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Alaska State Legislature

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REPRESENTING DISTRICT 16
BRISTOL BAY - LOWER KUSKOKWIM

CHAIRMAN
RESOURCES COMMITTEE

House of Representatives

January 30, 1976

Ms. Jane Cason
Box 315
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Ms. Cason;

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter written to the editor of the Anchorage Times. Please be assured that I will consider your opposition to HB 626 in my committee.

Very Sincerely,

Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
NAA/ra
cc. Rep. Leo Rhode
Sen. Clem Tillion

Box 315
Homer, Alaska 99603

January 27, 1976

The Editor
Anchorage Times
820 W. 4th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

As a concerned citizen of Homer and of Alaska, I urge you to bring to the attention of your readers the contents of State House Bill Number 616, entitled "An act relating to the establishment of marine sanctuaries; and providing for an effective date."

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January 30, 1976

Jerry Anderson, Chairman
Homer Committee to Promote Utilization of Port of Homer
PO Box 955
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Mr. Anderson;

Thank you for your January 26, 1976 packet regarding Homer's view on development. I appreciate your efforts to keep me informed. I find your goals admirable and I will do what I can to help you achieve those goals.

Very Sincerely,

Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
NAA/ra

dd. Leo Rhode

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RESOURCES COMMITTEE

House of Representatives

February 1, 1976

Edwin W. & Lillian C. Herndon
Box 262
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Edwin and Lillian:

Thank you for your letter of January 28, 1976, regarding your opposition to HB626. You may be assured that your comments will be given consideration when the bill comes up for hearings.

Very Sincerely,

Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
NAA/ra

cc. Rep. Leo Rhode
Sen. Clem Tillion

Edwin W. & Lillian C. Herndon
Box 262
Homer, Alaska 99603

January 28, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Proposed Kachemak Bay State Marine Sanctuary
HB 626

Honorable Sir:

After a very careful study of HB 626 we would like to be on record as very much opposed to the Proposed Kachemak Bay State Marine Sanctuary.

We are not new-comers to Alaska. We have maintained a home in this area for well over 35 years. During those years we have struggled along with others, at times barley existing and eking out a living while awaiting the day of development of this area. We truly believe it possible for marine life and the exploration of gas and oil to be compatible as it has been proven to be so in other areas.

HB 626 could have a very adverse effect on any future sea port expansion within this proposed area. It is our feeling that the residents of Homer are in need of every avenue of commercial expansion available to them. A Marine Sanctuary, in our opinion, would benefit a very small percentage of the local population. It is also our feeling that we do not need another department with the authority to condemn, pay a small fee or simply take privately owned land which we, the people, have sacrificed much to obtain. HB 626 plainly states that the Department of Natural Resources will have that authority.

We strongly feel that far too much of the land that belongs to the people of Alaska is being set aside for parks and et cetera and will very possibly lie dormant for many years to come. It seems that we people have very little, or no opportunity to agree or disagree with our land use.

Again, please make note that we are very much against HB 626.

Sincerely,

Lillian C. Herndon
Edwin W. Herndon
Edwin W. & Lillian C. Herndon

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cc: Senator Clem Tillion
Representatives' Leo Rhode & Hugh Malone

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DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT AND LASTING EFFECTS ON THE HOMER
AND SELDOVIA ECONOMIES THE HOMER CHAMBER REQUESTS THAT
PPUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD IN HOMER AND SELDOVIA PRIOR TO
ADOPTIONS OF HB626 OR MODIFIED VERSION
ANGELO HILLAS HOMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Honorable Nels Anderson

Chairman Natural Resources Homer, Alaska
Committee, House of
Representatives

Francis Meil

Box 1091

Dear Sir,

after reading over House Bill 626 I
find it hard to believe why some one
would set Homer down the drain
with a Bill like this one.

I think the thing that upsets me and
others in Homer the most about
it is the freedom that would be
taken away by a Bill that would
remove the right to vote and choose
the way we want to live and
work - and put it in the hands of
a commissioner that makes up
the law as he goes along.

this would be like a King ruling
over the land. I would rather
have the Oil Co's have their turn it
over to the State, a commissioner or
a King to turn.

I would like to know where the State is going to come up with the money to do all this, pay off the oil co's for their leases, pay for all the unemployment, and pay for all the new parks and the land the State would steal from us?

The State Gov. can't even come up with the money to man the oil new fire Sta at the Homer air port
after reading House Bill 626, I would vote for the Oil Co's

I would rather have the oil than have Big Brother or a King telling us how to run our lives

James Neil
Homer, Alaska

Homer, Alaska
Jan. 28, 1976

Honorable Clem Tillion
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: House Bill 626 - Marine Sanctuaries and Recreation Areas.

Dear Senator Tillion:

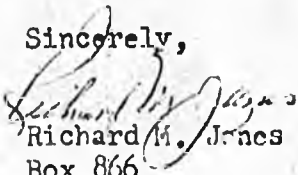
I am a relatively new resident of the area, having purchased property in Homer and established my retirement residence a year and one-half ago, after residing in the Matanuska Valley twenty-three years. My interest and love of this area originated in 1943 as a hand on the cannery tender Chacon, which I note is still plying local waters.

The attitude and actions of the present administration, and your apparent concurrence, as to "Lock Up" of our natural resources, of which our personal god given liberties are a part, deeply concern me. News releases generally indicate local support of these programs, but my general and off-hand inquiries indicate local opposition to be at least two to one.

As far as the local area is concerned, House Bill 626, submitted at the request of the governor, is the "Pay-Off". While the tenor of the act is to make a beautiful Marine Sanctuary in Kachemak Bay and extended to Anchor Point and outward to the three mile limit, it would appear to be the back door approach allowing confiscation of any properties, including oil leases and privately owned properties, which would be in conflict with the intent of the Act. The Commissioner of Natural Resources is to carry out the provisions of the Act, with, in my opinion, "Commissar" authority. Any uses of the designated area "incompatible with their primary function as a State Marine Sanctuary" would be prohibited. Perhaps this would answer Homers' problem in subsidizing present dock operations, as they surely would not conform. Just close the facility! How will freight and tanker traffic proceed through the area to the upper inlet? Of course the "Commissar", after consulting with the Fish and Game department can make a ruling on this.

I believe it is time to relate to our forefather Patrick Henry, who said, "Give me liberty, or give me death".

Sincerely,


Richard M. Jones
Box 866
Homer, Alaska 99603

P.S. Another letter is being sent to Representative Malone in this regard.

CC - News media
- Gov. Hammond
- Rep. Malone
✓ - Hon. N. Anderson, Chair. Nat'l. Resources. Comm.

Box 43
Seldovia, AK 99663

January 28, 1976

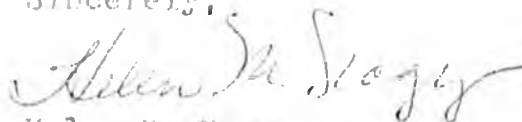
Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I'm writing in reference to HB 626 as a private property owner within the described boundaries on Kachemak Bay. I object to the State being able to acquire my property for scenic purposes through this bill, if they see fit.

Also, as a member of the community of Seldovia, I fear that at a later date this bill can be used as a lever by the Commissioner or other organizations to eliminate our bottom fisheries, forestry development and other prospects which all and may be our only means of support for our vicinity.

Sincerely,



Helen M. Nass

cc: Senator Clem Tillion
Representative Hugh Malone
Representative Leo Rhode

Box 60
Seldovia, AK 99663

January 28, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chrm.
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: HB 626

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Upon hearing of HB 626, Mt. St. Augustine (speaking for the people of Kachemak Bay areas) blew her stack several times in utter disapproval.

She sits there boldly, watching and protecting the fishermen as they struggle through stormy seas to support their families with catches of crab, shrimp, and salmon.

She knows how the livelihood of the villages and towns on the Kachemak would be destroyed if it were made a Marine Sanctuary. In fact, she laughingly says, "Who knows better than the local Kachemak residents what is best for the area.....certainly not the members of the "House", as the majority of them haven't even been here"!!

