

ALASKA LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE FILES 1903-1900 00/2

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Submitted by: Assemblymen  
Brockway and Evans  
Prepared by: Assemblyman  
Brockway  
For reading: February 25, 1986

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 86-32

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION CREATING THE  
ANCHORAGE COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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WHEREAS, a bill creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge has been introduced in the Alaska Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Rabbit Creek Community Council and other community groups have endorsed its enactment; and

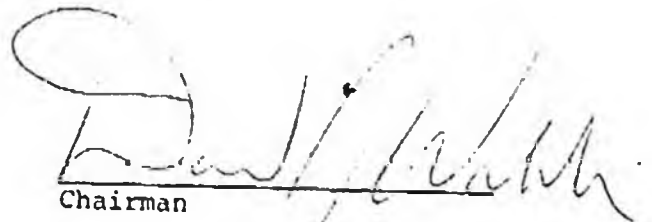
WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly has previously passed and approved AR 85-42 in February, 1985 supporting creation of the refuge; and

WHEREAS, Potter Marsh and related coastal areas constitute one of Anchorage's most significant resources for visitors and residents alike; and

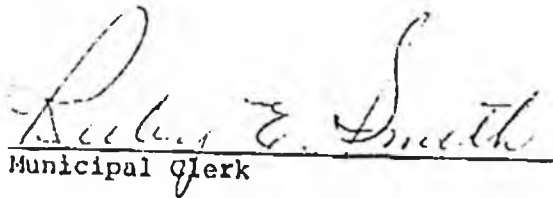
WHEREAS, the intent of the creation of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge is to further protect and better manage south Anchorage coastal resources without disruption of established traditional and multiple uses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Anchorage Assembly reaffirms its support for creation of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge and urges the passage of enabling legislation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly the  
25th day of February, 1986.

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk



February 28,

3322 West 79<sup>th</sup>  
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Dear Senator De Vries

Have you ever been to Potter  
Marsh in the summer & seen the  
crowds of people enjoying the  
wildlife? If you had, you  
might be a little more  
sympathetic to bill (H B 186).

Urban Anchorage is  
not a particularly pleasant  
place for those who cannot  
get out & enjoy the parks.

Urban people need urban  
parks. Yes, we have hundreds  
of acres in state parks but  
there is a big difference  
between these two categories.

Please get the bill out of  
your committee & on the  
floor.

Sincerely

Aruba Darnell

# ALASKA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

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February 27, 1986

Senator Edna B. DeVries  
Alaska State Senator  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: H.B. 186

Dear Senator DeVries:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dave Kline of the Anchorage Chapter of the National Audobon Society dated February 10, 1986. I attach a copy of page 2 of his letter. We are in substantial disagreement with Mr. Kline. Here are our reasons:

1. Along with others our organization helped establish the Potter Point State Wildlife Refuge.
2. All involved recognized one of the traditional uses for the refuge was waterfowl hunting from September 1 to about October 26 of each year.
3. It is the only duck hunting area close to Anchorage. Many people who can't afford to fly somewhere use these flats.
4. Most of the area is not near houses and shotguns have limited range.
5. Hunting on refuges throughout the United States is the most common usage. Mr. Kline confuses refuge and sanctuary. Some of the refuges where hunting is the chief or one of chief uses are: Susitna Flats Wildlife Refuge, Palmer Hay Flats Wildlife Refuge, Trading Bay Wildlife Refuge, Mandenhall Flats Wildlife Refuge, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge (Moose), Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (bear, deer), and Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge (ducks, geese, etc.).
6. If there is a health hazard we should have ADF & G report on it. I first hunted the area in 1963 and have hunted it on and off for 23 years. I have never during hunting season seen anyone out there except other duck hunters or game agents. Obviously other people have little or no interest in the area at that time of year.

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Senator Edna B. DeVries  
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You may note the sanctuary is the area east of the  
railroad tracks on Potter Flats.

Very truly yours,



John W. Hendrickson  
President

cc: Senator Halford  
Senator Rodey

JWH:kpf

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February 26, 1986

Senator Edna DeVries  
Chair, Community & Regional Affairs  
Alaska State Legislature  
Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Sen. DeVries:

I am writing in support of HB 186 - The Potter Marsh Bill. It is far past the time when Anchorage should be protecting this unique and valuable natural resource. I am a member of Anchorage Audubon and through this organization as well as my own personal outings, I take advantage of Potter Marsh all year round. This bill would ensure that this tiny spot of "wilderness" amidst urban Anchorage would be properly managed for future generations of Anchorage citizens as well as other Alaskans and visitors to the State.

Please hurry the movement of this bill through your committee and vote YES!

Sincerely,



Marty Jordan  
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Anchorage, AK 99503

cc: Charles Evans, Pres.  
Anchorage Audubon Society  
PO Box 101161  
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120 W. 11th Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
February 25, 1986

Senator Edna DeVries  
Alaska State Legislature  
Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Sen. DeVries:

I am writing to register my support for passage of the Potter Marsh Bill (HB 186), and ask that you pass the bill out of your committee for action.

The marsh serves very valuable purposes for wildlife, local residents and tourists. A firm definition of boundaries and management responsibilities can only benefit us all.



Ruth E. Moulton

Dear Senator DeVries

2/25/86

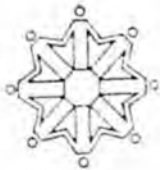
I support the Potter Marsh Bill  
(House Bill 186). I urge you  
to pass this bill out of your  
committee (Community + Regional Affairs)

Thank you

ROBERT W. BUNDTZEN, M.D.  
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99516

Robert W. Bundtzen MD

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## Warden & Associates

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February 25, 1986

Senator Edna DeVries, Chairman  
Community & Regional Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Honorable DeVries:

This letter is to support the passage of House Bill 186 presently before your committee. As you are well aware the bill will more clearly define the boundaries of Potter Marsh as well as mandate the development of a management plan for the area.

For the past five years I have worked with a broad range of individuals who support this bill. Agency officials, local developers and special interest groups alike recognize the importance of passage of this bill. I personally spend up to two hundred hours per year at the marsh as a wildlife photographer. The proposed bill is the outgrowth of discussions conducted over several years regarding all participating parties.

I would encourage you to demonstrate your legislative leadership in passing out the bill from committee to the full house. Thank you for your consideration on this matter and please feel free to contact me if the need arises. Your support is needed and will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Warden



ANCHORAGE  
**Audubon Society, Inc.**  
A CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

February 10, 1986

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Post Office Box 101161  
Anchorage, Alaska  
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Honorable Edna B. DeVries  
Alaska State Senator  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator DeVries:

This letter is to follow up my discussions with you Friday, February 7th, 1986, in regard to House Bill 186. As you know, I am President of the Anchorage Audubon Society, Inc. a non-profit corporation having more than 1600 members. As you also know, our chapter and its members are vitally interested in the prompt passage of House Bill 186 which has been referred to your Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee. I understand that your committee has held one hearing this year on this bill already.

Our discussions covered several concerns you have with the bill as written. First, you indicated a concern over the lack of any legislative oversight of the management plans, which will be developed by the Department of Fish and Game. Second, you expressed a concern that current uses of the Potter Marsh Refuge, more specifically, the rifle range, may not receive adequate consideration in the development of any management plan.

As to your first concern, the Anchorage Audubon Society generally believes it is best to leave the development of management plans to the professionals in the Department of Fish and Game so long as the process which develops the plan assures wide public input in the decisional process. It is also my understanding that as an alternative to the proposed committee substitute requiring the initial management plan to be submitted to the legislature for approval, the Department of Law has suggested that the initial management plan be submitted to the Legislature and after a period of 30 days would take effect unless the legislature affirmatively passes an act invalidating the mana-

gement plan. Although this alternative is not the Chapter's first preference as a model for development of management plans, it is a concept which we would support in order to see HB 186 move forward promptly.

As to your second concern, I know of no one who intends the passage of HB 186 to result in the closure of the rifle range and loss of its attendant previous investment. Nevertheless, I believe your concern about historic uses can be accommodated by appropriate language as to any legislative intent. On the other hand, there may be some historic uses of the refuge lands which will be inappropriate as South Anchorage continues to develop. Specifically, I have in mind the current use of the refuge lands west of the railroad tracks for water fowl hunting. Such a continued use seems obviously incongruent with the purpose of a wildlife refuge. Additionally, it may be hazardous to human health and safety as South Anchorage continues to develop.

At the conclusion of our discussions, you indicated you would again schedule HB 186 for hearing and passage out of your committee in the latter part of this month after the committee has an opportunity to take up local boundary issues. Please keep me informed as to the date of the next hearing on HB 186. I am prepared to work with your legislative aid, Yvonne Alford, prior to that hearing to make sure that a consensus is developed by all interested parties so that HB 186 can move forward in an expeditious fashion.

Please have Ms. Alford contact me at her convenience at 278-4691.

If necessary, I will be happy to attend the hearing to testify on behalf of passage of the bill.


Finally, it is important to review some of the reasons HB 186 should pass promptly. As you may know, this bill received its impetus from the Potters Marsh Task Force, a consortium of State and federal agencies, profit and non-profit groups interested in conservation and development interests. Potters Marsh is one of the most accessible and outstanding non-game recreational and education opportunities which serves not only your South Anchorage constituency but the entire Anchorage bowl. Potters Marsh receives in excess of 200,000 visits from tourists and residents each year. With the development this year of the Potters Section House historic site, expanded use of the Marsh by tourists and residents is an accomplished fact. For these reasons it is imperative from the point of view of the Anchorage Audubon Society that HB 186 pass promptly in order that long range development plans may be imple-

mented. Only in this way will the full potential of Potters Marsh as a recreation and educational facility be developed while, at the same time, maximizing the protection of its ecosystem so that future residents and visitors may continue to enjoy its outstanding benefits. As an example of unparalleled opportunities provided by Potters Marsh, keep in mind that the marsh is used each spring by significant numbers of trumpeter swans. These magnificent birds are making a comeback from the endangered species list. Each spring, the marsh is a haven, feeding ground and a staging area for the swans northern migration to points west of Anchorage. Most school children of our country will never see a trumpeter swan during their lifetime. Yet, here in Anchorage, the marsh provides a natural habitat where they may be observed by all without appreciable danger. This is the kind of opportunity passage of HB 186 will guarantee for the future of Anchorage, the State and your constituency.

We have all worked long and hard in refining the rather simple provisions of HB 186 in order that it may be acceptable to you. It is now time to make any final necessary adjustments and pass the bill. I look forward to working with you, your staff and other legislators in assuring prompt passage. If you have any other questions, I will be happy to discuss them with you. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

ANCHORAGE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

By:   
Charles G. Evans, President

CGE/pjt

cc: Sen. Frank Ferguson  
Sen. Jack Coghill  
Sen. Vic Fisher  
Sen. Arlis Sturgalewski  
Sen. Jan Faikes  
Representative Mike Symanski  
Mayor Tony Knowles  
Greg Jones  
Dave Cline, National Audubon Society  
Toni McPherson, Okiotak Editor



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

### Committee on Community and Regional Affairs

Senator Edna DeVries, Chairman

Members:

Senator Ferguson, Vice Chairman

Senator Coghill

Senator Sturgulewski

Senator V. Fischer

Pouch V

Juneau, Alaska 99811

January 30, 1986

C&RA Committee Meeting

CSHB 186 RES - An Act creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Sponsor: Rep Szymanski  
Co-Sponsor: Rep Clocksin

The Committee heard the Senate companion bill--SB 19--on January 29, 1985; and passed it out of committee on February 26.

The bill establishes the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge to be managed as a refuge for the protection of waterfowl, shorebirds, salmon, and other fish and wildlife species and their habitat and for the use and enjoyment of the people.

The geographical area of the Refuge is legally described.

Fish and Game and Dept of Natural Resources exercise authority within the Refuge consistent with a management plan that is to be prepared by the Dept of Fish and Game.

The management plan must assure surface access to Fire Island and recommend a corridor for constructed access and utilities between Fire Island and the Anchorage mainland.

