opposite. We note 14 of the 18 boroughs in Alaska prior to Petersburg Borough formation obtained general grant land entitlements through the legislative process. On average, Alaska's boroughs have received .79% of their land base in entitlement lands. If Petersburg Borough were to receive the "average", the entitlement would amount to over 14,600 acres (based on current estimate of VUU land within the borough).

The land entitlement program was created expressly for the development needs of the new borough and to address the economic, cultural and resource-based goals of its residents. The borough is seeking the increased land grant to provide for, among other things:

- o a wetlands mitigation bank to meet Army Corps of Engineers compensatory mitigation requirements for future development;
- o new sources of rock/sand for road and development projects;
- o amenity/waterfront land for tourism development or settlement to increase local property and sales tax revenue; and
- o Land suitable for commercial/industrial development.

In the very near future, it will be necessary for municipalities to fund more of their operations and rely less on state and federal monies. An increased land base is a critical component if the Petersburg Borough is to become more self-sufficient.

We appreciate your consideration in helping Petersburg Borough gain local control of land use to guide and promote development activities for the benefit the local economy. Borough Community and Economic Development Director Liz Cabrera is available for any questions you may have. She can be reached at 907-772-4425, ext. 26.

Respectfully,


Mark Jensen, Mayor

cc: Lee Cole, Department of Natural Resources

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Land Ownership within the Petersburg Borough & Average Borough Land Grant

