

ALPHA LECTURE

7/98

4314

HB 44

4619

HB

44



BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

400 WILLOUGHBY, 5th FLOOR  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801-1381  
PHONE (907) 465-4563

**DIVISION OF PARKS & OUTDOOR RECREATION**

STATE MARINE PARKS  
SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

by  
Neil C. Johannsen  
Director  
Alaska State Parks  
Department of Natural Resources

Background

Section 6(a) of the Statehood Act allows the state to select up to 400,000 acres of National Forest land for the purposes of community expansion (essentially lands to be disposed of) and for creating recreation areas. The priority for allocating these state land selections will be community expansion (disposals) but the state did decide some years ago to utilize about ten percent of the acreage to create state marine parks. Alaska's marine parks program is copied from (and was planned in cooperation with) Washington State and the Province of British Columbia's similar systems. Washington now manages about 55 state marine parks; British Columbia has about 25 provincial marine park sites. Alaska's state park system currently manages 12 marine parks and HB 44 would add an additional 12 units to this program.

What is a Marine Park?

Marine parks can be characterized as legislatively designated units of the state park system which are protected small, scenic coves, bays, bights, beaches, where people tend to land float or amphibious aircraft or anchor their boats. These recreation sites are often spaced a day's travel distance apart for boaters and are places where the clamming, fishing, camping or picnicing is excellent. Eventual developments could include mooring bouys, a few tables and fire places on the beach, a simple pit toilet building, public rental cabins and perhaps elevated tent platforms and firewood shelters.

Proposed marine parks are normally already popular spots with the public and would not be sold or disposed of by the state; instead, their recreation and scenic values will be preserved for all citizens to use.

Development and active management may still be some years away; this bill should be viewed as a "visionary" measure, to consider the present as well as future needs of our citizens. Creation of these small, well-placed ocean recreation sites is an investment certain to accrue great interest and value in the years ahead.

### What Types of Uses Would be Allowed?

The purposes and allowable uses for marine parks are outlined in Alaska Statute 41.21.300-300.6. They are created to:

- (1) Maintain natural, cultural and scenic values.
- (2) Maintain fish and wildlife resources and lawful existing uses of these resources.
- (3) Promote and support recreation and tourism in the state.

Hunting, sport and commercial fishing and trapping are expressly allowed; the Fish and Game Department will continue to manage fish and wildlife programs. Commercial aquaculture development and access to private lands and mineral claims and leases is permitted.

These are parks with a "small p" which consume small acreages and are user oriented.

### Where are These Proposed Marine Parks Located?

Juneau Area:	Taku Harbor - 700 acres
Ketchikan Area:	Point Higgins Beach (Coast Guard Beach) - 71 acres Dall Bay - 850 acres
Wrangell Area:	Thoms Place - 1,400 acres Thoms Lake - 2,500 acres
Petersburg Area:	Petersburg Creek - 1,360 acres Beecher Pass - 741 acres
Point Baker Area:	Joe Mace Island - 62 acres

Others are planned at Security Bay on Kuiu Island, Cape Bingham on the north point of Yakobi Island and the Coot Cove-Funter Bay area on the northwest coast of Admiralty Island. These are true recreational gems which provide an "international connection" to the similar efforts by our neighbors to the south. Less than 10,000 acres are involved, hardly a lock up of vast tracts of land. These are user oriented parks.

### Why Are More Marine Parks Needed?

To protect popular areas for increasing numbers of local boaters.

To respond to increased tourist demand for Alaska destinations.

To provide the majority of people an opportunity to enjoy the beauties of Alaska's shorelines.

To ensure access to prime public land for shore-related experiences to future water users.

To set aside exceptional protected anchorages.

To create an overnight park system for water users.