Certain Municipality of Anchorage land is to be included within the Refuge and such land is to be managed by agreement between F&G and the MOA.

The State or the MOA may not acquire privately owned land within the Refuge by eminent domain; however such land may be acquired by purchase/exchange.

Land and water within the Refuge is closed to mineral entry under AS 38.05.185 and 38.05.275. -- The management plan for the Refuge is to be completed within one year of the effective date of the Act.

Attached materials relating to the bill are:

- 1) Bill history & letter of intent.
- 2) Committee reports from Senate Resources and Senate State Affairs.
- 3) Letters from Rep Szymanski; Municipality of Anchorage; and Alaska Waterfowl Association
- 4) Map

# Bill History

HB 186

CSHB 186 RES

AN ACT CREATING THE ANCHORAGE COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

PRIME SPONSOR: SZYMANSKI

CO-SPONSORS: CLOCKSIN

CURRENT STATUS: (S) C&RA

DATE	PAGE	ACTION
02/11/85 (H)	324	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
03/08/85 (H)	540	RES RPT CS SDP 2NR
03/08/85 (H)	540	ZERO FISCAL NOTE
03/22/85 (H)	662	FIN RPT C (RES) 7DP 4NR
04/10/85 (H)		RLS TO CALENDAR
04/10/85 (H)	870	READ THE SECOND TIME
04/10/85 (H)	870	CS (RES) ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT
04/10/85 (H)	870	ADVANCED TO THIRD READING UNAN CONSENT
04/10/85 (H)	870	READ THE THIRD TIME
04/10/85 (H)	870	PASSED Y40 N-
04/10/85 (H)	870	HOUSE LETTER OF INTENT ADOPTED Y36 N4
04/10/85 (H)	876	TRANSMITTED TO (S)
04/11/85 (S)	762	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
04/12/85 (S)	785	C&RA REFERRAL ADDED
04/25/85 (S)	922	SA RPT 4DP
05/02/85 (S)	1013	RES RPT 3DP IDNP UNLESS AMENDED 2NR C&RA FINANCE RULES

April 10, 1985

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## CSHB 186(RES)

### "House Letter of Intent CSHB 186(Res)

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Alaska Department of Fish and game prepare the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge management plan with recommendations for a transportation and utilities corridor between Fire Island and the Anchorage mainland. This will be done in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Municipality of Anchorage, and private land owners on Fire Island."

/s/  
Mike Szymanski"

Representative Pourchot objected.

Representative Pourchot moved and asked unanimous consent that he be allowed to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. Objection was noted, therefore Representative Pourchot was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt the letter of intent?" The roll was taken with the following result:

#### CSHB 186(RES) INTENT

Yeas:	36	Adams, Binkley, Boucher, Cato, Clocksin, Collins, Cotten, Davis, Duncan, Frank, Fuller, Furnace, Goll, Gruenberg, Grussendorf, Hanley, Herrmann, Jenkins, Koponen, Larson, Marrou, Martin, Miller, M.M., Miller, M.W., Navarre, Pearce, Phillips, Pignalberi, Rieger, Ringstad, Shultz, Sund, Szymanski, Taylor, Thompson, Uehling
Nays:	4	Hurley, Pettyjohn, Pourchot, Wallis
Excused:	(	
Absent:	0	

And so, the letter of intent was adopted.

CSHB 186(Res) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

# COMMITTEE REPORT

## SENATE

4/25/85

FURTHER: C&RA  
FINANCE

Date 5/1/85

Mr. President

The Committee on RESOURCES considered CSHB 186(Res) creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

and (a majority of the committee) ~~the committee~~ reports it back with ~~the following~~ recommendations:

- <sup>individual</sup> do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- replace with or adopt CS for \_\_\_\_\_
- new title
- same title and recommends \_\_\_\_\_
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT"  NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

*W. Fischer*  
*Rick Halford*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

*Frank P. Bennett* No Rec  
*William* " " "  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Bette F. Johnson* - Do Not  
*Pass unless*  
*amended*  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Carl Stangor*  
Chairman  
*Do Pass*  
Chairman recommendation

COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

FURTHER: RESOURCES  
~~FINANCE~~ C&RA  
Finance

4/11/85

Date April 25, 1985

Mr. President

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS considered CSHB 186(Res)  
creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with  
the following recommendations:

- do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- replace with/or adopt CS for \_\_\_\_\_
- new title \_\_\_\_\_
- same title and recommends \_\_\_\_\_
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT"  NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

Edna de Vries  
V. Fischer  
Tim Kelly  
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MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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[Signature]  
 Chairman  
[Signature]  
 Chairman recommendation



# Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Representative Mike Szymanski

Finance Committee  
Oil and Gas Committee

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While in Session:  
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May 3, 1985

To: Senator Edna DeVries, Chairman  
Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

From: Representative Mike Szymanski

Re: Background/Intent of HB 186 - Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

In 1971 the Alaska State Legislature created Potter Point State Game Refuge (AS 16.20.030 (b)) which extends southeasterly along the coastline of Anchorage from Pt. Campbell to Potter Creek. This easily accessible, urban refuge provides excellent wildlife viewing opportunities for city residents, and it enhances the Anchorage economy through its value as a tourist attraction.

In June 1983, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) established the Potter Marsh Task Force to address management problems that were developing both within and around the refuge, and to subsequently make recommendations for action. This legislation is one of the task force's recommendations for improving management of the refuge, and it is supported by the MOA, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and interested public members.

HB 186 would:

1) Rename the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge the "Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge".

Section 1, AS 16.20.031 (a) would establish the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge to be managed for the protection of waterfowl, shore birds, salmon, and other fish and wildlife species, and their habitat and for the use and enjoyment of the people of the state. Section 3 repeals AS 16.20.030 (b) which is the existing statute establishing the Potter Point State Game Refuge. This new name more accurately reflects the refuge's location and relation to the city of Anchorage.

2) Provide a precise legal description, in surveyable section lines, of the boundaries of the state-owned land and water included in the refuge.

The 1971 legislation reads, "The following described state-owned land and adjacent state water, excluding existing and applied-for highway, pipelines and railway rights-of-way as of May 20, 1971, are established as the Potter Point State Game Refuge: All land and water south and west of and adjacent to the toe of the bluff which extends from Campbell Point southeasterly to Potter Creek." This language does not define any real or measurable limit as to how

far the refuge boundary extends seaward, and the inland boundary is open to wide interpretation. Many times this lack of clarity has resulted in confusion for state agencies, private development interests, and the general public. Therefore HB 186 in Section 1, subsections (1) through (7) describes in detail the legal refuge boundaries.

3) Add additional tidelands and near shore upland to the existing refuge.

The MOA has asked that refuge boundaries be expanded northward from Pt. Campbell to Pt. Woronzof to include municipally owned wetlands within the refuge for management by ADF&G. In 1979, under the Anchorage Coastal Zone Management Plan, these lands were identified as Areas Meriting Special Attention and classified as Preservation Wetlands. Inclusion of these lands within the refuge does not afford them any more protection than they already have under the preservation status, but would facilitate the uniform management of Anchorage's coastal lands. The new boundaries (described in Section 1, subsections (1) through (7)) were cooperatively drawn by the MOA, ADF&G, and DNR.

4) Restrict the state and municipality from acquiring property by eminent domain for inclusion within the refuge.

This would protect private property owners by requiring that property to be included within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge be acquired through purchase, exchange, or otherwise (Section 1, (e)), and prohibiting acquisition by eminent domain.

5) Provide for management of the refuge by ADF&G and DNR.

Section 1 (b) provides that, as in the past, both ADF&G and DNR would exercise their respective authorities over the refuge, except as provided in Section 1 (d). Management of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge will be consistent with a management plan prepared by the ADF&G under AS 16.20.040 - 16.20.060. The plan will be completed within one year of the effective date of this Act (Section 2).

The management plan prepared by ADF&G shall recommend a corridor for transportation and utilities between Fire Island and the Anchorage mainland (Section 1 (c)). This is to ensure access to the island's landowners for future development and would also be of economic benefit to the MOA.

Hunting, as in the past and in accordance with state regulations, will continue to be allowed on state-owned lands within the refuge west and north of the Alaska Railroad.

While the land and water areas of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge are closed to mineral entry under AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275, the boundary extension north of Pt. Campbell was drawn so that all previously issued offshore mining permits were excluded from within the refuge. Oil and gas leasing will not be affected (Section 1 (f)) by this legislation.



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Finance Committee  
Oil and Gas Committee

May 3, 1985

Mr. Joe B. Mathis  
816 Oceanview Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99515

Dear Mr. Mathis,

I understand that you had some questions concerning a bill I have introduced, HB 186, relating to the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. I wanted to take a moment to answer your questions and I am also enclosing a copy of the bill and a background/intent paper explaining what the bill does for your perusal.

First, HB 186 renames the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge the "Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge". This was done to more accurately reflect the refuge's location and relation to the city of Anchorage, because the current name has resulted in many people mistakenly thinking that the refuge consists only of that area known as Potter Marsh. The refuge presently extends from Pt. Campbell southeasterly to Potter Creek, thus it already borders, or is near, your home. The bill would extend the refuge northward from Pt. Campbell to Pt. Woronzof to include municipal wetlands which are currently zoned Preservation Wetlands. This would facilitate uniform management of Anchorage's coastline.

All existing regulations now in effect for the refuge would still apply, and there would be no new or additional regulations. In fact, a measure of protection for home and property owners located within refuge boundaries is included within the bill that is not presently applicable. That measure is that property can not be acquired by the Municipality of Anchorage or the State through eminent domain for inclusion in the refuge. In other words, property would have to be purchased, exchanged, or some other arrangement agreed upon.

I hope this addresses any concerns you may have had. If you have any further questions please feel free to call my office collect. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Szymanski".

Mike Szymanski  
Your Representative

MS/jk  
Enclosures



# Alaska State Legislature

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January 29, 1986

JAN 29 1986

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: senator Edna DeVries  
Chairman, Senate Community &  
Regional Affairs Committee

FROM: *Mike Szymanski*  
Representative Mike Szymanski

SUBJECT: CSHB 186

With regard to the proposed Senate CS for CSHB 186, I feel very strongly that submission of a management plan to the Legislature for approval is not acceptable.

The management plan as carried out by the Department of Fish and Game involves public hearings and public input and is a formal planning process. It is anticipated that this is where legislators will provide their input, if there is a direction which they would like to see the Department take.

To place the Legislature in the position of having to approve a management plan would not only put the Legislature in the position of basically drafting the plan, but it would remove the management prerogative from local government and from the Department of Fish and Game. Simply stated, I believe that the management plan is not a function of the Legislature.

If there is some direction in particular that the Committee wishes the Department to take with regard to this legislation, I would respectfully suggest that this might be addressed in a letter of intent, which I feel would be a more appropriate vehicle.

I have asked the Department of Fish and Game to present the Committee of an explanation of what a management plan entails, if you so wish.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Department of Fish and Game

Municipality  
of  
Anchorage



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(907) 264-4317

TONY KNOWLES,  
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY & FACILITY MANAGEMENT

May 10, 1985

Senator Edna B. DeVries  
State Capitol, Room 427  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: HB 186--Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Dear Senator DeVries:

This letter responds to your concerns about the proposed Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. The proposed refuge will have no impact on private property because in the vicinity of Bayshore, Oceanview and other residential neighborhoods in south Anchorage the refuge simply overlays and renames the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge. The only addition to the refuge is between Point Campbell and Point Woronzof, west of Anchorage International Airport where the Municipality and the State are the upland landowners. Private inholdings within the refuge may only be purchased from willing sellers; taking land by condemnation is forbidden.

Specifically, the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge will have no effect on the location of the proposed Anchorage Coastal Trail which is routed seaward of all residential lots. (See enclosed maps and trail route description.) As one of the key Municipal employees involved in the Coastal Trail route study, I am keenly aware of the concerns Oceanview and Shore Drive residents have expressed about the Coastal Trail, which in an early draft of the route study was proposed to cross private property. In 1983, following extensive discussion with property owners, the Coastal Trail route was located seaward of upland residential lots placing it within the Potter Point Refuge. Therefore, the approved Coastal Trail route would be within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

The Municipality would have no objection to language in the legislation which provides that the refuge master plan would be reviewed periodically, however, this is a matter on which you may wish to consult with Department of Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Scholes".