Mt. St. Augustine further stated she would be discussing this matter with Mt. Illianna, Mt. Shishaldin and Mt. Katmai if HB 626 gets off the ground.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mt. St. Augustine Reporter

P.S. "It's not nice to fool with Mother Nature!"

cc: Senator Clem Tillion
Representative Hugh Malone
Representative Leo Rhode
Newspapers
Mt. Illianna, Mt. Shishaldin, Mt. Katmai

SELDOVIA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

a subsidiary of

Seldovia Native Ass'n., Inc.

P. O. Box 197

Seldovia, Alaska 99663

234-7890

January 28, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, AK. 99801

Re: HB 626

Dear Sir:

House Bill 626 would be disastrous to the economy of the lower Kenai Peninsula. Although parks, recreational areas, and marine sanctuaries are nice to have, they do not have the tax base to support themselves.

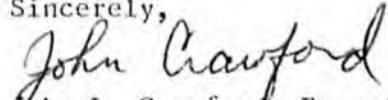
We are attempting to create more employment in this area, by developing our forestry and seafood resources. The natural resources of the State are its best source of income. HB 626 would seem to restrict or eliminate development of these resources -- timber, oil, fisheries and other support systems.

I believe that with the proper impact and environmental studies required, that the resources can be developed in a manner which would not destroy or harm the area.

I feel that HB 626 is a large step toward socialism, and control of private rights, and business development.

We recommend that this bill not be passed now, or in the future.

Sincerely,



John L. Crawford, Executive Director
Seldovia Development Company, Inc.

cc: Sen. Clem Tillion
Rep. Leo Rhodes
Rep. Hugh Malone

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REF HB 626 URGE YOU TO DEFEAT THIS BILL.

AS NOT BEING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR BEST

INTEREST RESIDENTS KACHEMAK BAY. HB 626 APPEARS TO BE

NEGATIVE LEGISLATION OF DISCRIMINATORY NATURE REFLECTING

DISCREDIT ON U.S. CONGRESS STATE OF ALASKA IN THEIR

ENDEAVORS TO ALLEVIATE AND ELIMINATE ENERGY SHORTAGE

USA

HOMER S THOMPSON

Box 847

Homer, AK. 99603

Jan. 27, 1976

Lee -

Please do all you can to
kill H.B. 626. We can not
live with a bill that can
strangle Homer as this one is
designed to do.

Thank you -

Bob Gambelle

copy to:

House Resources Committee - 1/30/76

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1/26/76
Anchor Point

Dear Les:

Thank you for sending a copy of the bill creating a marine sanctuary of Kachemak Bay and its environs.

It is Jans feeling that a ~~such~~ marine sanctuary should be just that and if created should exclude all intrusions, including fishing men.

I offer the following comments observations & opinions

1. To curtail the search for oil at this time is dangerous and not in the national interest - it endangers national security.

2. I have seen nothing of substance to indicate that oil development would endanger the marine biota if properly conducted according to natural law.

3. There is plenty of evidence to indicate serious damage to a fishery by overuse and by use of bottom destroying dragnets.

4. The state cannot afford it (sanctuary) if it is to be properly policed and should not proceed if it cannot be done properly.

5. I feel there is improper use of government domain.

6. The act is discriminatory

7. Bureaucrats will formulate regulations to conform with pressure groups.

8. No one at this time knows enough about the marine habitat to make decisions witness the decline of the moose - a practical demonstration in our lack of knowledge regarding natural law.

9. The best government is the least government.

10. If you folks keep on with your laws & regulations, we will shortly be regulated right out of Alaska.

Thanks again for keeping us informed - Keep voting no and you will be right 98% of the time

Regards
Bill

William Kahlil
Box 21
Anchorage Point
Alaska

P.S. If you'd care to give Mr. Rule Anderson or anyone else a copy of this letter, please feel free to do so. Joe Kahlil

P. O. Box 315
Homer, Alaska

*File with
bill*

January 27, 1976

The Editor
Homer Weekly News
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Sir:

House Bill Number 626, entitled "An Act Relating to the Establishment of Marine Sanctuaries; and Providing for an Effective Date," is apparently submitted at the request of the governor for the purpose of protecting the fishing industry and excluding the oil industry from Kachemak Bay. However, as the bill is written it simply turns the bay over to a bureaucracy and could, indeed, also prohibit even the fishing industry's use of the area.

In my opinion, this proposed legislation would effectively strangle the TOTAL economic development of the place where we now live and work and would make it virtually impossible for the generation now coming into adulthood to find enough employment to make this area their permanent home.

I urge every person who hopes to live and work here (or who has children who may hope to settle here) to write your legislators and voice opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

Jane Cason

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Box 315
Homer, Alaska 99603

January 27, 1976

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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Very truly yours,

Jane Cason

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Alaska State Legislature

REP. LEO RHODE

BOX 406
HOMER, ALASKA 99603

LEGISLATIVE ADDRESS
POUCH V
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801



COMMITTEES:
NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMERCE

House of Representatives

January 28, 1976

Nels Anderson
Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Nels:

Since I am aware of your interest in the Kachemak Bay area I am enclosing HB 626 for your review and comments, if any.

Personally I have no objection to Marine Sanctuaries per se, if established for the protection of marine life, wildlife and recreational uses.

Your attention is invited to Sections 44.20.425 and 41.20.430 on page 6 of HB 626.

These sections could have a vital effect on Kachemak Bay Sea Ports. Also private property within the described boundaries would be subject to acquisition through exercise of the power of eminent domain by the state. In addition it is conceivable that the bottom fishery could be wholly eliminated.

Your comments, if any, should be directed to:

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

If convenient, copies of your comments should be mailed to Senator Clem Tillion, Representative Hugh Malone and myself.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leo Rhode".

Leo Rhode
State Representative

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Enclosures

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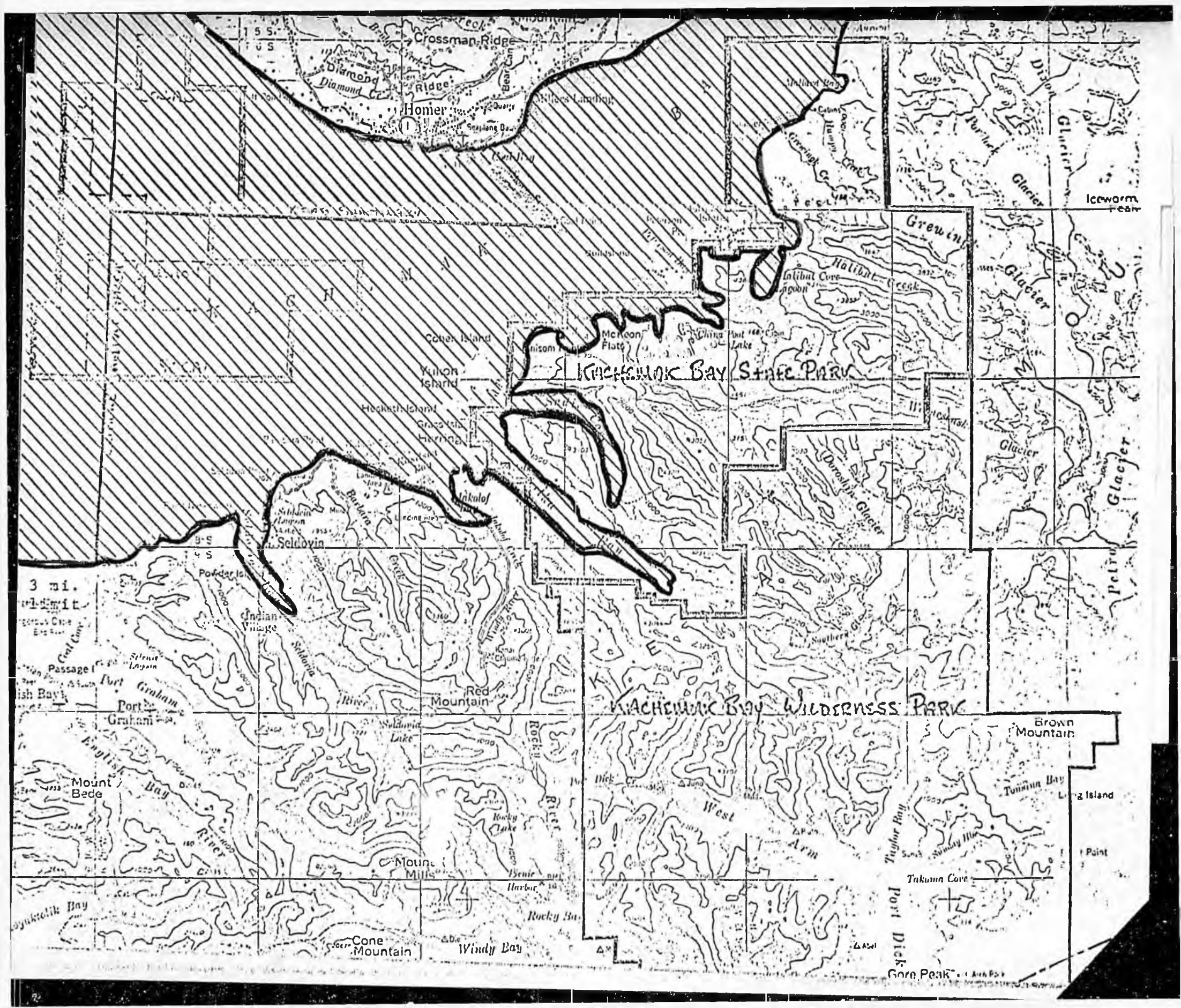
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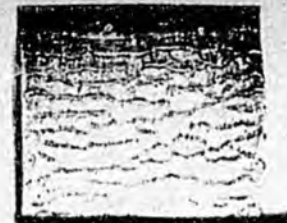
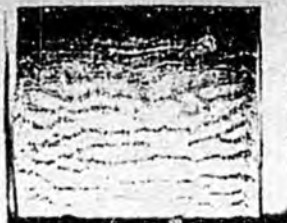
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THE SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSES FURTHER