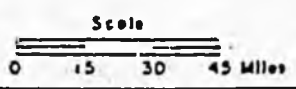
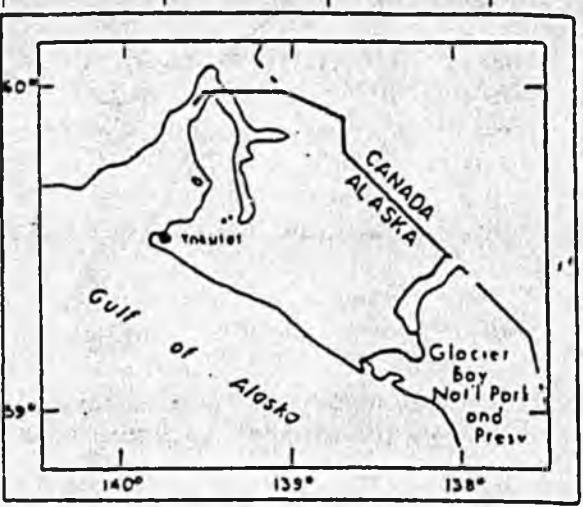
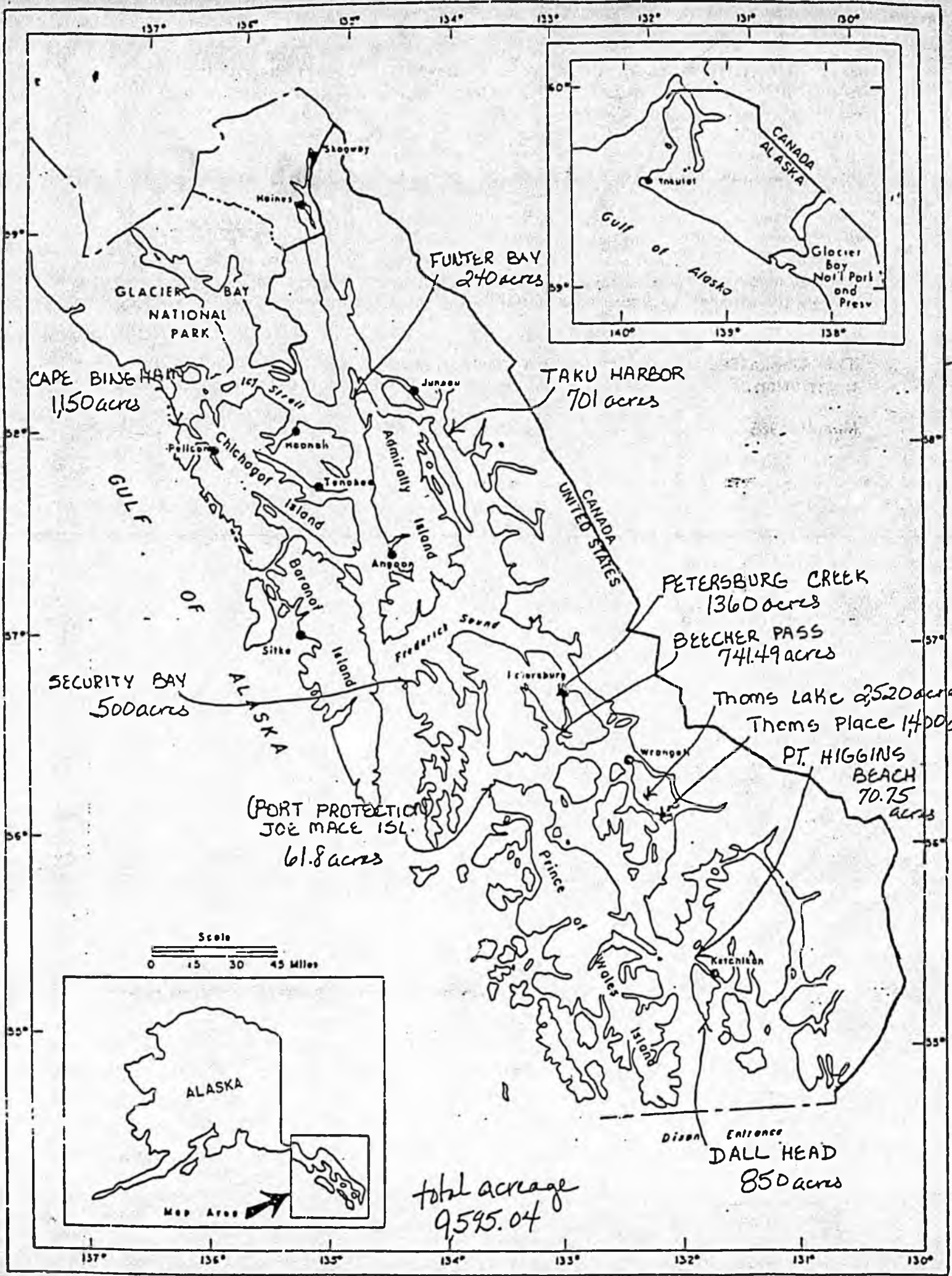
Over half of all Alaskans participate in boating; recreation and tourism is our third largest industry, worth over half a billion dollars a year and employs almost 11,000 Alaskans. This commitment to recreation provides an important linkage to the tourism industry: boat rentals and charters, boat moorage, boat and aircraft sales, maintenance and repairs, air taxi and guide operations and other visitor service related industries.

The proposed marine park system is designed to guarantee everyone's use of the most scenic small coves, bays, bights and accessible beaches along the Southeast and Southcentral coast of Alaska. The plan has gathered bipartisan support, is carefully thought out, and clearly shows that Alaskans desire to provide for their, as well as their children's, recreational needs.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources asks your support for this Legislation.

March 1985

DNR RECOMMENDED MARINE PARKS



total acreage  
9,595.04

Incoming  
Marine Parks

MAR 7 1985

ALFRED H. GEORGE

Fairbanks, 99701  
Feb. 28, 1985  
512 Herring Road

House Resource Committee  
Adelheid Herrmann Co-chair  
Dick Shultz Co-chair  
Rusch ✓  
Juneau, Alaska, 99811

I have just become aware of H.B. 44 the Marine Park bill now before your committee. My family and I own two parcels of land sold to us at state auction in the area of the proposed 5 1/2 square mile Beecher Pass Marine Park.

We participated in seven auctions before we had the good fortune of acquiring these lands. Now I am horrified to discover that the state is proposing to change the neighborhood. This action should have been proposed and accomplished before any state disposals in the area not after we have paid for the property. Having been a resident of the state since territorial days I really feel that we have enough parks and until such time that private holdings equal acreage that park designation and added costs should be put on hold.