Peter Scholes  
Property Management Officer

enclosure

cc: Suzanne Tryck

# ALASKA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

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January 14, 1986


Senator Edna DeVries, Chair  
Senate Community & Regional Affairs  
Box V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: HB 186  
Anchorage Coastal  
Wildlife Refuge

Dear Senator DeVries:

Our organization of over 200 people support the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. We would urge you to report it out of your committee with a do pass. If there are any problems with this bill please let me know by return mail. We believe it is time to finish this worthwhile task and proceed to the next one. Hopefully our great grandchildren will hear the sounds of waterfowl 100 years in the future.

Very truly yours,

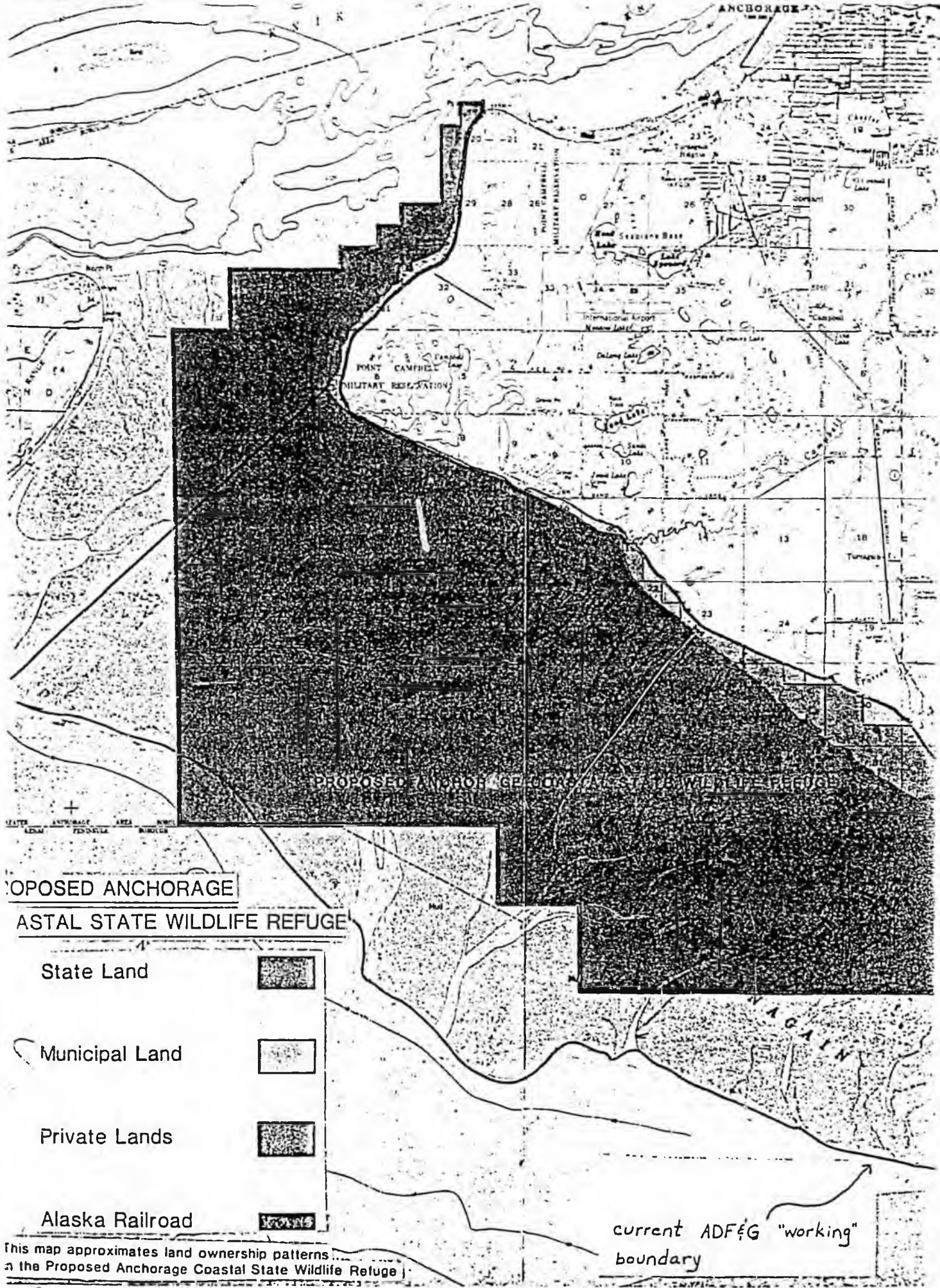
  
John W. Hendrickson  
President

cc: Mayor Tony Knowles  
Senator Vic Fischer  
Representative Syzmanski





JWH:kmf

Note: Telephone call received 1/29/86 from Vice President of Alaska Waterfowl Association, Tom Fink, saying that the President of the Association did not bring the matter of HB 186 before the membership; and that the President therefore does not speak for the Association. Tom Fink expressed his personal opposition to the bill.

C&RA Staff



**PROPOSED ANCHORAGE  
COASTAL STATE WILDLIFE REFUGE**

- State Land 
- Municipal Land 
- Private Lands 
- Alaska Railroad 

This map approximates land ownership patterns in the Proposed Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge.

current ADF&G "working" boundary

CSHB 186 RES

AN ACT CREATING THE ANCHORAGE COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

PRIME SPONSOR: SZYMANSKI

CO-SPONSORS: CLOCKSIN

CURRENT STATUS: (S) C&RA

DATE		PAGE	ACTION
02/11/85	(H)	324	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRAL(S)
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HB 186

MEASURE HISTORY

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04/10/85	(H)	870	HOUSE LETTER OF INTENT ADOPTED Y36 N4
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04/12/85	(S)	785	C&RA REFERRAL ADDED
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05/02/85	(S)	1013	RES RPT 3DP 1DNP UNLESS AMENDED 2NR
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			FINANCE
			RULES

# MEMORANDUM

To Chip 5/7/84  
To Yungone 9/11/84  
State of Alaska

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIV. OF LAND & WATER MGMT., SOUTHCENTRAL DISTRICT

TO: Esther C. Wunnicke  
Commissioner

DATE: April 6, 1984

FILE NO:

THRU: James K. Barnett  
Deputy Commissioner

TELEPHONE NO: 276-2653

THRU: Bob Arnold  
Deputy Commissioner

SUBJECT: Decision Memorandum #57  
Anchorage Coastal Game  
Refuge

FROM: Tom Hawkins  
Director

*Tom Hawkins*

## Statement of Issue

What is the Department of Natural Resources position on proposed legislation establishing Anchorage Coastal State Game Refuge?

## Background

This legislation, as drafted by the Municipality of Anchorage, proposed to amend AS 16.20.030(b) which established Potter Point Game Refuge. The amending legislation would accomplish the following objectives:

1. Rename the area "Anchorage Coastal State Game Refuge."
2. Add additional lands to the Refuge tidelands and near shore upland from Point Campbell to Point Woronzof.
3. Provide a more precise legal description for refuge lands.
4. Permit management of Municipal land by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game subject to approval by the Municipality.
5. Restriction on property acquisitions by the State to "purchase, exchange, or otherwise ....."

## Issues

1. Extension of Refuge.

The present refuge ends at Point Campbell. This proposed legislation would extend the refuge northward to Point Woronzof which would include state tidelands offshore of municipal lands for a stretch of four miles. These tidelands are all covered with offshore prospecting permits or issued leases about to expire.

2. Name of Refuge.

The issue is self-explanatory. One suggested change in the title would substitute the word "Wildlife" in place of "Game". Wildlife would better describe the diversity of species found within the area.

3. Legal Description

- a. Throughout the proposed description, the 20 foot contour is used as a landward limit for the refuge. This is not a widely accepted method of describing land due to the resulting difficulties of locating those boundaries on the ground.

The 20 foot contour, in this case approximates the "toe of the slope" along the escarpment from Potter Creek to Point Woronzof. One area of departure from this generality is the delta outwash from Rabbit Creek; here the slopes are more gentle and the "toe" of the slope is less apparent, therefore the 20 foot contour is less discernable on the ground. If the 20 foot contour is left as a part of the legal description it will be especially important for the legislation to carry with it an appropriation for survey. DTS estimated the cost of survey for the Potter Marsh area at \$172,000. DTS is currently working on a refinement of the legal description.

4. Management Authority on MOA land.

The proposed legislation is specific. It restricts state management to the Department of Fish and Game of Municipality-owned land within the refuge boundaries. The assumed intent is consolidated and therefore consistent management. Clarification of this delegation related to land use authorizations should be forwarded in the proposed legislation as we interpret ADF&G's permitting authority to be limited. It is recognized that ADF&G has broad powers to manage the State's fish and wildlife resources, A.S. 16.20.010(1), regardless of the land ownership. Responsibility for surface use authorizations should remain with the Municipality as the ADF&G does not have that mandate.

5. State land acquisitions.

The proposed legislation reads "the State may not acquire by eminent domain privately owned land within the refuge boundary ...". The refuge encompasses several miles of the Alaska Railroad and the Seward Highway (old and new). The proposed wording would not distinguish land acquisition for transportation purposes from refuge purposes. The substitution presented below should clarify this situation.

"The State may not acquire land for refuge purposes by eminent domain within the refuge boundary ...".

6. Refuge Management Plans.

The "management" plan being developed by ADF&G, DNR and other agencies is following the "Special Areas Program" which describes the ADF&G's planning process for refuges, critical habitat areas, sanctuaries, ranges and endangered species habitat. The Division of Land and Water Management, in its participation on the task force has not recommended a separate DNR plan for the area. DLWM approach has been to contribute to the development of the two primary ADF&G products: a "Strategic Plan" and an Operational Plan. The Strategic Plan provides long-range policy guidance and the operation plan provides a working document for specific projects, updated yearly or as needed. This type of cooperative involvement will then provide the background necessary for the development of DNR regulations governing non-refuge related land uses that may be applied for within the refuge.

With the above background, additional language should be developed in order to incorporate the DNR land use regulation responsibility into section (b)(5) of the proposed legislation. A draft of this wording follows:

"The Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge will be managed in accordance with management plans prepared by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and endorsed by the Boards of Fish and Game; and land use regulations developed by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Municipality of Anchorage."

7. Mineral Estate.

No mention is made in the proposed mineral estate. The tidal and submerged land enclosed in the proposed boundary is completely covered by offshore prospecting permit applications, some of which are now being adjudicated by the Division of Mining. Division of Mining has suggested a boundary change near the Point Woronzof applications. Refer to attached map.

Options

1. Refuge extension.

- a. Extend refuge as proposed by municipality. This area is included with the Municipality's AMSA as a part of the coastal plan.
- b. Extend refuge but modify seaward limit as proposed by Division of Mining; see attached map. This would reduce conflict in area of OPP's being adjudicated.

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- c. Do not extend refuge. This option would allow OPP operations to continue in an area of high interest to gold placer/gravel interests.
2. Name of Refuge.
  - a. Anchorage Coastal State Game Refuge.
  - b. Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge.
  - c. Other.
3. Legal Description.
  - a. Utilize a combination of survey methods and legal descriptions; Aliquot part descriptions where they apply to surveyed state, municipal and private lands. Use metes and bounds descriptions to areas unsurveyed. Use a surveyed meander to approximate the toe of bluff or the 20 foot contour line with the toe of bluff controlling where it is apparent.
  - b. Utilize a 20 foot contour and aliquot part boundaries as presently proposed.
4. ADF&G management of MOA land.
  - a. Comment to MOA of ADF&G limited authority.
  - b. Legislation as proposed.
5. State land acquisition.
  - a. Suggested wording above.
  - b. Other wording.
6. Refuge management plans.
  - a. ADF&G planning lead with ADNR input and ADNR regulations.
  - b. ADNR management plan plus ADF&G system.
7. Mineral Estate.
  - a. Close all lands within Refuge boundary.
  - b. Close all lands within Refuge boundary as amended by Division of Mining.