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THE SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSES FURTHER
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SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL

31 January, 1976
Box 548
Homer, Alaska, 99603

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska, 99811

Dear Chairman Anderson:

Today, I received a copy of HB 626, with attached map of the proposed Marine Sanctuary, which I have briefly reviewed but understandingly comprehended as a proposed Legislative action that could close off development of this part of Alaska indefinitely should it be favorably considered.

Homer, Alaska, has been, and is our home of the past 22-1/2 years. We have raised our family here, and been active in all phases of community life. My wife served over 7 years as the local Magistrate, while I served 8-1/2 years as Manager of the local Utility District.

During this period of time, I was instrumental in securing the designation of the Yukon Island site as a National Historic Landmark, formation of the local Historical Society, and a charter member in the reformed State Historical Society and Director for 3 years. I mention these facts as evidence that I espouse the principles for the conservation and maximum use in the public interest of the scenic, historic, archeologic, scientific, biological and recreational resources of Kachemak Bay and the State of Alaska.

The proposed legislation does, to all appearances be negative legislation to prevent development of oil and gas resources, as well as the construction of the proposed Bradley Lake hydroelectric project. I have personally worked for this hydroelectric development for more than 20 years. It was authorized by the United States Congress back in 1960 or 1961, and has been under restudy ever since to develop the most economical means of generation and transmission by the Corps of Engineers.

It also looks like the proposed legislation could prevent any type of Port Development at Homer, Alaska, eliminate the bottom fishery from these waters, and be highly restrictive for just about anything one may choose to name, all of which I do not believe to be in the public interest.

The Legislature of Alaska has, in prior years passed several resolutions urging the construction of the Bradley Lake hydroelectric project. This proposal is not compatible with these designations.

Section 41. 20.430, Purchase Authorized; does have the sound of a confiscatory procedure and would leave property owners at the mercy of the Department of Natural Resources. This too, doesn't sound like its in the general interest of all the residents of this area.

House Bill 626 is, in my opinion a dangerous piece of legislation and should be quietly and quickly voted "do not pass".

The Homer area has been designated by Federal agencies as an area of high unemployment and high underemployment. Its been that way for many years. Now comes the opportunity there will be some regular employment on an annual basis, and this proposed legislation would not only prevent the work from happening, but could easily eliminate what few small sources we currently have for employment.

There us an old adage in Homer, that bears repeating, The scenery is great but we can't eat the view !

May I urge you to defeat this legislation at the earliest possible date.

cc: Hon Leo Rhode, Repr.
Hon Hugh Malone, Repr.

Sincerely,
Homer S. Thompson
Homer S. Thompson III

(Mrs.) Barbara C. Manley
P.O. Box 955
Homer, Alaska 99603
January 29, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson
Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: HB 626

Dear Mr. Anderson:

As a 12 year legal resident of the State of Alaska and ten year resident of Homer, I am strongly opposed the HB 626 for these reasons:

1. The power vested in one political appointee, namely the Commissioner of Natural Resources, who will have the authority to determine the compatible or incompatible uses to be permitted within KACHEMAK BAY STATE MARINE SANCTUARY.

2. The authority given to the Commissioner of Natural Resources to exercise the power of eminent domain in the name of the state.

3. Discrimination against one industry, petroleum; there is no guarantee against the future prohibition of other industries, i.e., timber, mining and commercial fisheries.

4. The strangulation of the City of Homer in denying her the opportunity to derive revenue through the Port of Homer.

5. Destruction of years of planning by the City of Homer in projecting a long range plan for growth and development which has great emphasis on port developments and port activities.

6. Nominations for SANCTUARIES by individuals, groups and/or organizations without a public hearing in the community effected prior to acceptance of the nomination.

7. Passage of HB 626 will establish a precedent that may well economically destroy other communities in the State of Alaska.

In reference to Section 41.20.415: "Primary among the uses which require a high degree of protection are fisheries, recreation and scientific research."

Fisheries: A critical habitat has been designated within Kachemak Bay. The area was selected on the recommendations and concurrence of the Legislative Fisheries Committee (then

The Honorable Nels Anderson
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Senator, Bob Palmer, Chairman), the State Department of Fish and Game, National Marine Fisheries Research, Kasitsna Bay and the input from individuals from the fishing industry. There was no mention of the need for protection that required the establishment of a MARINE SANCTUARY.

Recreation: Kachemak Bay has been used for recreation since its discovery. There has been no indication that protection of a KACHEMAK BAY STATE MARINE SANCTUARY is needed for the pursuit of recreation.

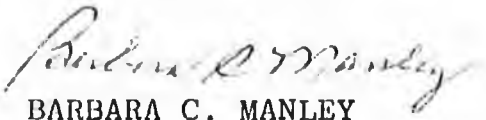
Scientific Research: The National Marine Fisheries Research Field Station, Kasitsna Bay, was constructed about 20 years ago and operated as a research station, originally, under the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Both Fish and Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries have conducted scientific research without benefit of the protection of a MARINE SANCTUARY, and I believe that scientific research can continue effectively under the current circumstances without establishing a KACHEMAK BAY STATE MARINE SANCTUARY to protect it.

I have faith in you and the members of your committee that you will recognize the vital economic importance of the Port of Homer to this community; also that you will be aware of the power of HB 626 for the destruction of communities and the denial of livelihood to many residents of the Lower Kenai Peninsula.

I respectfully request that before HB 626 is reported out of Committee that you give consideration to holding Public Hearings on the bill, one at least in Homer as this is the Community that will be most directly effected.

I sincerely appreciate your giving consideration to my objections to HB 626, and to my request for a Public Hearing. Thank you.

Yours very truly,


BARBARA C. MANLEY

cc: Honorable Theodore C. Smith, Vice Chm
Honorable Alvin Osterback
Honorable Fred Brown
Honorable Richard I. Eliason
Honorable H.M. Hershberger
Honorable Leo Rhode
Honorable James H. Huntington
Honorable Leslie E. Swanson

Honorable Hugh Malone
Representative
Honorable Clem V. Tillion
Senator

Box 173
Seldovia, Alaska 99663
February 2, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson
Chairman, Natural Resources Commission
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We are opposed to Bill #626.

We believe that this proposed law would be, in the future, disastrous for the fishing industry in this area, and would be the death of our town.