I further must protest that Fairbanks was not allowed to participate in the February 28 4:00 PM. Tell conference on this bill. People from other portions of the state, especially owners of record, should be allowed a voice on items affecting use and expenditure of state funds affecting their property.

We are against H.B. 44 and strongly urge that the Beecher Pass portion be stricken from the bill. I do not need another state park employee or director telling me how to enjoy S. E. Alaska coastal waters.

Thank you for your time and consideration in your busy schedule to note my concerns.

Sincerely

Alfred H. George

# Alaska State Legislature

## COMMITTEES

Co-Chairman — House Resources  
Committee  
Member — House Transportation  
Committee



While in Session:

Pouch V  
State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
Phone (907) 485-4951  
485-4940

## House of Representatives

Dick Shultz

Home - SR 790  
Tok, Alaska 99780

March 6, 1985

Alfred H. George  
512 Herring Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Dear Mr. George:

Thank you for your letter regarding HB 44, the marine parks bill.

Sorry you did not get a chance to testify on HB 44. We have made your letter part of the record. I agree with most of your concerns and feel that this legislation, HB 44 though somewhat popular on the House side, will encounter serious problems in the Senate. I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Senator Sturgulewski (phone number: 465-4907) who chairs the Senate Resources Committee and also Senator Bennett (phone number: 465-3755). I would encourage you to contact their offices and keep in touch as the hearings continue.

The House Resources Committee is having their fifth hearing on HB 44 on Monday, March 11th. Representative Sund has proposed a committee substitute to the bill, which is enclosed. Representative Sund is revising the committee substitute for the Monday meeting which will not include Thoms Lake or Cape Bingham. There is a possibility the committee will pass out the committee substitute on Monday which then the bill will go on to the House Finance Committee.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

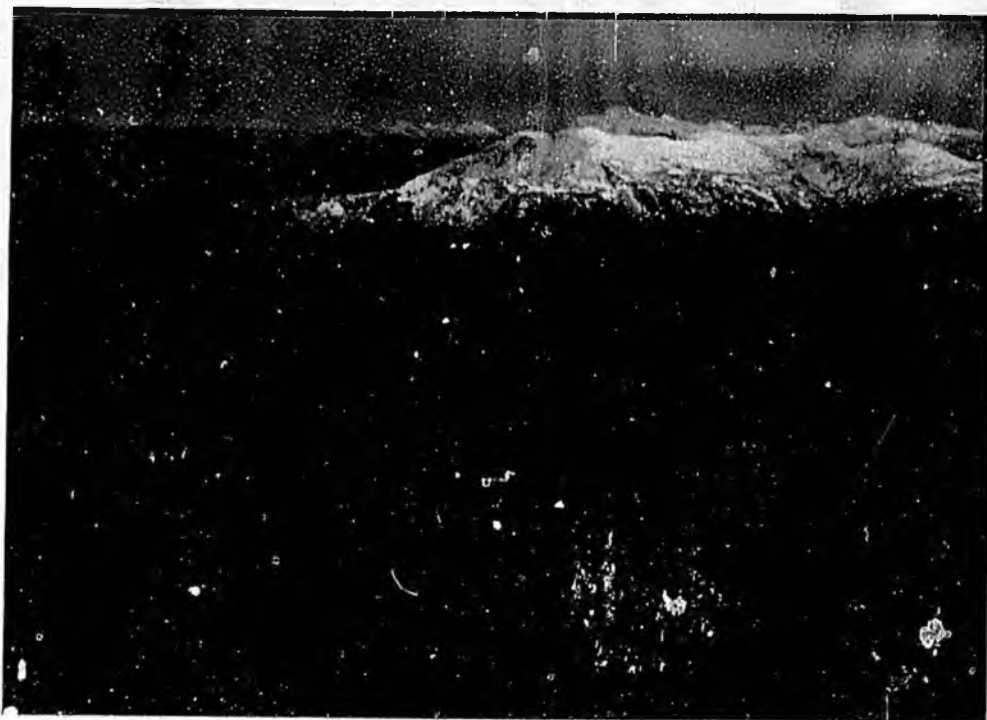
A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Dick Shultz".

Representative Dick Shultz  
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee

Enclosures as noted

DS:DRS:TEM:tem

*MARINE PARK FOR FUNJER BAY  
A PROPOSAL*



MARINE PARK FOR FUNTER BAY

THE ACCOMPANYING PACKET IS A PROPOSAL FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE STATE  
LAND AT FUNTER BAY TO MARINE PARK STATUS.

THE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF FUNTER BAY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REVIEW  
OF THE MATERIAL AND YOUR SUPPORT OF THE DEDICATION.

BY

JOE GIEFER, PHILIP EMERSON, AND KAREY COOPERRIDER

DECEMBER 1984

The boating public in the Juneau area is ever increasing due to rapid population growth combined with extensive advertizing campaigns encouraging tourism. Families on weekend outings, charter boats and long range cruising yachts are among those taking advantage of the recreational opportunities of Southeast's inland waterways.