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Recommended Option

1. Extend refuge boundary to include nearshore uplands and tidelands from Point Campbell to Point Woronzof using the seaward boundary suggested by Division of Mining.
2. Name - Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge.
3. Legal Description.
  - a. Utilize the combination of metes/bounds, meander and aliquot part descriptions.
4. ADF&G and MOA utilize a cooperative agreement which specifies management responsibilities for each organization.
5. State land acquisition wording above.
6. Option a - ADF&G plans with complimentary ADNR land use regulations.
7. Close all lands to mineral entry using the amended boundary suggested by Division of Mining.

TJH:PCB:dm

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Tom Hawkins  
Tom Hawkins, Director  
Division of Land and Water Management

AGREE

DISAGREE

✓

Date 4/16/84

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Neil Sorenson  
Neil Sorenson  
Division of Parks

✗

Date 16 APRIL 84

Comments: & Outdoor Recreation  
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Kay Brown  
Kay Brown  
Division of Minerals and Energy Management

✓

Date 4-16-84

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Pedro Denton  
Pedro Denton  
Division of Mining

✓

Date 4-16-84

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ross Schaff  
Ross Schaff  
Division of Geological and Geophysical Survey

✓

Date 4-16-84

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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James R. Anderson

4-16-84

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John Sturgeon  
John Sturgeon  
Division of Forestry

✓  
Date 4-16-84

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Bill Heim  
Bill Heim  
Division of Agriculture

✓  
Date 4/16/84

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Robert Arnold  
Robert Arnold, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

✓  
Date 5/2/84

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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James K. Barnett  
James K. Barnett, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

✓  
Date 4-16-84

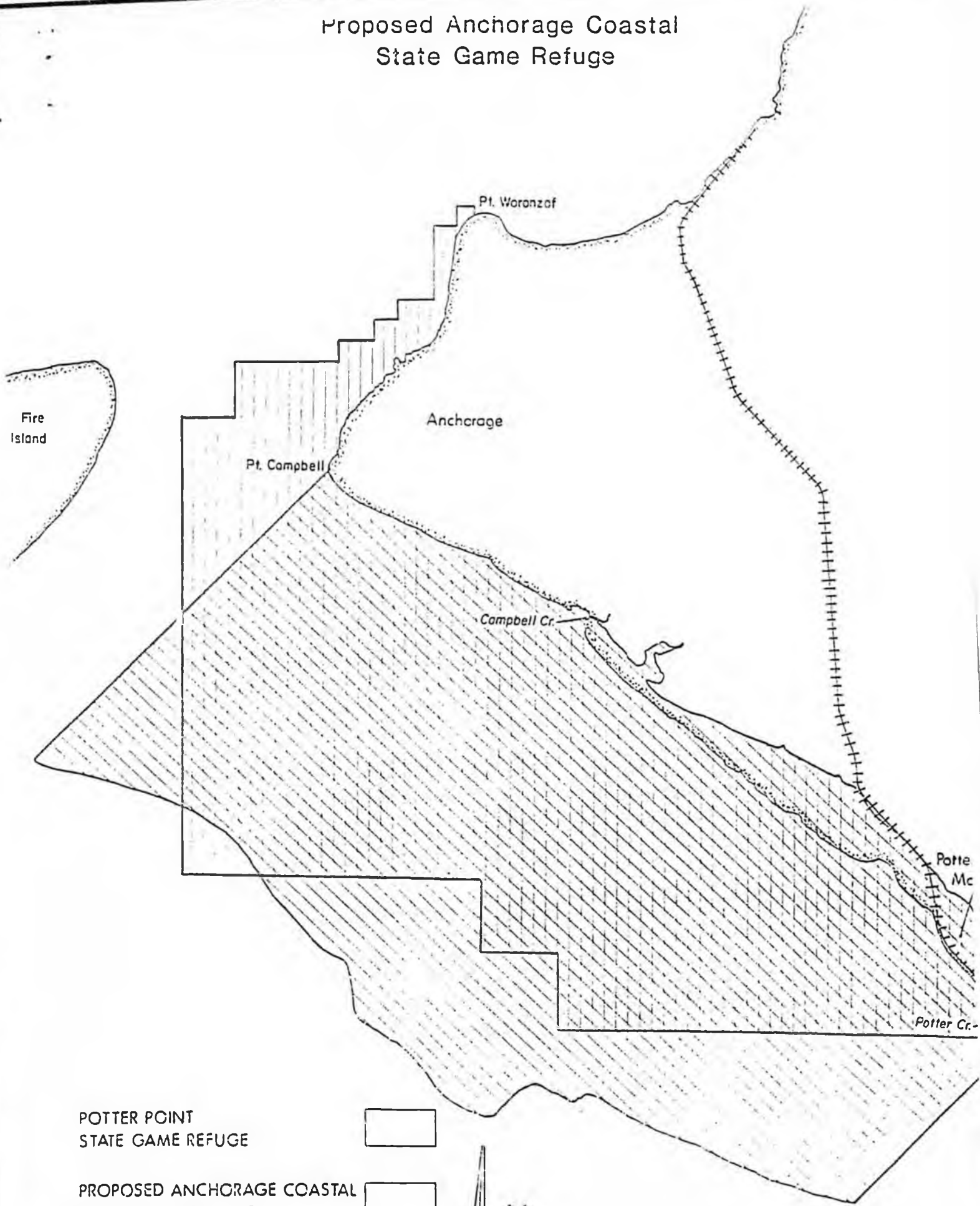
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Esther C. Wunnicke  
Esther C. Wunnicke, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Good work in considering all affected  
responsibilities of DNR. ✓

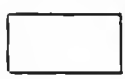
# Proposed Anchorage Coastal State Game Refuge



POTTER POINT  
STATE GAME REFUGE



PROPOSED ANCHORAGE COASTAL  
STATE GAME REFUGE



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Municipality  
of  
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TONY KNOWLES  
MAYOR

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICES

June 20, 1984

Sen. Vic Fischer  
1538 Orca Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Vic:

It may seem a bit early to talk about legislation to be introduced next session, but no grass grows under our feet! So, take a deep breath - here it is, your chance to sponsor legislation expanding and redesignating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. As you know, during this last year, the Municipality has been working with various agencies through the Potter Marsh Task Force. One of the issues has been to look over the boundaries of the entire Potter Point State Game Refuge.

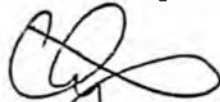
In reviewing the boundaries, it was noted that there were portions of state lands and lands conveyed to the Municipality in the vicinity of Pt. Campbell which lie below the toe of the bluff but which are not now included in the State Refuge. The Municipality has been willing to include its lands within the exterior boundary of the Refuge and provide for coordinated management with other state lands.

Initially, the Municipality had hoped to have the legislation in a form which could be introduced and acted on this session. Naturally, we wanted to be able to present an essentially non-controversial piece of legislation that could be supported by both the Municipality and state departments. Understandably, the Department of Fish and Game would like to improve the Refuge boundaries, but there were also some substantive technical land management and resource issues which fall within the responsibilities of the Department of Natural Resources. In the course of doing things right, the process of refinement, coordination and signoff by various interests took a bit longer than I wished, and final resolution was not achieved in time to enable the legislation to move forward this year. However, the draft legislation has now received formal signoff from all divisions in DNR, and Commissioner Wunnicke approved the legislation in May. In fact, the Commissioner noted that the legislation represented "good work in considering all affected responsibilities of DNR".

Sen. Vic Fischer  
June 20, 1984  
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So here we are. Despite the fact that this session has just ended, I would like to begin talking with you about your legislative program for next year. I and the rest of the Potter Marsh Task Force are aware of your continued interest and support in this area, and I think this legislation could be a positive part of your program for next year.

Sincerely,



Chip Dennerlein  
Executive Manager,  
Public Services

Municipality  
of  
Anchorage



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TONY KNOWLES  
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY & FACILITY MANAGEMENT

July 19, 1984

Ginger Baim  
Office of Senator Vic Fischer  
1024 West 6th Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

*Ginger*  
Dear ~~Ms. Baim~~:

Chip Dennerlein asked that I send you the enclosed information for Senator Fischer's consideration in establishing his priorities for the 1985 session of the Legislature. The legislation, which in its essence extends the Potter Point State Game Refuge northward to Point Woronzof, was drafted cooperatively by the Municipal Property Management Division and State Fish and Game last November. The need for the bill is established in an element of the Anchorage Coastal Management Plan entitled "Pt. Woronzof-Pt. Campbell Wetlands Master Plan" (enclosed).

This past spring the draft legislation underwent thorough review and approval by the State Department of Natural Resources. The bill has not been redrafted to reflect the department's recommendations, all of which are acceptable to the Municipality. Further, DNR's Division of Technical Services will prepare a legal description for the refuge boundary that would be preferable in its form and specificity.

The Senator should be aware that this legislative proposal has not been subject to public comment or formal Municipal review. We are aware of private parties, including CIRI, that may have an interest in access from the Inlet across the tidal wetlands between Point Campbell and Point Woronzof to public uplands in the vicinity of the International Airport.

Please call 264-4806 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Peter Scholes  
Land Bank Officer

264-4806

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Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate Committee on State Affairs

Vic Fischer, Chairman • 1024 W. 6th Ave., Suite 204 C,  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
(907) 278-3654

To: Billy Berrier, Director  
Legislative Legal Services

From: Senator Vic Fischer, Chair  
Senate State Affairs Committee

Date: July 30, 1984

Re: Bill drafting request/ Potter Point State Game Refuge

I would like a bill drafted, reelecting my sponsorship, extending the boundaries of the Potter Point State Game Refuge to Point Woronzof, as per the attached information.

The enclosed draft should be amended to include all the recommended options from page 6 of DNR's April 6, 1984 decision memorandum #57. Please contact the Division of Technical Services in DNR for a more adequate legal description of the land involved, as per the attached letter from Peter Scholes, MOA Land Bank Officer.

I would like a working draft of this bill as soon as possible in order to schedule public hearings in Anchorage this fall on the proposal. Contact Ginger Baim in my Anchorage office at 278-3654 if you have any questions.

Enclosures

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## Senator Vic Fischer

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Alaska State Legislature  
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November 8, 1984

To: Dick Bradley, Attorney  
Legislative Legal Services

From: Ginger Baim, Aide to  
Senator Vic Fischer

Re: New draft request for Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife  
Refuge bill (Work Order # 14-0014).

Before circulating the above bill for comments I'll need some changes to the current draft version. They are:

- A new legal description incorporating the 'tighter' boundary recommended by the Division of Mines. Attached is a complete and accurate legal description for the Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge. Please contact Debby Clausen at 267-2346 (ADF&G habitat Division) if you have any questions.
- On page 3, line 18, after Fish and Game delete 'and approved by the Board of Game'.

In addition to these changes, the Division of Habitat remains concerned that naming the refuge a wildlife refuge as opposed to a game refuge will present problems to them. Specifically they ask whether their authority, as outlined by statute, over game refuges is assumed to apply to wildlife refuges as well. I'd like a written opinion from you to set them at ease.

I know from working with you in the past that you believe legislation should specifically speak to the issues at hand and leave little for 'assumption' or interpretation. I also know you don't like to clutter legislation with unnecessary language. However, if you feel it's best to incorporate language into the bill to clear up the question, feel free to do so.

Finally, all parties agree that "Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge" is an unpleasant mouthful and a thoroughly uninspired title. Should a better name occur to you while drafting the bill please speak up - we could use some better suggestions.

I'd like a new draft as soon as possible in order to solicit comments. Call me at 278-3654 should you have any further questions and thanks, as usual, for your help.