Fishing is our only industry and no number of tourists or sport fishermen could compensate for the loss of it.

We would much rather see the oil drillers.

Very truly yours,

Daisy Lindstedt
Carl G. Lindstedt

cc: Leo Rhode
Hugh Malone



Homer Electric Association, Inc.

P. O. BOX 255

HOMER, ALASKA 99603

PHONE (907) 235-8551

January 26, 1976

The Hon. Nels Anderson, Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a copy of the proposed House Bill #326, which, if enacted, will make a playground for a few of the people in South-western Alaska, by locking up the potentially petroleum productive Kachemak Bay.

The premise upon which the Bill is drawn seems to be that oil and gas exploration and production is harmful to the marine life. Over a long period the reverse is true, in that added bottom obstructions add to the marine life productivity as evidenced by the Gulf of Mexico.

Reports coming from the Gulf of Mexico area indicate that all types of marine life have been more prolific since oil and gas production became extensive in that area.

If the future industrial expansion of Alaska does not enter into the plans of the existing Legislature, then we are sure that this Bill will pass and become law.

We sincerely hope that you and your Committee will not be a part of the very vocal minority that is leading our otherwise great nation down the paths of industrial suicide by slowly choking off all of its available petroleum production.

Sincerely yours,

HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

W. C. Rhodes
General Manager

WCR:em

cc: The Hon. Clem Tillion
cc: The Hon. Hugh Malone
cc: The Hon. Leo Rhode

SELDOVIA NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

P. O. BOX 185
SELDOVIA, ALASKA 99663
234.7625

January 27, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, AK. 99811

Dear Sir:

If HB 626 is passed, it would be disastrous for the people of the southern Kenai Peninsula, and the people of the State of Alaska.

With the passage of this bill, the efforts of the petroleum industry would be stopped before it even has a chance to begin operating in the area. In view of the present and projected economic future for Kachemak Bay, the State legislature and the Governor should be pushing for a safe and orderly oil development program for Lower Cook Inlet, not throwing roadblocks in the way of what may well be the future economic base of the area.

Because of "concerned citizens" and State Fish and Game opposition, based on lack of environmental studies, there has been a lengthy delay in exploratory work in the Bay. It would seem that if the concerned Fish & Game personnel were serious about their studies, the needed reports should be finalized by now.

Simply by nomination, any activity within the area can be designated as incompatible with the marine sanctuary. This means that all the conservationists, or any of the butterfly clubs would immediately start nominating the various commercial fishing activities in the Bay as incompatible.

The logging operations would be a prime area for nomination of incompatibility and undue harassment shortly after passage of this act.

Shrimp trawls and crab pots have to be on the sea-bed of the Bay in order to fish. As this is common knowledge, it would be a very short time after passage of any bill, such as HB 626, that some "expert" will nominate commercial fishing in the Bay as incompatible. This would be complete disaster to the local shellfish industry and the Kachemak Bay communities.

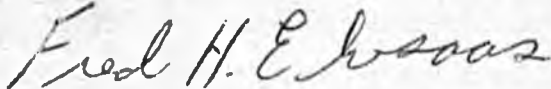
If HB 626 or any similar bill is passed, the very existence of the Seldovia Native Association, Inc. will be threatened. This corporation has selected 69,120 acres of land in the Kachemak Bay area. All this land would be subject to nomination as incompatible to the sanctuary in one form or another.

Honorable Nels Anderson
January 27, 1976
Page Two

With so much of the State of Alaska being non-revenue producing, the legislature and the Governor should be working toward the continued productivity of any areas such as Kachemak Bay. Where would the Kenai Peninsula and the State of Alaska be today, if the Cook Inlet and Swanson River Oil Fields were not allowed to go into production?

For these stated reasons and comments, the Seldovia Native Association, Inc. must ask that HB 626, or any similar bill, not be passed.

Sincerely,



Fred H. Elvsaa, President
Seldovia Native Association, Inc.

cc: Governor J. Hammond
Senator Clem Tillion
Representative Leo Rhodes
Representative Hugh Malone
President, Cook Inlet Region, Inc.
Boro Mayor, Donald Gilman

FHE/dc

File

Michael P. Lockwood
Box 1062
Homer, Alaska-99603
Feb. 24, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson
Chairman House Resource Committee

Dear Sirs

I am a Fourteen year
resident of Alaska - a ten year
property owner and an 8 year
resident of the Kenai Peninsula.

I attended the February
public hearing here in Homer.
After hearing all the evidence
presented I want to voice a very
strong opinion, to condemn the
Kachemak Bay Oil leases. This Kachemak
Bay represents only 2% of the Cook
Inlet area and accounts for 66% of
the fisheries production of Cook Inlet.
This is far too valuable a renewable

TELEGRAM

ALASKA ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

PHONE: 586-6140

HOMER, ALASKA 99603

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CRITICAL HABITAT OK SANCTUARY NO CONDEMNATION NO

VOTE NO ON HB 626

HAZEL HEATH PO BOX 676 HOMER AK 99603

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STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

POUCH 5 - JUNEAU 99811

February 3, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson
Chairman
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: House Bill No. 641

Dear Mr. Anderson:

House Bill No. 641, an Act relating to the commercial fishing loan act was introduced in the House on January 23, 1976 and was referred to the House Resources and Finance Committees.

For the consideration of the House Resources Committee, I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum dated February 3, 1976 from Lawrence C. Eppenbach, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Revenue advising of the financial impact of the proposed legislation.

If you or any members of the House Resources Committee have any questions on the material submitted, please telephone the writer at 465-2397 and I will contact Mr. Eppenbach for further material or testimony at a hearing.

Very truly yours,



R. D. Stevenson
Special Assistant

cc: Honorable Hugh Malone
Chairman
House Finance Committee

Lawrence C. Eppenbach
Deputy Commissioner, Treasury
Department of Revenue

MEMORANDUM


State of Alaska

TO: R. D. Stevenson
Special Assistant
Department of Revenue

DATE: February 3, 1976

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM: Lawrence C. Eppenbach 
Deputy Commissioner, Treasury
Department of Revenue

SUBJECT: Request for Fiscal Impact on
House Bill No. 641

There are several possibilities regarding House Bill 641's financial impact.

1. Should there be no expansion of the mandatory mortgage purchase ceiling of \$5 million. Because the Fishermen's loan fund today has loans and commitments for nearly \$5 million and because the Department of Revenue sees a cash crunch affecting the State through the middle of fiscal year 1978, it is unreasonable to expect the Department to purchase additional fishermen's loans. Under this circumstance HB 641 will have no affect until some time in fiscal year 1978 when the State's financial position improves to the extent that a surplus once again will exist in Treasury and the Department of Revenue purchases additional loans from the Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

2. Should there be some expansion of the \$5 million ceiling. The more likely situation is that some version of HB 571 will pass causing the ceiling to be raised. Should this occur then whatever new loans were purchased will have the same affect as an appropriation since new loans would diminish cash available. In addition, loans to assist fishermen adversely affected economically have a certain speculative character that may place them in an assistance grant category and not make them part of an otherwise reasonably secured loan program.

3. Should there be a complete removal of the loan ceiling. In this case some measure of uncertainty exists. It is entirely possible to expect a conservative interpretation of the statute to generate \$2 million of additional loan demand and for a liberal interpretation to contribute well in excess of \$100 million of additional loan demand.

There is in HB 641 the opportunity for financial actions which may act like major appropriations while at the same time there will be no record in the State's financial reports to display either their cost or the impact. At the very least this raises the question of full disclosure required by the State since our current and forecasted financial position is an important concern to buyers of State bonds.

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FISHERIES ECONOMIC IMPACT COUNCIL

—Fisheries Economic Impact Council and Department of Commerce & Economic Development (DEE)

1. Forecast income from Alaska Department of Fish and Game fishery run predictions by fishery
2. Evaluate income forecast
3. Identify potential fishery failures
4. Review and submit recommendation to the Governor for proclaiming fisheries failure area.