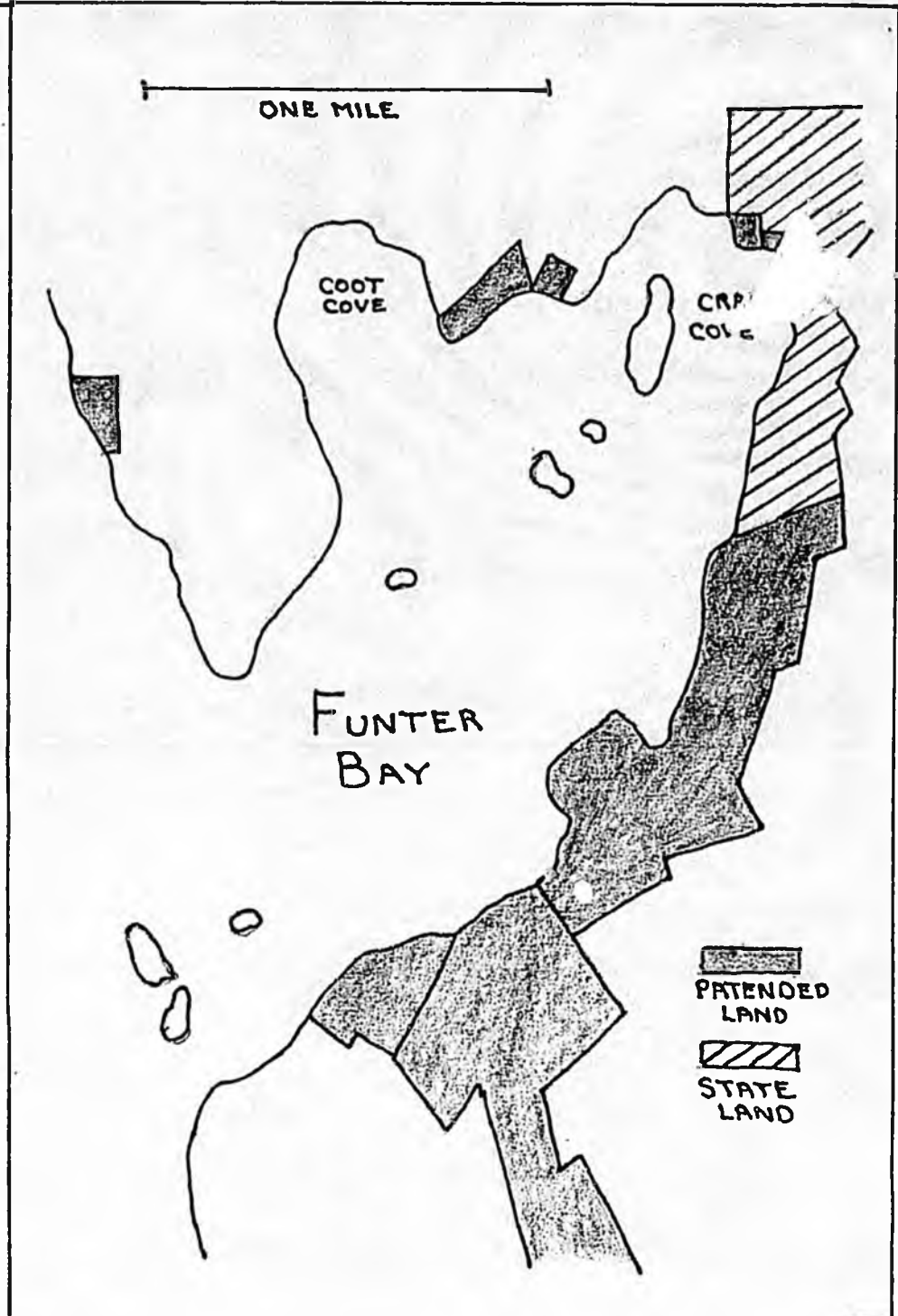
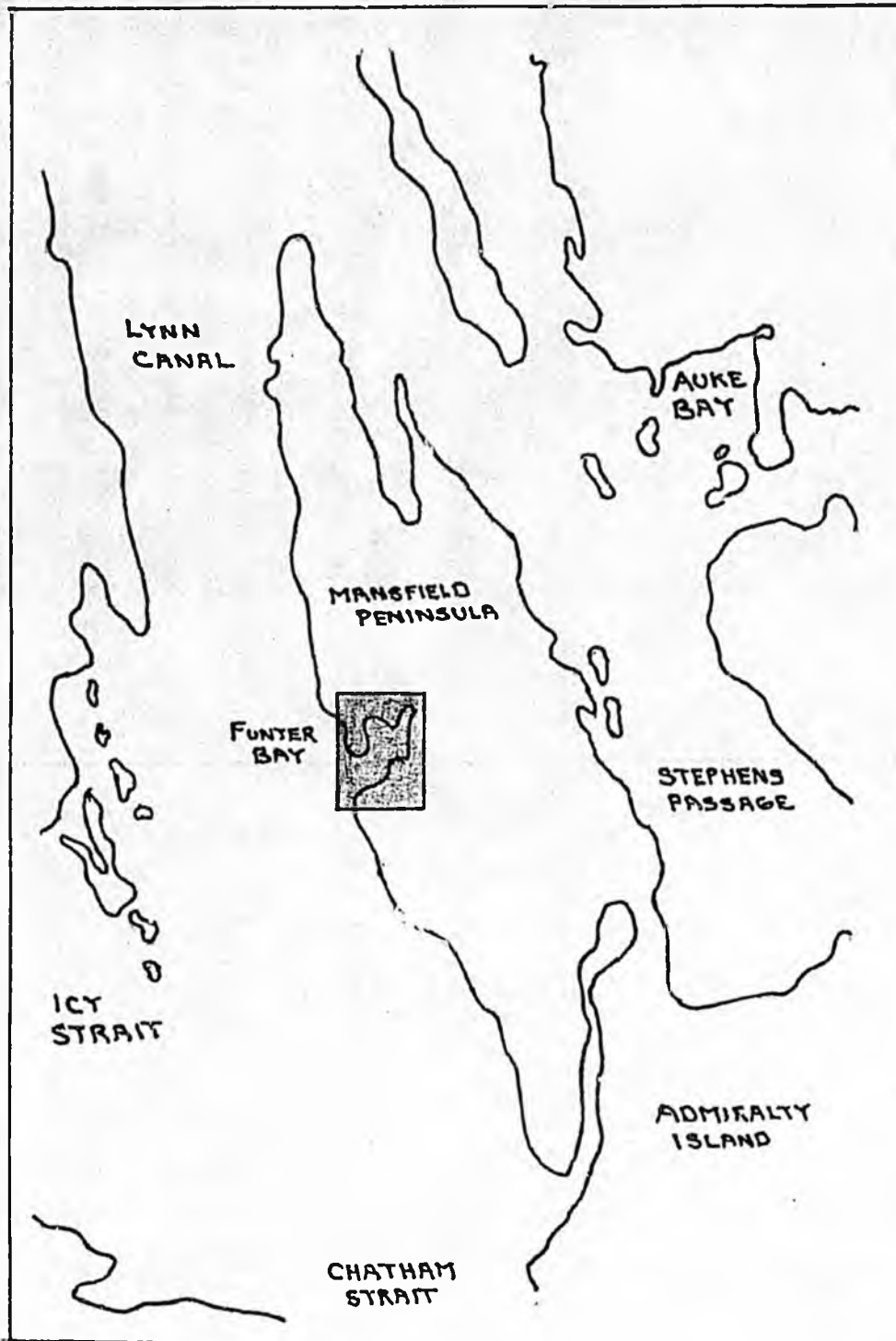