Enclosure

**MEMORANDUM** (Brief Communications)

State of Alaska

TO:	Name <i>Ginger Grimm</i>	Dept./Div./Sect. <i>Senator Vic Finken's Office</i>	Mail Stop
FROM:	Name <i>Debby Clausen</i>	Dept./Div./Sect. <i>ADF+G Habitat Division</i>	Telephone <i>267-2346</i>
SUBJ.:	<i>Proposed Anchorage Coastal State <del>Game</del> Wildlife Refuge</i>		Date <i>11/6/84</i>

Attached is the legal description that DNR's Division of Technical Services prepared for the proposed Anchorage Coastal State Game Refuge. I have checked this description and think it provides the best legal description developed so far.

*Debby*

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR PROPOSED ( 0/51  
ANCHORAGE COASTAL GAME REFUGE

(A) T13N, R4W, Seward Meridian. New Boundary

Section 20 - SE1/4 Seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

SE1/4 NE1/4 Seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

Section 29 - E1/2 Seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

SW1/4 Seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

Section 30 - SE1/4 SE1/4.

Section 31 - All seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour except NW1/4  
NW1/4.

Section 32 - All seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

(B) T13N, R5W, Seward Meridian.

Section 36 - S1/2, all.

S1/2 N1/2, all.

(C) T12N, R4W, Seward Meridian.

Section 6-9 - Seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

Section 15 - NW1/4 Seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

SW1/4 NE1/4 Seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

Govt. Lot 5 and the remainder of the W1/2 SE1/4, all.

SW1/4, all.

Section 16 - Seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

Section 17-22 - all.

Section 23 - Govt. Lot 1 and the remainder of the SW1/4, all seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

Govt. Lot 2 and the remainder of the S1/2 NW1/4, all seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

Govt. Lots 3 and 4, and the remainder of the SE1/4, all seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

Section 24 - Tract A, Shorecrest Subdivision (Plat #81-68 Anchorage Recording District), all.

Section 25 - Govt. Lots 1 and 2, and the remainder of the W1/2, all.

Tract A, Johns Park Estates, and the remainder of the NE1/4, all seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour, and excluding Skyway Park Estates, Addn. No. 1.

Govt. Lots 3 and 4, and the remainder of the SE1/4, all.

Section 26-36 - all.

(D) T12N, R5W, Seward Meridian.

Section 1-2 - all.

Section 11-14 - all.

Section 23-26 - all.

Section 35-36 - all.

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(E) T12N, R3W, Seward Meridian.

Section 29 - That portion of the SW1/4 southwesterly of the Alaska Railroad right of way line and southerly of Oceanview Subdivision, Addition No. 6.

Section 30 - That portion of Tract A, Johns Park Estates, seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour.

Govt. Lot 2 and that portion of the SE1/4 NW1/4 southwesterly of Oceanview West Subdivision, Addn. No. 1.

Govt. Lots 3 and 4 and the remainder of the SW1/4, all.

That portion of the SW1/4 NE1/4 and the SE1/4 southwesterly of Oceanview Subdivision, Addn. No. 4 & Addn. No. 6.

Section 31 - all.

Section 32 - All lands southwesterly of the Alaska Railroad right of way line.

Section 33 - All lands westerly of the Alaska Railroad right of way line.

(F) T11N, R3W, Seward Meridian.

Section 3 - Govt. Lot 5, all.

Section 4 - That portion southwesterly of the Old Seward Highway right of way line and The Landings Subdivision which is northeasterly of the New Seward Highway right of way line. Also that portion southwesterly of the Alaska Railroad right of way line.

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Section 5-8 - all.

Section 9 - That portion southwesterly of the Alaska Railroad right of way line. Also that portion northeasterly of the New Seward Highway right of way line.

Section 10 - That portion westerly of the Old Seward Highway right of way line which is northeasterly of the New Seward Highway right of way line. Also that portion southwesterly of the Alaska Railroad right of way line.

(G) T11N, R4W, Seward Meridian.

Section 1-4 all.

Section 10-12 all.

STATE OF ALASKA  
THE LEGISLATURE

POUCH Y STATE CAPITOL  
JUNEAU ALASKA 99811  
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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

November 21, 1984

SUBJECT: Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge  
(Work Order No. 14-0014)

TO: Senator Vic Fischer

FROM: Richard A. Bradley  
Legislative Counsel

I have reviewed Ginger Baim's request for a revision of the bill. I may say that the letter was not received in this office until November 19.

And I have some comments.

I have included the description generally as you requested. But I believe that the description may be further improved on. In several places, the word "all" is added to the description; we generally do not use that word when the description standing alone without it comprehends everything. Thus, for example in T13N, R5W, to say "Section 36 - S1/2, all" adds nothing to the identical phrase without it. In those cases, the word has been deleted.

But there is a slightly different usage of "all" within the descriptions that seems to offer possibilities of improvement. For example, in T12N, R4W, Section 15, the language reads: "Gov't Lot 5 and the remainder of W1/2 SE1/4, all." As I understand what is requested there, it should be adequate simply to say "Section 15, W1/2 SE1/4." The fact that the "W1/2 SE1/4" of sec. 15 has been subdivided does not change the fact that what is requested is all of that subdivision of sec. 15.

I believe that in the following instances in addition to the one described, this problem is presented:

- (1) T12N, R4W, Section 23, SE1/4;

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(2) T12N, R4W, Section 25, W1/2; and

(3) T12N, R4W, Section 25, SE1/4.

I note that the Division of Habitat expresses concern that "naming the refuge as a wildlife refuge as opposed to a game refuge will present problems to them." They seem particularly concerned that naming this refuge as a wildlife refuge creates problems since what they manage under AS 16.20 are game refuges.

I do not understand why the word "wildlife" is particularly preferred to "game". I note that the usual style within AS 16.20 is to describe the management concerns as those involving "game", although AS 16.20 addresses, perhaps accidentally, "Conservation and Protection of Alaskan Wildlife."

But the location of the assigned section to those sections of AS 16.20 concerned with State Game Refuges seems to indicate clearly that the Department of Fish and Game is assigned the management responsibility for the Refuge. And existing Sec. 16.20.031(c) seems to assign management responsibility to the Department of Fish and Game.

But assuming that you would prefer to retain the existing style, I have modified the language of sec. 31(b) slightly to follow the direct language more typically employed in the establishment of state parks.

Normally I would not address the question of the naming of a state park or refuge; this is the kind of thing that legislators are better at than are we lawyers. But since you asked, it seems that the only options that you have (apart from the game vs. wildlife question) lie with the words "Anchorage" and Coastal". One or the other might be deleted or have you considered simply the Turnagain Arm State Wildlife Refuge?

I will be in Anchorage November 19 and 20 taking bill requests; give me a call there if I may assist further.

RAB:ojb  
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TONY KNOWLES,  
MAYOR

November 27, 1984

Sen. Vic Fischer  
1024 W. Sixth, #204-C  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Vic:

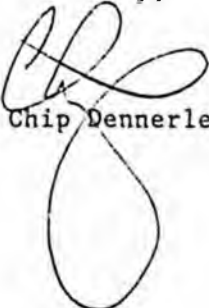
I very much appreciate receiving a copy of your November 26 letter and attachments on the Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge.

Mayor Knowles has established the post of Manager for Intergovernmental Affairs, and has asked me to assume that responsibility. In addition to helping coordinate efforts with the Legislature, I will be working to facilitate cooperation and coordination with various state and federal agencies concerning a variety of projects affecting Anchorage. Together with the continuing involvement of Bill Miles, this new effort should serve to increase Anchorage's effectiveness with the Legislature in general, and further enhance the working relationship between the Municipality and the Anchorage delegation in particular. Naturally, the upcoming session is foremost in all of our minds, but I will be available to work with you throughout the year.

Our office is at 804 Hill Building, although our mailing address is the same. Our telephone number is 264-4960.

I look forward to a continued working relationship to benefit all of Anchorage. Please don't hesitate to call me. I will certainly be calling on you.

Sincerely,

  
Chip Dennerlein

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# Alaska State Legislature

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

November 26, 1984

Dear Friend:

Attached is background information on draft legislation that would extend the boundaries of Potter Marsh to Point Woronzof and rename the area as the Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge.

The attached information should speak for itself. The measure has been reviewed and tentatively approved by agencies charged with land, water, and fish and game management in the area. However, there has been no public review of this specific proposal and, therefore, no "official" action.

We intend to file this legislation in both Houses during the 1985 session. The enclosed draft is a working document to help generate public comment. It can and probably will be changed during the public review process prior to filing, depending on the comments we receive from you.

At this stage, we are asking that comments be submitted, either in writing or directly by phone, no later than January 1, 1985. Please call either Ginger Baim in Senator Fischer's office at 278-3654 or Roger Poppe in Rep. Szymanski's office at 276-6731 should you have any questions.

Thanks for your help on this issue. We are looking forward to hearing from you and hope we can count on your support in creating the Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vic Fischer".

Senator Vic Fischer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Szymanski".

Rep. Mike Szymanski



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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

### Committee on Community and Regional Affairs

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Senator K. K. Johnson, Vice Chairman  
Senator Coghill  
Senator Stulgimski  
Senator V. Fischer

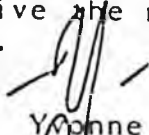
Room 11  
Building 1014A 99511

Edna,

I am getting a CS for Szymanski's Anchorage Coastal Refuge Bill...that will require that the Management Plan be submitted to the Legislature for review ....

Peter Scholes, Land Management Director, for the Municipality of Anchorage tells me that the Coastal Trail is all within the geographic area of the Anchorage Coastal Refuge; except for some section that would be near Bayshore....he says, however, that even in the Bayshore area the legal provisions for the Trail do not allow taking of private land. -- None of the Trail would require additional land in the Oceanview Subdivision.

You can use the Beltz room tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. if you decide to hear the bill --- And, as you know, you would need to move to waive the notice provisions on the floor today.



Yvonne

P.S. Peter Scholes is suppose to be sending you some maps of the Refuge as it affects the Coastal Trail by Commissioner Wunnicke.. that are suppose to be here around noon today.

# Senator Vic Fischer

Alaska State Legislature  
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January 8, 1986

## MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Edna DeVries, Chair  
Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee

From: Senator Vic Fischer *VF*

Re: HB 186 - Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

At the end of last session, you requested that HB 186, establishing the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, be referred to your committee. The bill might well have been enacted prior to adjournment if it had not been for the resultant delay.

A near identical bill sponsored by me (SB 19) has previously been heard before the Committee and was reported out with a unanimous do pass. Since the months of interim between sessions should have been sufficient time to obtain answers to any questions you had in May, it is my hope that HB 186 can be quickly reported out of committee so the refuge can be speedily established.

Thanks for your consideration.

cc: Mayor Knowles  
Rep. Szymanski  
John H. Hendrickson  
Commissioner Collingsworth

# Alaska State Legislature

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HB 186 -- An Act creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Committee has before it CS, Resources

The committee heard the Senate companion bill, SB 19 on Jan 29, and passed it out of committee on February 26

The bill establishes the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge to be managed as a refuge for the protection of waterfowl, shorebirds, salmon, and other fish and wildlife species and their habitat and for the use and enjoyment of the people

The area of the Refuge is legally described.

Fish and Game and Dept Natural Resources exercise authority within the Refuge consistent with a management plan that is to be prepared by the Department of Fish and Game.

The management plan shall assure surface access to Fire Island and recommend a corridor for constructed access and utilities between Fire Island and the Anchorage mainland.

Certain Municipality of Anchorage is to be included within the Refuge and shall land shall be managed by agreement between F&G and the Municipality of Anchorage.

The State or the MOA may not acquire privately owned land within the refuge by eminent domain; however such land may be acquired by F&G or MOA by purchase/exchange.

Land and water within the Refuge is closed to mineral entry under AS 38.05.185 = 38.05.275.

The management plan for the Refuge is to be completed within one year of the effective date of the Act.