—Governor Evaluate Recommendation of Fisheries Economic Impact Council

1. Declare fisheries failure area(s)
 - a. Request (charge) the Fisheries Economic Impact Council to proceed with plans for State's response
 - b. Alert Governor's cabinet members of potential fisheries failure and inform cabinet members of this decision.
2. Ignore recommendation
 - a. Request Fisheries Economic Impact Council to monitor situation
 - b. Declare fisheries disaster at a later date
 - c. Proceed as in "A" above

—Fisheries Economic Impact Council activity related to fishery failure

1. Evaluate current State capital expenditure plans for target area
2. Recommend to Governor what projects which could be expedited to stimulate income earning opportunities.
3. Fisheries Economic Impact Council develop plans (in cooperation with Department of Commerce & Economic Development and other State agencies) to impact employment opportunities
4. Continue to monitor fishing activity throughout the State (concentrate on anticipated fishery failure areas.)
5. Advise the Governor as the fishing season progresses (still possible to take action).

ASSUMPTIONS

1. That the bill has passed
2. That the Governor has appointed the council members to the Fisheries Economic Impact Council
3. That the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has prepared forecasts for the 1977 fishing season and that there are expectations that at least one area is expected to have a poor fishing season

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 642

Title: "An Act Establishing the Alaska Fishery Impact Fund..."

Requested by: House Finance

Date: February 2, 1976

Return Date Requested: _____

Agency: Community & Regional Affairs Program: Development

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Rural Development Assistance

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		70.5				
200 TRAVEL		10.0				
300 CONTRACTUAL		51.8				
400 COMMODITIES		.5				
500 EQUIPMENT		2.8				
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		135.6				

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		135.6				
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	3 /	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	36 /	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

It is the Department's understanding that the intent of this bill is to provide for the well-being of fishing communities adversely affected by an expansion or reduction of the fisheries in its area. Grants to assist these communities, assumedly will be made for; 1) short-term income maintenance level purposes, i.e. labor intensive grants made for community public improvement projects similar to the disaster relief program of \$1,000,000 for the Bristol Bay region in fiscal year 1975. Grants would be used for such projects as community facilities construction, stream clearance and stream rehabilitation. 2) long-term capital improvement projects, i.e. major construction projects such as boat harbors, hatcheries or docking facilities in strategic fishery areas which might

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: February 18, 1976 PREPARED BY: Mike C Harper

Mike C Harper

Mike C. Harper, Deputy Commissioner

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

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The Department proposes that for adequate administration during the first year of operation, three positions will be required; Grant Administrator, Accountant and clerical position. These positions will be required for organizational and administrative purposes while current field representatives in Nome, Juneau and Anchorage should be able to monitor the program during the first year of operation. However, if the combination of fisheries expansion and reduction in future years significantly increases, additional field personnel would be required for accurate monitoring. As the Department has little experience in administering major capital improvement projects, we envision that the technical assistance portion of these type grants would be provided by the Department of Public Works through a reimbursable services agreement. The administrative dollar portion includes expenses for an engineer and related costs which, if required, would be transferred to the Department of Public Works for ground work on these type of capital projects.

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Administrative Costs

Personal Services

Grant Administrator	\$ 28,727
Accountant II	17,148
Clerk IV	12,420
	<u>\$ 58,295</u>
Benefits	12,242
Total	<u>\$ 70,537</u>

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Grant Administrator and Field Personnel Monitoring and evaluating projects (10 projects with 2 trip per year average)	\$ 10,000
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Phones - 3 @ \$25/month	\$ 900
Long Distance	1,400
Postage	300
Printing and Advertising	500
Rent 250 sq. ft. @ 45¢	1,350
Copier	360
Professional Services (RSA to Dept. of Public Works if required - includes Engineer position and related costs)	47,000
Total	<u>\$ 51,810</u>

Commodities \$ 500

Equipment

Executive Desks 2 @ 315	\$ 630
Executive Chairs 2 @ 130	260
Bookcase	105
Desk Lamps 2 @ 60	120
Side Chairs 2 @ 45	90
Secretarial Desks	370
Secretarial Chair	115
Calculator	440
Typewriter	670
Total	<u>\$ 2,800</u>

Total Administrative Costs \$135,647

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

POUCH 5 - JUNEAU 99811

March 15, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson
Chairman
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska

Re: House Bill No. 642

Dear Mr. Anderson:

House Bill No. 642, an Act establishing the Alaska fishery impact fund, was introduced in the House on January 23, 1976 and was referred to the House Resources and Finance Committees.

For the consideration of the House Resources Committee, I am enclosing a Fiscal Note and accompanying memorandum prepared by Sterling Gallagher, Commissioner of Revenue advising of effect on General Fund.

If you or any members of the House Resources Committee have any questions on the material submitted, please telephone the writer at 465-2397 and I will contact Commissioner Gallagher for further information or testimony at a hearing.

Very truly yours,



R. D. Stevenson
Special Assistant

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Hugh Malone
Chairman
House Finance Committee

Sterling Gallagher
Commissioner of Revenue

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 642

Title: An Act establishing the Alaska Fishery Impact Fund

Requested by: _____ Date: _____

Return Date Requested: _____

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Program: TREASURY

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: _____

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

IV. ATTACHMENTS

See Attached Schedule

V. DATE: March 12, 1976 PREPARED BY: _____

Sterling Gallagher
Sterling Gallagher
Commissioner of Revenue

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)
Legislative Council Subcommittee on Fisheries

	<u>FY 1976</u>	<u>FY 1977</u>	<u>FY 1978</u>	<u>FY 1979</u>	<u>FY 1980</u>
2% Contribution under HB 642					
Mineral Lease Bonuses	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Land Rents	30.0	122.8	124.0	124.0	124.0
Mineral Royalties	<u>212.8</u>	<u>1,052.8</u>	<u>6,512.0</u>	<u>14,634.0</u>	<u>17,014.0</u>
Total 2% Contribution	242.8	1,175.6	6,636.0	14,758.0	17,138.0

The monetary impact on the General Fund cannot be determined due to the open-end wording of the bill. As it stands, the range would be between 2% and 100% of receipts of the types names. However, assuming only the 2% minimum and an effective date of April 1, 1976, the dollar amounts would be: (1)

Footnote: Based on information available at the time the 1975-1977 Revenue Source Book was published (January, 1976).

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

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TELEGRAM

RCA ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

PHONE: 526-6440

JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

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PMS REPRESENTATIVE NELS ANDERSON JR 465-3715

CHAIRMAN HOUSE RESOURCES

POUCH V

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IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT HB 642 AS IS OR COMBINED
WITH HB 846 WOULD BE VETOED BY GOVERNOR FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
REASONS RECOMMEND YOUR SUPPORT HB 846. THANK YOU REGARDS

BORIS KOSBRUK

HB

644

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

1/28/76

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 2-19-76

The Committee on RESOURCES has had HB 664

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

() recommends it DO PASS

() recommends it DO NOT PASS

() recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR HB 664 AND THAT

CS FOR HB 664 DO PASS

() "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

() reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

() "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Swanson [Signature] _____

[Signature] _____

[Signature] _____

(s) [Signature] _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends: _____

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

_____ recommends:

[Signature] Chairman

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 644

Title: Expanding Captain Cook Recreation Area

Requested by: Governor's Office

Date: January 23, 1976

Return Date Requested: ASAP

Agency: Natural Resources

Program: Parks

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Parks & Recreation

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

None

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
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700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL						

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/	/	/	/	/

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: Jan. 30, 1976 PREPARED BY: Edward Kramer

Division of Parks

Original: Legislative Finance

cc: Budget and Management

Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

HB

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COMMITTEE REPORT

1/27/76

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4-8-76

The Committee on RESOURCES has had HB 654

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

() recommends it DO PASS

() recommends it DO NOT PASS

() recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR HB 654 AND THAT

CS FOR HB 654 DO PASS

() "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

() reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

() "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Nels A. Anderson _____
_____ _____
Paul Anderson _____
_____ _____
E. H. Thompson _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:

Nels A. Anderson Chairman



Dale Tubbs HB 654

Sec #1

Present sec does not allow school land to be sold -
Problems when school land is in ~~with~~ a municipality
especially in residential areas.