They travel as those camping with a car, enjoying what the area has to offer and when evening falls looking for a place to spend the night. For the boater the goal is a safe anchorage. As with any other camper the amenities of scenic beauty, walking trails, clean water and perhaps fish, clams or crab caught for dinner can be the highlight of the day.

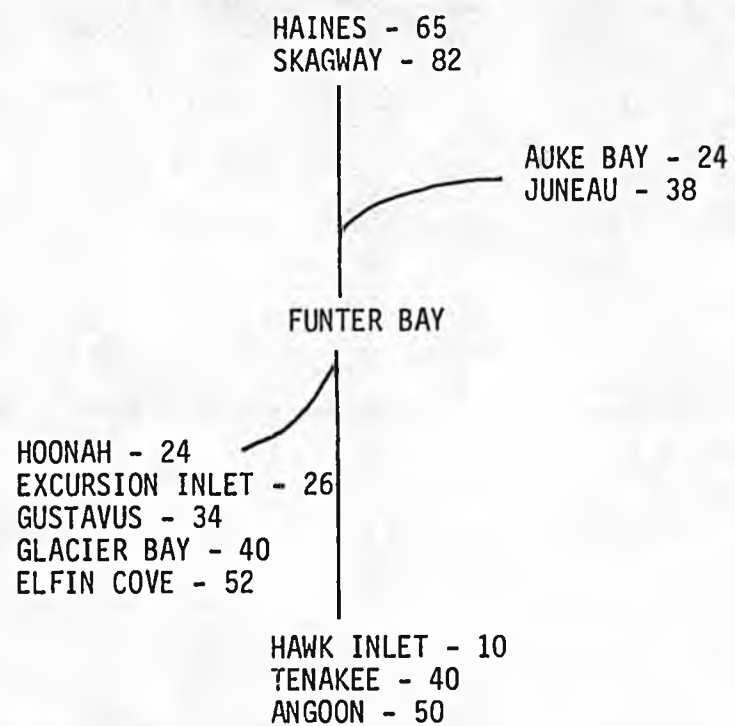
As the number of Juneau based boaters has increased so has the search for accessible, safe anchorages that also offer recreational opportunities. Funter Bay is located 24 nautical miles from Auke Bay on the northern tip of Admiralty Island at the confluence of three well traveled waterways; Lynn Canal, Chatham Strait and Icy Strait. (See map p. 3).