Offered: 3/8/85  
Referred: Finance

Original sponsors: Szymanski and Clocksin

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 186 (Resources)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION  
5 A BILL  
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife  
7 Refuge."  
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
9 \* Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:  
10 Sec. 16.20.031. ANCHORAGE COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. (a) The  
11 following described state-owned land and water is established as the  
12 Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge and shall be managed as a state game  
13 refuge for the protection of waterfowl, shorebirds, salmon, and other  
14 fish and wildlife species, and their habitat and for the use and  
15 enjoyment of the people of the state:  
16 (1) Township 13 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian  
17 Section 20: SE 1/4 seaward of the 20 foot elevation  
18 contour  
19 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 seaward of the 20 foot elevation con-  
20 tour  
21 Section 29: E 1/2 seaward of the 20 foot elevation  
22 contour  
23 SW 1/4 seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour  
24 Section 30: SE 1/4 SE 1/4  
25 Section 31: All seaward of the 20 foot elevation  
26 contour except NW 1/4 NW 1/4  
27 Section 32: All seaward of the 20 foot elevation  
28 contour  
29 (2) Township 13 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

1                   Section 36: S 1/2  
2                    S 1/2 N 1/2  
3           (3) Township 12 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian  
4           Sections 6 - 9: Seaward of the 20 foot elevation  
5            contour  
6           Section 15: NW 1/4 seaward of the 20 foot elevation  
7            contour  
8            SW 1/4 NE 1/4 seaward of the 20 foot elevation  
9            contour  
10          Government Lot 5 and the remainder of the W 1/2 SE  
11          1/4, all  
12          SW 1/4  
13          Section 16: Seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour  
14          Sections 17 - 22  
15          Section 23: Government Lot 1 and the remainder of the  
16          SW 1/4, all seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour  
17          Government Lot 2 and the remainder of the S 1/2 NW  
18          1/4, all seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour  
19          Government Lots 3 and 4, and the remainder of the SE  
20          1/4, all seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour  
21          Section 24: Tract A, Shorecrest Subdivision (Plat No.  
22          81-68, Anchorage Recording District)  
23          Section 25: Government Lots 1 and 2, and the remainder  
24          of the W 1/2, all  
25          Tract A, Johns Park Estates, and the remainder of the  
26          NE 1/4, excluding Skyway Park Estates, Addition No. 1  
27          all seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour Govern-  
28          ment Lots 3 and 4, and the remainder of the SE 1/4,  
29          all

1 Sections 26 - 36  
2 (4) Township 12 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian  
3 Sections 1 - 2  
4 Sections 11 - 14  
5 Sections 23 - 26  
6 Sections 35 - 36  
7 (5) Township 12 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian  
8 Section 29: That portion of the SW 1/4 southwesterly  
9 of the Alaska Railroad right-of-way and southerly of  
10 Oceanview Subdivision, Addition No. 6  
11 Section 30: That portion of Tract A, Johns Park  
12 Estates, seaward of the 20 foot elevation contour  
13 Government Lot 2 and that portion of the SE 1/4 NW  
14 1/4 southwesterly of Oceanview West Subdivision,  
15 Addition No. 1  
16 Government Lots 3 and 4 and the remainder of the SW  
17 1/4, all  
18 That portion of the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 and the SE 1/4  
19 southwesterly of Oceanview Subdivision, Addition No.  
20 4 and Addition No. 6  
21 Section 31  
22 Section 32: All lands southwesterly of the Alaska  
23 Railroad right-of-way  
24 Section 33: All lands westerly of the Alaska Railroad  
25 right-of-way  
26 (6) Township 11 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian  
27 Section 3: Government Lot 5  
28 Section 4: That portion southwesterly of the Old  
29 Seward Highway right-of-way and The Landings

1                   Subdivision which is northeasterly of the New Seward  
2                   Highway right-of-way  
3                   That portion southwesterly of the Alaska Railroad  
4                   right-of-way

5                   Sections 5 - 8

6                   Section 9: That portion southwesterly of the Alaska  
7                   Railroad right-of-way

8                   That portion northeasterly of the New Seward Highway  
9                   right-of-way

10                  Section 10: That portion westerly of the Old Seward  
11                  Highway right-of-way which is northeasterly of  
12                  the New Seward Highway right-of-way

13                  That portion southwesterly of the Alaska Railroad  
14                  right-of-way

15                  (7) Township 11 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

16                  Sections 1 - 4

17                  Sections 10 - 12

18                  (b) Except as provided in (d) of this section, the Department of  
19                  Fish and Game and the Department of Natural Resources shall exercise  
20                  their respective authorities over the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife  
21                  Refuge consistent with a management plan prepared by the Department of  
22                  Fish and Game under AS 16.20.040 - 16.20.060.

23                  (c) A management plan prepared under AS 16.20.040 - 16.20.060  
24                  shall assure continued surface access to Fire Island and recommend a  
25                  corridor for constructed access and utilities between Fire Island and  
26                  the Anchorage mainland.

27                  (d) Land owned by the Municipality of Anchorage that lies within  
28                  the boundary of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge described in (a)  
29                  of this section may be included in the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife

1       Refuge. An agreement between the Department of Fish and Game and the  
2       Municipality of Anchorage for the management of the land within the  
3       Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge that is owned by the Municipality of  
4       Anchorage shall be approved by the Municipality of Anchorage and by  
5       the Department of Fish and Game.

6               (e) The state or the Municipality of Anchorage may not acquire  
7       privately owned land within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge  
8       described in (a) of this section by eminent domain for inclusion  
9       within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. The Department of Fish  
10      and Game or the Municipality of Anchorage may acquire privately owned  
11      land within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge by purchase, ex-  
12      change, or otherwise except by eminent domain.

13              (f) The land and water areas of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife  
14      Refuge are closed to mineral entry under AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275.

15      \* Sec. 2. The initial management plan prepared under AS 16.20.031(b) as  
16      enacted in sec. 1 of this Act shall be completed within one year of the  
17      effective date of this Act.

18      \* Sec. 3. AS 16.20.030(b) is repealed.



# Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Representative Mike Szymanski

Finance Committee  
Oil and Gas Committee

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May 3, 1985

Mr. Joe B. Mathis  
816 Oceanview Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99515

Dear Mr. Mathis,

I understand that you had some questions concerning a bill I have introduced, HB 186, relating to the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. I wanted to take a moment to answer your questions and I am also enclosing a copy of the bill and a background/intent paper explaining what the bill does for your perusal.

First, HB 186 renames the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge the "Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge". This was done to more accurately reflect the refuge's location and relation to the city of Anchorage, because the current name has resulted in many people mistakenly thinking that the refuge consists only of that area known as Potter Marsh. The refuge presently extends from Pt. Campbell southeasterly to Potter Creek, thus it already borders, or is near, your home. The bill would extend the refuge northward from Pt. Campbell to Pt. Woronzof to include municipal wetlands which are currently zoned Preservation Wetlands. This would facilitate uniform management of Anchorage's coastline.

All existing regulations now in effect for the refuge would still apply, and there would be no new or additional regulations. In fact, a measure of protection for home and property owners located within refuge boundaries is included within the bill that is not presently applicable. That measure is that property can not be acquired by the Municipality of Anchorage or the State through eminent domain for inclusion in the refuge. In other words, property would have to be purchased, exchanged, or some other arrangement agreed upon.

I hope this addresses any concerns you may have had. If you have any further questions please feel free to call my office collect. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Szymanski".

Mike Szymanski  
Your Representative

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Enclosures

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TONY KNOWLES,  
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY & FACILITY MANAGEMENT

May 10, 1985

Senator Edna B. DeVries  
State Capitol, Room 427  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: HB 186--Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Dear Senator DeVries:

This letter responds to your concerns about the proposed Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. The proposed refuge will have no impact on private property because in the vicinity of Bayshore, Oceanview and other residential neighborhoods in south Anchorage the refuge simply overlays and renames the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge. The only addition to the refuge is between Point Campbell and Point Woronzof, west of Anchorage International Airport where the Municipality and the State are the upland landowners. Private inholdings within the refuge may only be purchased from willing sellers; taking land by condemnation is forbidden.

Specifically, the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge will have no effect on the location of the proposed Anchorage Coastal Trail which is routed seaward of all residential lots. (See enclosed maps and trail route description.) As one of the key Municipal employees involved in the Coastal Trail route study, I am keenly aware of the concerns Oceanview and Shore Drive residents have expressed about the Coastal Trail, which in an early draft of the route study was proposed to cross private property. In 1983, following extensive discussion with property owners, the Coastal Trail route was located seaward of upland residential lots placing it within the Potter Point Refuge. Therefore, the approved Coastal Trail route would be within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

The Municipality would have no objection to language in the legislation which provides that the refuge master plan would be reviewed periodically, however, this is a matter on which you may wish to consult with Department of Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

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Peter Scholes  
Property Management Officer

enclosure

cc: Suzanne Tryck



# Alaska State Legislature

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Finance Committee

Oil and Gas Committee

May 3, 1985

TO: Senator Edna DeVries, Chairman  
Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Mike Szymanski

RE: HB 186 - Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

I would like to request scheduling of HB 186, establishing the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, for hearing before your committee next week. I am enclosing a background/intent paper which explains what the bill does in its entirety, and I am also including a map.

Also enclosed is a copy of the letter I have sent to the 5 people who expressed some questions about the bill at the recent Oceanview Homeowners Association teleconference. I will also be contacting each of these people by phone this weekend. I believe their concerns were addressed for the most part at the teleconference. However, if there are still concerns or any suggestions for changes in the bill, I will be sure to address them to the committee for action at the time of hearing.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.

*P.S. This bill clears up the property line problems for our bluff constituents.*



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May 3, 1985

To: Senator Edna DeVries, Chairman  
Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

From: Representative Mike Szymanski

Re: Background/Intent of HB 186 - Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

In 1971 the Alaska State Legislature created Potter Point State Game Refuge (AS 16.20.030 (b)) which extends southeasterly along the coastline of Anchorage from Pt. Campbell to Potter Creek. This easily accessible, urban refuge provides excellent wildlife viewing opportunities for city residents, and it enhances the Anchorage economy through its value as a tourist attraction.

In June 1983, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) established the Potter Marsh Task Force to address management problems that were developing both within and around the refuge, and to subsequently make recommendations for action. This legislation is one of the task force's recommendations for improving management of the refuge, and it is supported by the MOA, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and interested public members.

HB 186 would:

1) Rename the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge the "Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge".

Section 1, AS 16.20.031 (a) would establish the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge to be managed for the protection of waterfowl, shore birds, salmon, and other fish and wildlife species, and their habitat and for the use and enjoyment of the people of the state. Section 3 repeals AS 16.20.030 (b) which is the existing statute establishing the Potter Point State Game Refuge. This new name more accurately reflects the refuge's location and relation to the city of Anchorage.

2) Provide a precise legal description, in surveyable section lines, of the boundaries of the state-owned land and water included in the refuge.

The 1971 legislation reads, "The following described state-owned land and adjacent state water, excluding existing and applied-for highway, pipelines and railway rights-of-way as of May 20, 1971, are established as the Potter Point State Game Refuge: All land and water south and west of and adjacent to the toe of the bluff which extends from Campbell Point southeasterly to Potter Creek." This language does not define any real or measurable limit as to how

far the refuge boundary extends seaward, and the inland boundary is open to wide interpretation. Many times this lack of clarity has resulted in confusion for state agencies, private development interests, and the general public. Therefore HB 186 in Section 1, subsections (1) through (7) describes in detail the legal refuge boundaries.

3) Add additional tidelands and near shore upland to the existing refuge.

The MOA has asked that refuge boundaries be expanded northward from Pt. Campbell to Pt. Woronzof to include municipally owned wetlands within the refuge for management by ADF&G. In 1979, under the Anchorage Coastal Zone Management Plan, these lands were identified as Areas Meriting Special Attention and classified as Preservation Wetlands. Inclusion of these lands within the refuge does not afford them any more protection than they already have under the preservation status, but would facilitate the uniform management of Anchorage's coastal lands. The new boundaries (described in Section 1, subsections (1) through (7)) were cooperatively drawn by the MOA, ADF&G, and DNR.

4) Restrict the state and municipality from acquiring property by eminent domain for inclusion within the refuge.