Still must go through State Board of Education.

Will not affect University land.

100,000 acres of school grant lands within the state.

Monies from sale of school land go into a trust fund
for purchase of school land. O'Malley.

Sec #2

Agricultural Preference Rights:

Insert

and if he determines it is in the states interest,
lease or sell such lands

Reques:

At the present time the landowner has the right to negotiate
the deal. Under the ~~current~~ proposed legislation the land
will go up for bid, the adjacent land owner would have
the option (1st preference) to match the highest bid.

R(6) Nothing herein affects the disposal of ~~minerals~~
~~minerals~~, ~~or~~ Minerals, ~~all of which~~ under state
law

Disposal of minerals -

Need - language that
proceeds going to the state.

Renewing leasing -



HB

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COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

1/27/76

JUDICIARY

Mr. Speaker:

Date 1-30-76

The Committee on RESOURCES has had HB 658

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it: BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Nels A. Anderson _____
Tom Stroh _____
_____ _____
Bob Kline _____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:
_____ recommends:

Nels A. Anderson Chairman

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. Unnumbered House Bill
 Title: Act Relating to the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission
 Requested by: Legislative Assistant to the Governor Date: Dec 15, 1975
 Return Date Requested: Dec 30, 1975
 Agency: Natural Resources Program: Federal-State Land Use Planning

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: _____

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	15.6	30.0	30.0			
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL	341.0	682.0	682.0			
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	356.0	712.0	715.0			

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	356.0	712.0	715.0			
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	010	010	010	1	1	1
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	1	1	1	1	1	1

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Provides salary for one person at pay grade 23. Remainder of expenditure is for contract work. This is matched by the U.S. Government for their 50%

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 1/6/76 PREPARED BY: Dale P. Tardella

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

*figures received from S-F Land use plan
 Commission*

HB

664

2/7/76

9:55 AM

Mr Chairman & Committee

I want to go on record of supporting
H. B. 664, & a unanimous vote
of the Anchorage Motor Truckers Club
to support H. B. 664. we have approx
600 members in the club.

The advisory concept is particularly
appealing to our organization.

Jack Helms
Pres.

Anchorage Motor Truckers Club Inc

P.S. I have a run to get
going from Palmer to
Willow over Hatcher Pass.

Sign Wishing to Testify
Pat Carney 2

Sign wishing to testify
Name.

- ✓ Dean Bunker
- ✓ Russell W. Cahill
- ~~Henry L. ...~~
- ~~D. C. Renshaw~~
- ✓ Joe Kircher
- ✓ Tony - Ukaryans
- ✓ E. H. Dearborn
- ✓ Virginia del Piaz
- ✓ Wayne L. ...
- ✓ Arthur J. Hunter
- ✓ Pete Green
- ✓ Sig Risted

Sign In Sheet

IF YOU
WISH TO TESTIFY
PUT AN X
UNDER HERE

NAME	ADDRESS	
✓ Robert P. Riley	SRA Palmer	X
Pat Carney	SR Waukegan	X
✓ Ed Martin	S.R. Willow Box 16	X
✓ Jean Woods	Box 827 Palmer	X
✓ Barbara Woods	Box 827 Palmer	X
✓ A. L. Renshaw	1850 Wintersham, Arch.	X
— John J. Stout	3419 W 81st Arch	
— Harry M. Hill	Box 766 Palmer, Ark	X
✓ Nancy S. Seward	Box 335 Palmer Ark	X
— Leo J. Lucas	Box 855 Palmer Ark	
— Helen Woodings	Box 1386 Palmer	
— Alice Helms	2157 Sunrise Dr Arch	X
— Don & Betty Stephens	506 Bogard Rd - Pampa	

2/17/24

Dept. of Resources

I August Scheele Borough
Assemblyman from Wasilla
district am opposed to the
Talbot Park and endorse
house bill 264 Agriculture
bill

I have been an Alaskan
resident the past 31 years

Thank you

August Scheele
(Sus)

Box 330

Wasilla Alaska

February 2, 1976 - Talkeetna State Park--Agricultural Reserve Hearings

Robert Risely - presented copy of MSB code title 16 - 8/20/74

Ed Martin, Sr., a resident, favors multiple use. There hasn't been enough exploration of the land to determine what the use should be. Not in favor of either bill--favors multiple use.

Mrs. Gene Woods, a resident, supports 664 with changes. She opposes 580. People can live with HB 664.

Miss Barbara Woods, a resident, favors HB 664. Multiple use, with some control.

A.L. Renshaw, a resident, is a 3rd generation mining engineer. He represents the Alaska Miners Association, and the people of the area. This is the 5th hearing on this issue. The proposals have nampereed mineral exploration because of uncertainty. The Willow Creek Mining District has good gold potential. There are 2000 jobs involved--and a 10 billion dollar industry. HB 580 is a rehash of the Committee Substitute for last session from the mountaineering club. It is restrictive. Mr. Renshaw questioned Ln. 5 Pg. 5. Does this mean no development? how do you get access if no motor vehicles are allowed. He was also concerned with MAY wordings, veto power of the Park Dept., and Ln. 21 Pg. 6--reasonable to the state--Does not mention private This could lead to possible condemnation. There is no responsibility for protecting in-holdings. Re: U.S.G.S. 10004--the recreation zone has shaded patented claims and survey areas--but does not show unpatented lands. Mr. Renshaw also stated that the Chief Planner had said that the recreation area was unmanageable. It is heavily mined. There is stored dynamite--a tremendous hazzard. There would have to be restriction on public activities. There would have to be insurance for liability for the owners. Responsibility would have to be spelled out. Traditionally this has been a multiple use area...grazing, recreation, mining, etc. He opposes HB580. "Put the bill to rest--it keeps coming up" HB664 defines a reasonable multiple use for the area--the mining people can live with this.

Henry Hill, a resident, and involved in mining in the area. His family owns property in the area. Leave it exactly as it is. No one bothered it until recreation came in, then agriculture, now mining. Everybody used it before without any classification. Why change it. Existing laws will take care of it. HB580 allows one use--he's opposed. HB664--possibility of good economic source. Possible problem of revenue source vs. recreation source. In HB664 the management responsibility is too far removed from the people.

Mr. Harry Luckwald, a resident: There is gold potential in the area. Mining laws hold precedent--grandfather rights. Against HB580. HB664 is a giant step forward. People used to mine up high near Eagle River, but the Borough stopped them by use.

Anchorage Motor Mushers Club--600 members--supports HB664.

Dean Bunker, a homesteader near the area. We do not need any more parks. There is Denali Park expansion. This park could expand.

Susitna Valley Kiwanis Club: We do not need more parks, but if there is a need for this park HB664 is more palatable.

Russ Cahill, Director of Parks, State of Alaska: HB580 is concerned with the area. It is a departure from normal parks, in that it has a corridor of multiple use within it. The Dept. is taking into consideration all mining claims patented and active. The intent of the Park is to NOT purchase land within the Park unless it is essential to campground or management. If land is to be purchased it will be at fair market value. Ranger patrols will be in effect. There will be a possible loss of revenue. Re: HB 664, this is 430,000 acres. 13% is good for agricultural purposes. 87% is not good for agriculture. Cahill is not in favor of this proposal. Only one Department and one man should run the system. If he does not do a good job, he can be removed.

Dr. Deerborn, a resident of the area: Is opposed to all regulations to create a park. It would cripple recreational potential by private ownership. Why not further develop Chugiak Park for Anchorites.

Virginia Del Piaz: President, Upper Cook Inlet Conservation Society: I favor HB580 strongly. 150,000 people in 1975 were opposed to HB664. The majority of the land is above 12,000 ft., and should be included within a Park. The area is not agricultural land. (Del Piaz lives in the area)

Wayne Bowens, a local dairy man: Favors HB664. The multiple use concept is best. Don't lock it up as a park. There is a grazing area, and some crops can be grown.

Arthur Criter, of the Willow Creek Miners: Is opposed to a Park which affects the mining area. Tired of fighting the issue of parks. Prepared to initiate lawsuits (31) Re: HB664, three mining claims additional would be working if not for the cloud of a Park over them.