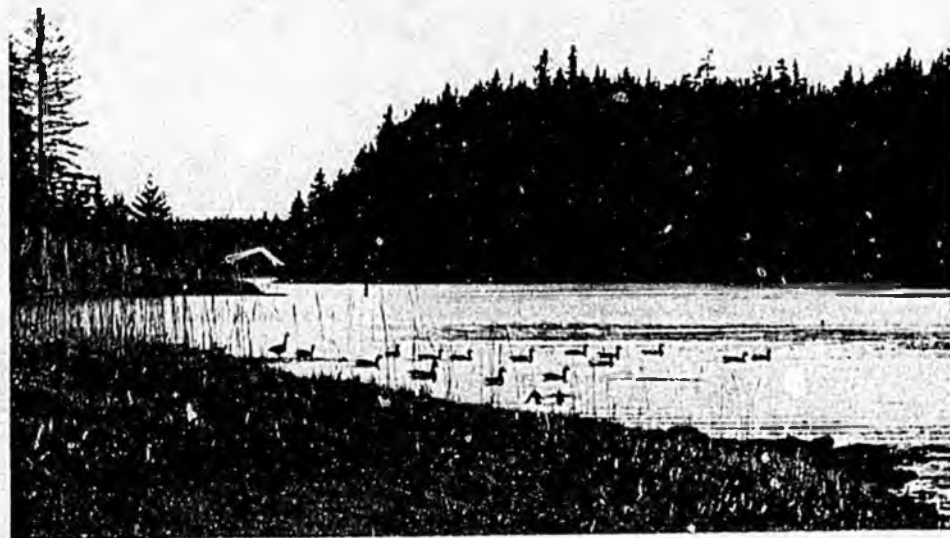
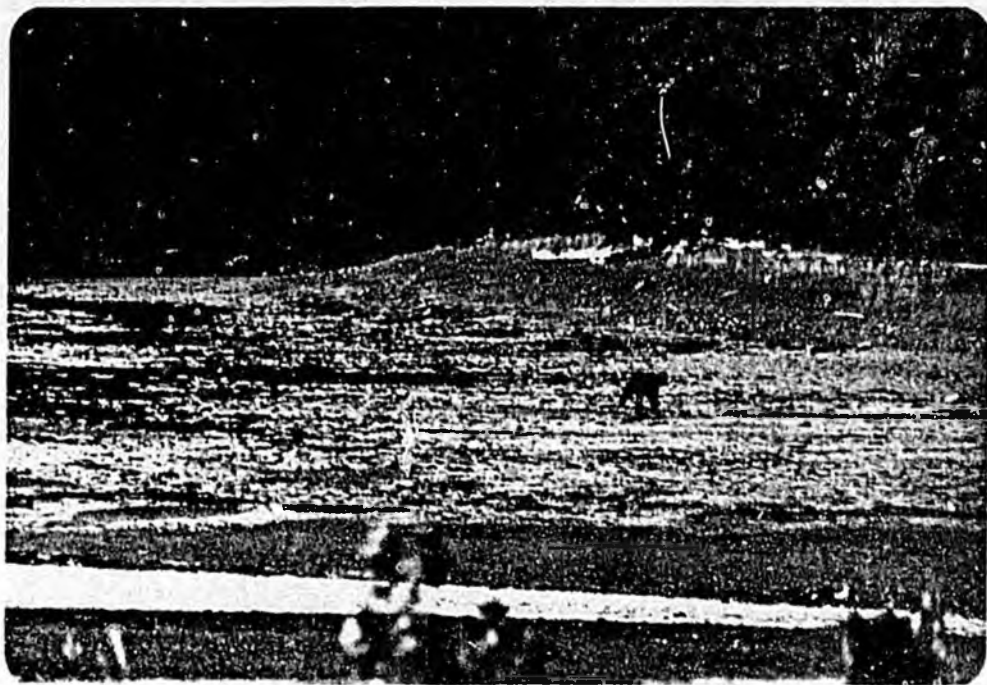
Funter Bay offers one of the best protected and most convenient anchorages in this area. In a modern cruiser Funter Bay can be reached in an hour or two from Auke Bay. (See milage chart p. 4).