This would protect private property owners by requiring that property to be included within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge be acquired through purchase, exchange, or otherwise (Section 1, (e)), and prohibiting acquisition by eminent domain.

5) Provide for management of the refuge by ADF&G and DNR.

Section 1 (b) provides that, as in the past, both ADF&G and DNR would exercise their respective authorities over the refuge, except as provided in Section 1 (d). Management of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge will be consistent with a management plan prepared by the ADF&G under AS 16.20.040 - 16.20.060. The plan will be completed within one year of the effective date of this Act (Section 2).

The management plan prepared by ADF&G shall recommend a corridor for transportation and utilities between Fire Island and the Anchorage mainland (Section 1 (c)). This is to ensure access to the island's landowners for future development and would also be of economic benefit to the MOA.

Hunting, as in the past and in accordance with state regulations, will continue to be allowed on state-owned lands within the refuge west and north of the Alaska Railroad.

While the land and water areas of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge are closed to mineral entry under AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275, the boundary extension north of Pt. Campbell was drawn so that all previously issued offshore mining permits were excluded from within the refuge. Oil and gas leasing will not be affected (Section 1 (f)) by this legislation.

COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

4/25/85

FURTHER: C&RA  
FINANCE

Date 5/1/85

Mr. President

The Committee on RESOURCES considered CSHB 186(Res)  
creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

and (a majority of the committee) (~~the committee~~) reports it back with  
~~the following~~ recommendations:

- <sup>individual</sup> do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- replace with/or adopt CS for \_\_\_\_\_
- new title
- same title and recommends \_\_\_\_\_
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT"  NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

*W. Fischer*  
*Rich Halford*  
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MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

*Andy Rasmussen* No Rec  
*William* " " "  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Bettye Johnson* - No Rec  
*Pass unless*  
*amended*

*Carl Stupak*  
 Chairman  
*Do Pass*  
 Chairman recommendation

COMMITTEE REPORT  
SENATE

FURTHER: RESOURCES  
~~FINANCE~~ C&RA  
Finance

4/11/85

Date April 25, 1985

Mr. President

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS considered CSHB 186(Res)  
creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

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the following recommendations:

- do pass
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MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

*Edna Lepore*  
*V. Fischer*  
*Tim Kelly*  
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MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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*[Signature]*  
 Chairman  
*[Signature]*  
 Chairman recommendation

CSHB 186 RES

AN ACT CREATING THE ANCHORAGE COASTAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

PRIME SPONSOR: SZYMANSKI

CO-SPONSORS: CLOCKSIN

CURRENT STATUS: (S) C&RA

DATE		PAGE	ACTION
02/11/85	(H)	324	READ THE FIRST TIME
03/08/85	(H)	540	RES RPT W/CS 5DP 2NR
03/08/85	(H)	540	FISCAL NOTE ZERO
03/22/85	(H)	662	FIN RPT W/CS(RES) 7DP 4NR
04/10/85	(H)		RLS TO CALENDAR 4/10/85
04/10/85	(H)	870	READ THE SECOND TIME
04/10/85	(H)	870	CSHB 186(RES) ADOPTED UNAN CONSENT
04/10/85	(H)	870	ADVANCED TO THIRD READING UNAN CONSENT
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HB 186

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04/25/85	(S)	922	SA RPT 4DP
05/02/85	(S)	1013	RES RPT 3DP 1DNP UNLESS AMENDED, 2NR
04/12/85	(S)	785	C&RA REFERRAL ADDED
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			FINANCE
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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

### Committee on Community and Regional Affairs

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HB 186 -- An Act creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife  
Refuge

Committee has before it CS, Resources

The committee heard the Senate companion bill, SB 19  
on Jan 29, and passed it out of committee on February 26

The bill establishes the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge  
to be managed as a refuge for the protection of waterfowl,  
shorebirds, salmon, and other fish and wildlife species  
and their habitat and for the use and enjoyment of the people

The area of the Refuge is legally described.

Fish and Game and Dept Natural Resources exercise authority  
within the Refuge consistent with a management plan that  
is to be prepared by the Department of Fish and Game.

The management plan shall assure surface access to Fire  
Island and recommend a corridor for constructed access and  
utilities between Fire Island and the Anchorage mainland.

Certain Municipality of Anchorage <sup>land</sup> is to be included within  
the Refuge and ~~shall~~ <sup>such</sup> land shall be managed by agreement  
between F&G and the Municipality of Anchorage.

The State or the MOA may not acquire privately owned land  
within the refuge by eminent domain; however such land may  
be acquired by F&G or MOA by purchase/exchange.

Land and water within the Refuge is closed to mineral entry  
under AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275.

The management plan for the Refuge is to be completed within  
one year of the effective date of the Act.



# Alaska State Legislature

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Representative Mike Szymanski

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Oil and Gas Committee

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May 3, 1985

Mr. Joe B. Mathis  
816 Oceanview Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99515

Dear Mr. Mathis,

I understand that you had some questions concerning a bill I have introduced, HB 186, relating to the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. I wanted to take a moment to answer your questions and I am also enclosing a copy of the bill and a background/intent paper explaining what the bill does for your perusal.

First, HB 186 renames the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge the "Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge". This was done to more accurately reflect the refuge's location and relation to the city of Anchorage, because the current name has resulted in many people mistakenly thinking that the refuge consists only of that area known as Potter Marsh. The refuge presently extends from Pt. Campbell southeasterly to Potter Creek, thus it already borders, or is near, your home. The bill would extend the refuge northward from Pt. Campbell to Pt. Woronzof to include municipal wetlands which are currently zoned Preservation Wetlands. This would facilitate uniform management of Anchorage's coastline.

All existing regulations now in effect for the refuge would still apply, and there would be no new or additional regulations. In fact, a measure of protection for home and property owners located within refuge boundaries is included within the bill that is not presently applicable. That measure is that property can not be acquired by the Municipality of Anchorage or the State through eminent domain for inclusion in the refuge. In other words, property would have to be purchased, exchanged, or some other arrangement agreed upon.

I hope this addresses any concerns you may have had. If you have any further questions please feel free to call my office collect. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Szymanski".

Mike Szymanski  
Your Representative

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# Municipality of Anchorage



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DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY & FACILITY MANAGEMENT

May 10, 1985

Senator Edna B. DeVries  
State Capitol, Room 427  
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RE: HB 186--Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Dear Senator DeVries:

This letter responds to your concerns about the proposed Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. The proposed refuge will have no impact on private property because in the vicinity of Bayshore, Oceanview and other residential neighborhoods in south Anchorage the refuge simply overlays and renames the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge. The only addition to the refuge is between Point Campbell and Point Woronzof, west of Anchorage International Airport where the Municipality and the State are the upland landowners. Private inholdings within the refuge may only be purchased from willing sellers; taking land by condemnation is forbidden.

Specifically, the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge will have no effect on the location of the proposed Anchorage Coastal Trail which is routed seaward of all residential lots. (See enclosed maps and trail route description.) As one of the key Municipal employees involved in the Coastal Trail route study, I am keenly aware of the concerns Oceanview and Shore Drive residents have expressed about the Coastal Trail, which in an early draft of the route study was proposed to cross private property. In 1983, following extensive discussion with property owners, the Coastal Trail route was located seaward of upland residential lots placing it within the Potter Point Refuge. Therefore, the approved Coastal Trail route would be within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.

The Municipality would have no objection to language in the legislation which provides that the refuge master plan would be reviewed periodically, however, this is a matter on which you may wish to consult with Department of Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Scholes".

Peter Scholes  
Property Management Officer

enclosure

cc: Suzanne Tryck



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May 3, 1985

TO: Senator Edna DeVries, Chairman  
Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Mike Szymanski

RE: HB 186 - Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

I would like to request scheduling of HB 186, establishing the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, for hearing before your committee next week. I am enclosing a background/intent paper which explains what the bill does in its entirety, and I am also including a map.

Also enclosed is a copy of the letter I have sent to the 5 people who expressed some questions about the bill at the recent Oceanview Homeowners Association teleconference. I will also be contacting each of these people by phone this weekend. I believe their concerns were addressed for the most part at the teleconference. However, if there are still concerns or any suggestions for changes in the bill, I will be sure to address them to the committee for action at the time of hearing.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.

*P.S. This bill clears up the property line problems for our bluff constituents.*



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May 3, 1985

To: Senator Edna DeVries, Chairman  
Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

From: Representative Mike Szymanski

Re: Background/Intent of HB 186 - Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

In 1971 the Alaska State Legislature created Potter Point State Game Refuge (AS 16.20.030 (b)) which extends southeasterly along the coastline of Anchorage from Pt. Campbell to Potter Creek. This easily accessible, urban refuge provides excellent wildlife viewing opportunities for city residents, and it enhances the Anchorage economy through its value as a tourist attraction.

In June 1983, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) established the Potter Marsh Task Force to address management problems that were developing both within and around the refuge, and to subsequently make recommendations for action. This legislation is one of the task force's recommendations for improving management of the refuge, and it is supported by the MOA, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and interested public members.

HB 186 would:

1) Rename the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge the "Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge".

Section 1, AS 16.20.031 (a) would establish the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge to be managed for the protection of waterfowl, shore birds, salmon, and other fish and wildlife species, and their habitat and for the use and enjoyment of the people of the state. Section 3 repeals AS 16.20.030 (b) which is the existing statute establishing the Potter Point State Game Refuge. This new name more accurately reflects the refuge's location and relation to the city of Anchorage.

2) Provide a precise legal description, in surveyable section lines, of the boundaries of the state-owned land and water included in the refuge.

The 1971 legislation reads, "The following described state-owned land and adjacent state water, excluding existing and applied-for highway, pipelines and railway rights-of-way as of May 20, 1971, are established as the Potter Point State Game Refuge: All land and water south and west of and adjacent to the toe of the bluff which extends from Campbell Point southeasterly to Potter Creek." This language does not define any real or measurable limit as to how

far the refuge boundary extends seaward, and the inland boundary is open to wide interpretation. Many times this lack of clarity has resulted in confusion for state agencies, private development interests, and the general public. Therefore HB 186 in Section 1, subsections (1) through (7) describes in detail the legal refuge boundaries.

3) Add additional tidelands and near shore upland to the existing refuge.

The MOA has asked that refuge boundaries be expanded northward from Pt. Campbell to Pt. Woronzof to include municipally owned wetlands within the refuge for management by ADF&G. In 1979, under the Anchorage Coastal Zone Management Plan, these lands were identified as Areas Meriting Special Attention and classified as Preservation Wetlands. Inclusion of these lands within the refuge does not afford them any more protection than they already have under the preservation status, but would facilitate the uniform management of Anchorage's coastal lands. The new boundaries (described in Section 1, subsections (1) through (7)) were cooperatively drawn by the MOA, ADF&G, and DNR.

4) Restrict the state and municipality from acquiring property by eminent domain for inclusion within the refuge.

This would protect private property owners by requiring that property to be included within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge be acquired through purchase, exchange, or otherwise (Section 1, (e)), and prohibiting acquisition by eminent domain.

5) Provide for management of the refuge by ADF&G and DNR.

Section 1 (b) provides that, as in the past, both ADF&G and DNR would exercise their respective authorities over the refuge, except as provided in Section 1 (d). Management of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge will be consistent with a management plan prepared by the ADF&G under AS 16.20.040 - 16.20.060. The plan will be completed within one year of the effective date of this Act (Section 2).

The management plan prepared by ADF&G shall recommend a corridor for transportation and utilities between Fire Island and the Anchorage mainland (Section 1 (c)). This is to ensure access to the island's landowners for future development and would also be of economic benefit to the MOA.

Hunting, as in the past and in accordance with state regulations, will continue to be allowed on state-owned lands within the refuge west and north of the Alaska Railroad.

While the land and water areas of the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge are closed to mineral entry under AS 38.05.185 - 38.05.275, the boundary extension north of Pt. Campbell was drawn so that all previously issued offshore mining permits were excluded from within the refuge. Oil and gas leasing will not be affected (Section 1 (f)) by this legislation.