Pete Green, a local realtor, and member of the Realtors Association: (30 members) Is not too concerned with either bill. Multiple use concept best--protect --put rights and mining first. Park people haven't shown him that they can manage parks. Costs haven't been brought up. Central location, and one agency, to which the people could go to secure all necessary permits, is necessary.

Sig Rigstad, a resident: 1 million acres of parks within the Borough now. There would be more than an acre per person if Talkeetna Mt. Park is enacted. It was mining that opened the area. Parks should take small areas and manage them for the people who would use them. Only outdoor people who are healthy can use the proposed Park areas. There is considerable expense to run a park even if it is not developed. Invest in the parks that are already established. Re: HB664, there is an option if the land has to be tied up. The Advisory Committee is important. But this committee should have as a criteria the size of the organizations involved--not naming specific organizations.

Pat Carney, a dairy farmer: Is opposed to HB664. Is it proper for members of the committee to voice their opinions at this hearing? Feels we are facing a special interest group (mining) who is against HB580 and using HB664. Feels that the HB664 cannot stand as it is. There is not enough agricultural land to justify the bill.

George Parkee: Enjoys parks, but there is a need for agricultural reserve. Supports multiple use, but need to maintain agricultural land. Need for mining--the proven area is needed for recreation also.

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February 23, 1976

Nels A. Anderson, Chairman
House Resource Committee
Pouch V
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Anderson:

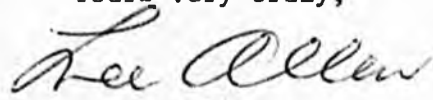
I am writing to express my opposition to H.B. 664, The Talkeetna Mountains Agricultural Reserve Bill. I am even more strongly opposed to H.B. 580 and other proposals to make the area into a State Park.

The copies of the proposal that I have seen distributed by Mr. Risley, of Palmer, are very restrictive to winter recreational uses of the area because of the "Scenic Roadway" provision. Attempts to keep skiers and snowmachiners off the snow covering an area 300 feet each side of every mining road or the main road makes the entire proposal seem silly. Such restrictions, I believe, reveal the true motives behind the proposal.

The amount of snowmachine activity around Palmer should have become apparent during the hearings February 7. Unfortunately, none of the "users" of the area in winter could testify, because the hearing was scheduled to exactly coincide with the Hatcher Pass Snowmobile Race. This annual event brings considerable economic benefit to the Borough. Much of the snowmachine recreational activity for the borough centers in the Hatcher Pass area. Please remember when considering passage of this bill that the "users" of the area are snowmachiners and skiers, not the varied array of "parkbuilders" that travel great distances to testify in favor of placing restrictions on other type users than themselves.

The fact is, that almost all of the uses currently being performed on the presently state owned land in the Hatcher Pass area are quite compatible. The State already has custody of the land. The State can build parking lots, trails, or other facilities if it wants to. Timber in the area could be leased or sold. Cabin sites can be permitted. Mining has flourished in the area, and might again if the rumor of park status for the area could be eliminated. Agricultural interests have never been bothered by other activities in the area, and agricultural leases can be granted on any of the state land at any time. Undesirable development such as generating stations, power dams, open pit mines, or airports, (if these are undesirable) can be prevented on the land now, because the land is in State ownership. The State could perform functions of garbage pickup, water in campgrounds, roads or trails, nature walks or even a State operated visitors center if it wanted to, at much less cost, by leaving the land as it is than by creating another reserve or park.

Yours very truly,



Lee Allen
Star Route A Box 155
Palmer, Alaska 99645

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February 27, 1976

Dan Renshaw, P.E.
519 Eighth Ave., Rm. 209
Anchorage, Ak. 99501

Dear Mr. Renshaw;

HB664, establishing an agricultural reserve, passed out of my committee on February 19, 1976. I believe the bill is quite flexible in allowing mining along with other activities. Mr. Ose asked that the bill move forward, so the bill was passed on.

The bill reads the same as it did when you were in Juneau. Mr. Smith, of course, refused to sign the committee report, but we had enough signatures to move it out with a do-pass recommendation.

I understand that the administration is really upset by our action. This is understandable since they wanted HB580 to pass rather than HB664.

HB664 is now in Finance. I would advise you to contact Mr. Ose with regards to having him tell you when HB664 is going to be heard in that committee.

I would caution you and Mr. Ose by saying I suspect Mr. Smith may attempt to attach HB580 in place of HB664 while the bill is in Finance.

Very Sincerely,

Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
NAA/ra

DAN RENSHAW, P.E.

CONSULTING ENGINEER

519 EIGHTH AVENUE, ROOM 209
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501

February 21, 1976

Representative Nels A. Anderson Jr.
Alaska State Capitol Bldg. Room 118
Juneau, Alaska, 99801

Dear Representative Nels,


After having met with you briefly at your offices on Tuesday, February 17, I listened in on the mark up session of your House Resource Committee regarding House Bill 664. I found that most of my objections to the original 664 had already been amended into an agreeable form prior to my arriving in Juneau. This was good to know.

So I listened to the mark up session wherein Representative Ted Smith attempted to include the language of House Bill 580 into 664. This was a little uncomfortable to watch but I understand that this is what the whole process is about. Because of this I would like to request some time to comment on whatever the final form of 664 might be prior to it being reported out of committee. I would greatly appreciate such an opportunity. To expedite my comment please use both the address shown above and the following: Dan Renshaw, Usibelli Coal Mine, Usibelli, Alaska, 99787. My time is divided roughly equally between the two.

I also want to state again how welcome it is to know that someone of your political philosophy is in a position to do some good in Juneau as Chairman of the House Resource Committee. I only wish there were several more legislators so inclined.

Thank you,

Yours truly,


Dan Renshaw

HB 664

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STAR ROUTE A, BOX 72
PALMER, ALASKA 99645
(907) 745-3501

February 12, 1976

Testimony presented in reference to HB 664 and HB 580 at the public hearing February 7, 1976 at the Matanuska Susitna Borough Conference Room, Palmer, Alaska

Mr. Chairman:

I am Curtis H. Dearborn, a resident of this area since 1950 and I am speaking in opposition to all of the Bills under consideration that would create a State Park in the Hatcher Pass region of the Talkeetna Mountains in this Borough.

Is the proposal to create a State Park in the Hatcher Pass area of the Talkeetna Mountains the end of a sentimental journey for our friends and relatives in the Anchorage Borough? Or, is it an example of San Jay Grandi's "mixed economy", where he says, "I don't feel you should throttle either the state-owned or private sector. You should let them run in competition with each other and let the best one win".

In our case the creation of a State Park in this area with tax monies will cripple recreational endeavors by the private sector and deprive them of the right to own and operate businesses effectively on this land.

In this year of our Nation's Bicentennial we should be encouraging private ownership of land, not hoarding it by political entities. President Ford has just renewed his faith in the old American axion that everyone ought to own a piece of the country and understand the rewards of ownership and the risks.

Aside from the common problems of park location and development this Talkeetna Mountains State Park proposal should be concerned with accomodating persons with recreational desires in closer proximity to their homes.

I have lived here in the Matanuska Valley for 25 years and I walked the mountain ranges that border the Valley either as a leader of L. V. Scouts, Explorer Scouts or as an outdoorsman. I am impressed by our scenic beauty. I am also impressed by the lack of roads that would take the less fortunate to these areas.

I wonder why the Chugach State Park land which contains scenic beauties that rival those of the Hatcher Pass area are being by-passed?

There are three good reasons why Chugach State Park should be the major recreation park area for this region. Its nearness to Anchorage would cut travel time, fuel requirements for travelers and reduce conjection on the Palmer-Glenallen and Parks Highway.

If a capital site is chosen within the Matanuska Susitna Borough the need for housing will put a new pressure on our agricultural lands. With the Talkeetna Mountain region uncommitted to a park a surprising number of persons could adapt themselves to housing in this proposed park region.

Homes built on the mountain slopes east of Anchorage and in the Eagle River area are evidence of what our population will do if given a chance. Some may contend that what they have done is not good but on close examination of the situations that are not good it will be learned that it was a developer rather than a prospective home owner that created the congestion.