MILES TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS

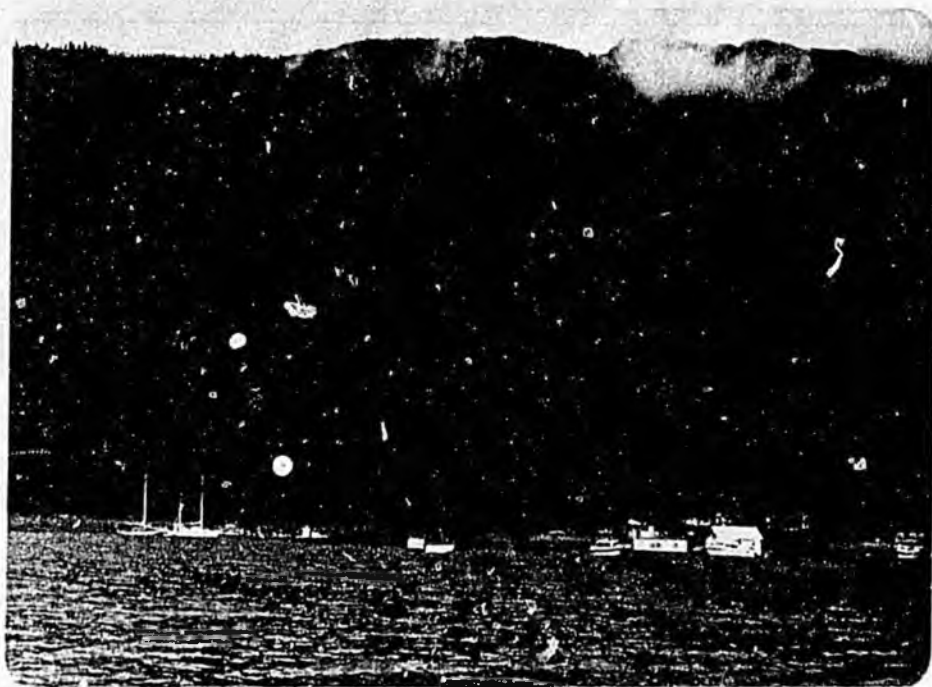
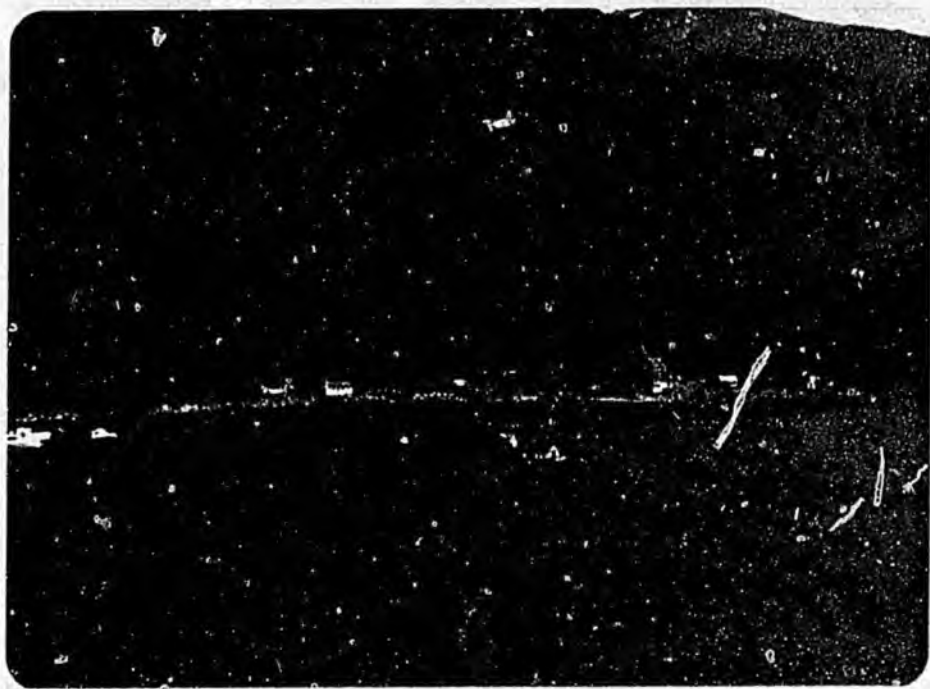
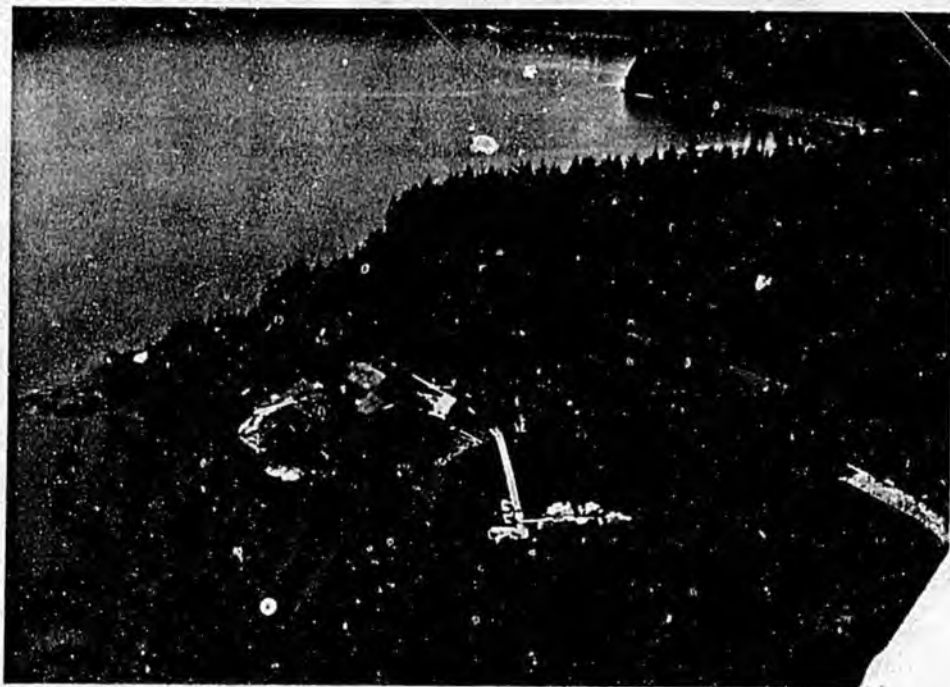


The opportunities for wildlife observation while in Funter Bay are numerous. Brown bear may be seen from spring thru fall as they walk the beaches or work one or more of the five salmon streams in the bay. Humpback and killer whales, porpoise, sea lions and seals may be seen in the waters surrounding the islands guarding the entrance to the bay. Ducks, geese and a variety of sea birds are often in evidence. A bald eagle nest may be observed on one of the inner islands and there are two blue heron rookeries in the bay.