# Senate shouldn't lose sight of wildlife refuge measure

By GREG JONES

The Alaska Senate has an opportunity this session to approve legislation of real and lasting benefit to Anchorage: House Bill 186, creating the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. HB 186 would provide an area in which Anchorage residents and visitors could experience Alaska's natural heritage, and would also make life easier for public administrators, private developers and property owners alike by resolving coastal boundary questions.

The measure, introduced by Rep. Mike Szymanski, would rename and enlarge (by roughly 6.6 square miles) the existing Potter Point State Game Refuge. The habitats of waterfowl, shore birds, salmon and other fish and wildlife species would be protected within the refuge boundaries, which would extend southeasterly along the Anchorage coastline from Pt. Woronzof to Potter Point.

A consensus was produced after two years of study by the Municipality of Anchorage's Potter Marsh Task Force that such legislation was needed. The task force received input from throughout the Anchorage bowl, from community councils, private development interests, homeowners and groups such as the local Audubon Society, as well as state and local government officials. Support for the new refuge was overwhelming, and there are numerous reasons why HB 186 deserves such support:



- The bill would provide for uniform management of Anchorage coastal lands, improving management efficiency. Municipal parklands within the refuge would be managed as part of the uniform plan.

- The rights of private property owners would be protected; acquisition by eminent domain on the part of the state or municipality would be strictly prohibited.

- Oil and gas leasing would not be affected by this legislation. All valid existing rights to mineral exploration would be protected as well.

- A precise boundary designation would be provided for the coastal area, thus clarifying the picture for future private development.

- A management plan to be prepared by the State Department of Fish and Game would provide a corridor for utilities and transporta-

tion between Fire Island and the Anchorage mainland, again clarifying future development options.

- An easily accessible urban refuge would allow city residents to appreciate Alaska wildlife, and would be a boon to the Anchorage economy through its value as a tourist attraction.

With so much to recommend it, can passage of HB 186 by the Senate be in doubt?

Possibly. Senators have been understandably preoccupied this session with dwindling state revenues, the longevity bonus program and other important issues. Much of the legislation considered by the Senate has been controversial and complex, requiring a time-consuming process of scrutiny and debate.

But time is running out on this legislative session. Bills as non-controversial and free of negatives as HB 186 are few and far between. The Senate could approve this bill quickly, leaving valuable time to address unfinished business before the session's mandatory expiration.

The Anchorage Assembly in February passed a resolution endorsing the refuge, and last month the House of Representatives passed HB 186 by the unheard-of vote of 40-0.

It was with surprise then, that supporters of the bill noted its initial referral in the Senate to four committees, usually an indication of a desire to "kill" a measure. In

addition, Sen. Edna DeVries of the "Doughnut District" requested and received an added referral of the bill to her Community and Regional Affairs Committee. The bill is currently in her committee, awaiting a hearing.

The senators with the greatest power to influence passage of HB 186 represent Anchorage. Sens. Mitch Abood and Arliss Sturgelewski chair, respectively, the State Affairs and Resources Committees, both of which have recommended passage; Sen. Jan Faiks is co-chair of Finance; Sen. Tim Kelly heads Rules, which is the committee of last referral; and Sen. Rick Halford is Majority Leader, whose job it is to guide legislation on the Senate floor.

Anchorage residents who want to see the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge become a reality should leave nothing to chance. Free public opinion messages, stating support of HB 186, may be sent via the Legislative Information Office (274-3668) to all state senators.

The Senate now has an opportunity to give something to Anchorage which would become integral to the identity of a dynamic city with a unique heritage.

Greg Jones is an Anchorage developer, member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and member of the Potter Marsh Task Force.

## Crisis Line help thanked

During the past month three valley businesses, Valley Lanes, the Mat-su Fitness Center, and the Mat-Su Valley Federal Credit Union, along with dozens of caring residents, were involved in fund-raising efforts that have made it possible to keep the Mat-Su Crisis Line operating. Without their hard work and involvement we might not be here serving the valley with over-the-phone coun-

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Mark Air, Western, and Alaska Airlines will refund for lost tickets. It can take three to six months to complete the process, but, there is a process.

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May 7, 1985

Bob Breeze  
520 Oceanview  
Anchorage, AK 99515

Dear Bob:

As you know, there is a bill under consideration entitled "Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge", that affects the Oceanview Subdivision. There are bills in both Houses of the Legislature: SB 19 by Senators Vic Fischer and Jay Kerttula; and HB 186 by Representatives Szymanski and Clocksin. The House bill is further along in that it has passed the House and is now in my committee for consideration.

It is my understanding that Representative Szymanski has been in touch with a number of Oceanview homeowners in order to work out any problems they may have with the legislation. I am attaching a copy of the legislation that is now before my committee for your review.

Please let me know at your very earliest convenience if you have any comments on this legislation. Representative Szymanski is anxious to have my committee consider HB 186, and I intend to do so after I have some input from residents of Oceanview. Feel free to call my office directly with your comments. If I am not available, you may convey any suggestions you have to the Committee Aide, Yvonne Alford.

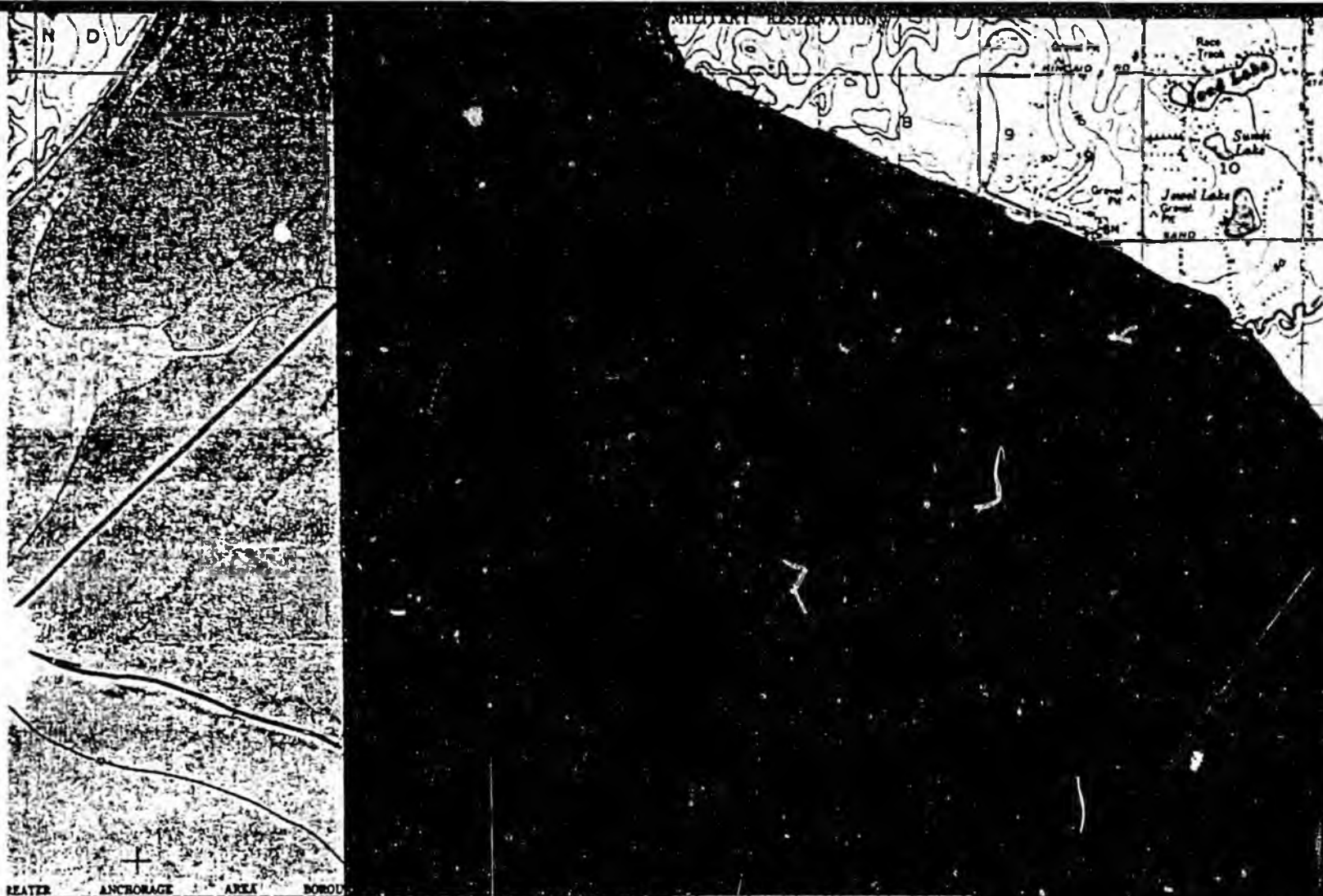
Yours very truly,

Edna DeVries  
Senator

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Enclosure





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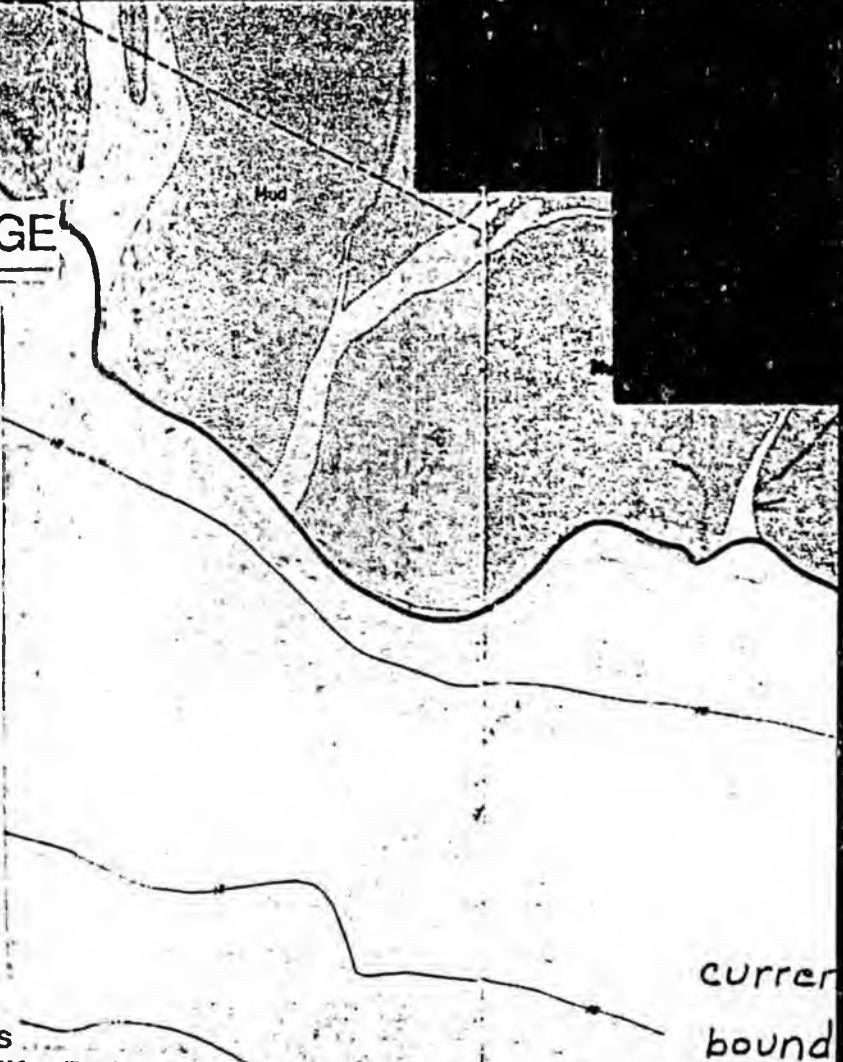


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**PROPOSED ANCHORAGE**

**COASTAL STATE WILDLIFE REFUGE**

- State Land 
- Municipal Land 
- Private Lands 
- Alaska Railroad 



This map approximates land ownership patterns in the Proposed Anchorage Coastal State Wildlife Refuge