Surely this Borough would gain far more revenue from its year round inhabitants than it would from a traveling public which must decline in travel in the future to survive.

Although we appear to have an abundance of food today there are potential natural disasters and Saint Augustine could be one of them that disrupt our 1500 mile supply route to a point where every inch of tillable land would be needed here to produce food for survival. We are, as you know, a long way from our food source.

One of the reasons used to justify a Park in this Hatcher Pass area has been that users of the area have neglected to care for their trash. If we were to strengthen our patrol in this Borough those who contaminate our area would be prosecuted and their numbers would decline. I am not advocating a police state. We have a courteous group on patrol now.

Lets help them do what we expect of them by increasing their numbers and facilities. This is the more economical course to follow to prevent littering as well as setting a good example for youth.



CITY OF WASILLA

P. O. BOX 430
WASILLA, ALASKA 99687

RESOLUTION 76-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA CONCURRING WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AND URGING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TALKEETNA MOUNTAINS STATE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE".

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has proposed the establishment of a Talkeetna Mountains State Park to encompass an area known as "Hatcher Pass" and areas of the Talkeetna Mountains; and

WHEREAS, local residents do not favor a Talkeetna Mountains State Park but agree that the area should be established as an agricultural reserve; and

WHEREAS, the area to be in the proposed agricultural reserve is of local and statewide importance, capable of providing revenue under a maximum utilization concept; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a management responsibility group consisting of representatives from the Division of Agriculture, Division of Lands, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Highways, and Division of Parks, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly, and mining interests, be formed; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the south boundary of the proposed reserve be established to follow the top of the ridges of the Talkeetna Mountains to allow adequate land for maximum farming development to the south of the mountain range; and



CITY OF WASILLA

P. O. BOX 430
WASILLA, ALASKA 99687

RESOLUTION 76-3

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WHEREAS, the west boundary of the proposed agricultural reserve would be considered a buffer zone against overdevelopment and the east boundary be reserved for future stock raising; and

WHEREAS, such a program would provide maximum utilization of land under private ownership and would increase the Borough tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has studied the area as proposed by the Division of Parks and has recommended an alternate use of the area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wasilla concur with the recommendation of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission and approve an Act Establishing the Talkeetna Mountains State Agricultural Reserve and forward same to State Legislators and request that a public hearing to explain the proposed act be held within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Wasilla this day of January, 1976.

LEO M. NUNLEY
City Mayor

ATTEST:

CANDICE E. COTTLE
City Clerk
(SEAL)

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 664

TALKEETNA MOUNTAINS STATE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE
By Robert Risley

Chairman Anderson, _____ and members of State House Resources Committee:

I want to thank the Committee for taking the time to hear our testimony on this important HB664. First I would like to offer some changes as reflected on the copy handed to you.

Line 15 page 1 after AS 38.05.300 strike the rest of that sentence. Article VIII, Sec. 7 says, "The legislature may provide for acquisition of sites, objects and areas of natural beauty or of historical, cultural, recreation, or scientific value. It may reserve them from the public domain and provide for their administration and preservation for use, enjoyment and welfare of the people." This appears to me as being unnecessary and could jeopardize the rights of private owners, mining and even grazing. The Bill itself seems adequate without it.

Errors in the boundary description have been corrected to conform to the map. To line 16 add asterisk sentence at top of page to protect private owners since the Borough Code and environmental conservation title 18 protects the environme

Line 1 at top of page 3 has been corrected to reflect the Borough Assembly dictates to the Planning and Zoning Commission and not the other way around.

Line 2 page 3 changes the word nonvoting to voting member. This area is located within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Borough representative should be a voting member.

Lines 6 and 7 furnishes more flexibility.

Under the Mandatory Borough Act we in this area were required to organize the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. We were also required to establish a tax base to support the Borough.

The responsibility of the Borough Planning and Zoning Commission is to plan for the Borough's needs and to identify the options that will increase our tax base to support the rapid demand for services. HB664 attempts to carry out that responsibility.

For the past three years, the majority of the people in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough have strongly opposed the creation of a Hatcher Pass-Talkeetna Mountains State Park. During this time, no one had come up with an alternate plan even though the majority of the people I talked to agree that some type of control was needed for the area.

Since the area's potential was recognized in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Comprehensive Plan, the Borough Planning and Zoning Commission decided it was time to study the area for an alternate plan that would furnish the maximum benefit to the most people with minimum of restrictions and protect the grazing for future agricultural development.

From personal experience, I grazed sheep up in the area with lambs four months old that dressed out over seventy pounds! It's been proven that beef cattle fattened on that grass is equal to grain fed beef.

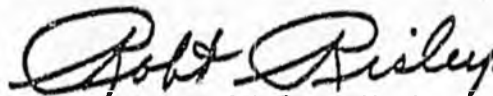
In talking with the Flying Tiger Airlines people, this beef from the drought area could be flown in for around .35 cents per pound. With a back-haul of fish, ore or other commodities from Alaska, it would reduce the cost to almost half at the same time reduce the cost on the back-haul. State revenue from grazing fees are \$2.50 per head.

Under HB664, the mines would start operation which, in turn, would increase the Borough's tax base. Employment of over 400 people would further enhance our taxes with a minimum of impact on the Borough for services.

Under the Board of Directors and Advisory Group Concept, it is felt that a better control over the recreational activities within the area would result. What better time than the Bicentennial Year to attempt to re-establish cooperation between State Government and its people. It is hoped that the Federal Government will use this concept in their classification of the D2 lands. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has stated that the South 48 is losing over 1.2 million acres of agriculture lands every year. Let's not have that happen to Alaska.

In closing I would like to emphasize the fact that HB664 has more to offer the people of Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and visitors from other areas with built-in controls than a park.

Thank you very much.



Robert Risley, Member
Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning
Commission

THE FOLLOWING PAGES WERE TREATED AS
A UNIT IN THE ORIGINAL FILE.

January 26, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson, Representative
Chairman, State House Resources Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

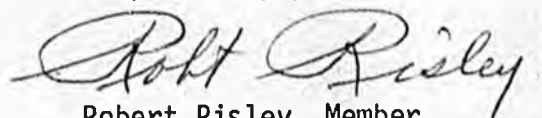
Dear Representative Anderson:

Attached is a Matanuska-Susitna Borough proposal to establish a Talkeetna Mountain State Agricultural Reserve in lieu of a State Park, HB580.

I believe that, when you read the attached information, you will agree that the Borough's proposal will serve all Alaskans in a much better way than the establishment of a State Park.

Your support, for the Agricultural Reserve concept will be very much appreciated and any further assistance the Borough Planning Commissioners may give will be gladly provided.

Respectfully yours,



Robert Risley, Member
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Planning Commission

RR:cr

January 26, 1976

The Honorable Jay Hammond, Governor
State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Governor Hammond:

I want to take this opportunity to express my pleasure with the majority of items in your State of the State Message. Likewise, I feel, you will welcome my comments concerning proposals on which you have been misinformed.

I am very happy with your statements "I have told Alaskans I would ask them what they wanted rather than tell them what they're going to get...."

The attached Matanuska-Susitna Borough proposed Bill (Resolution Serial No. 76-7) reflects the feelings of the majority of people in the Borough. These feelings have been expressed for three years in a row during Legislative Hearings on proposed Talkeetna Mountains State Park. Now you have introduced another Park proposal HB580 that is even more restrictive.

Another statement that pleased us here in the Borough is, "Also, an early priority for the new planning section will be to address the future of Agriculture in Alaska...."

I am sure you are aware that this Borough has the most potential for future agricultural development in the State. I am sure you wouldn't want that potential stimed in any way but developed to its maximum.

I have owned property adjacent to our proposed Agricultural Reserve for the past 39 years. During the earlier part of that time I raised domestic sheep. Four month old lambs on that grass produced over seventy (70) pounds of dressed meat.

Back about the same time, a Mr. Shonbeck, had an experimental herd of beef cattle in the headwaters of the Little Susitna River and the meat produced off the grass was as solid as any grain fed beef could be. These facts were brought out at the Legislative Hearings but apparently were never brought to your attention.