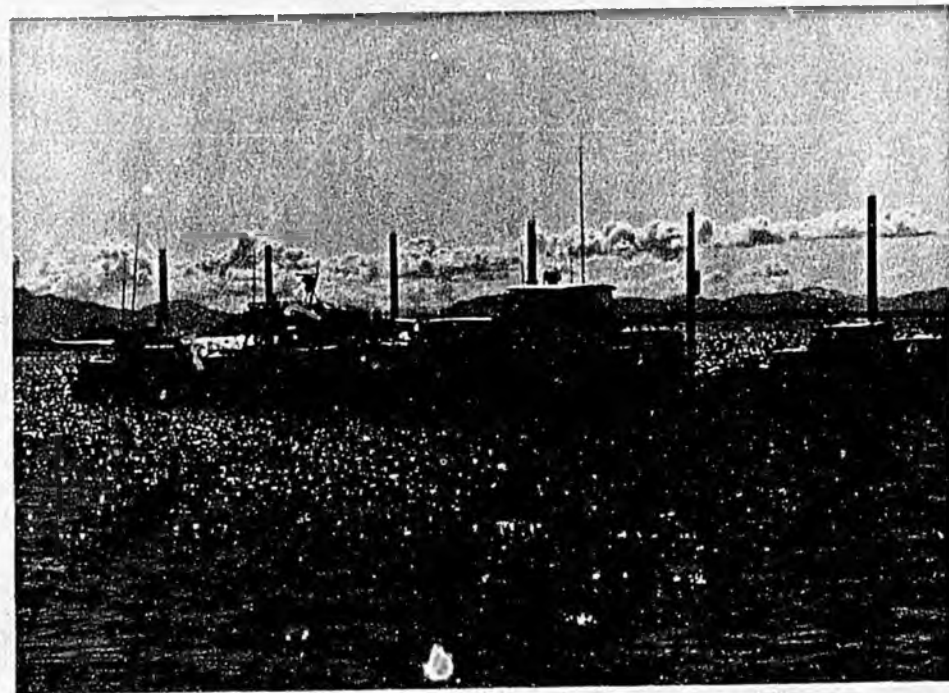


Crab Cove lies in the north eastern part of the bay and is a favored spot for visiting boaters to drop a crab pot. Clams can be dug from the beaches, and halibut, rockfish, trout and salmon are plentiful.

Funter Bay also has a varied and colorful history. In years past it supported a good sized hand troll fleet with accompanying fish buying stations. There is an old cannery on the north side of the bay where Aleuts from the Aleutian Islands were relocated during WWII. A small Aleut cemetery is just a short walk from the beach. In addition, several mines dating to the late 1800's are still in evidence.

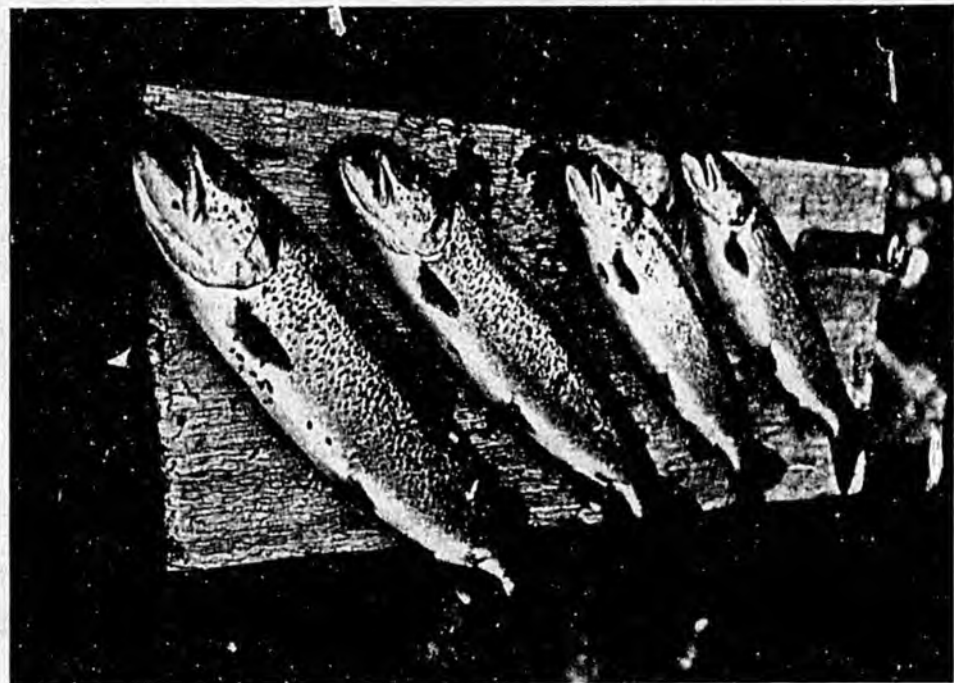
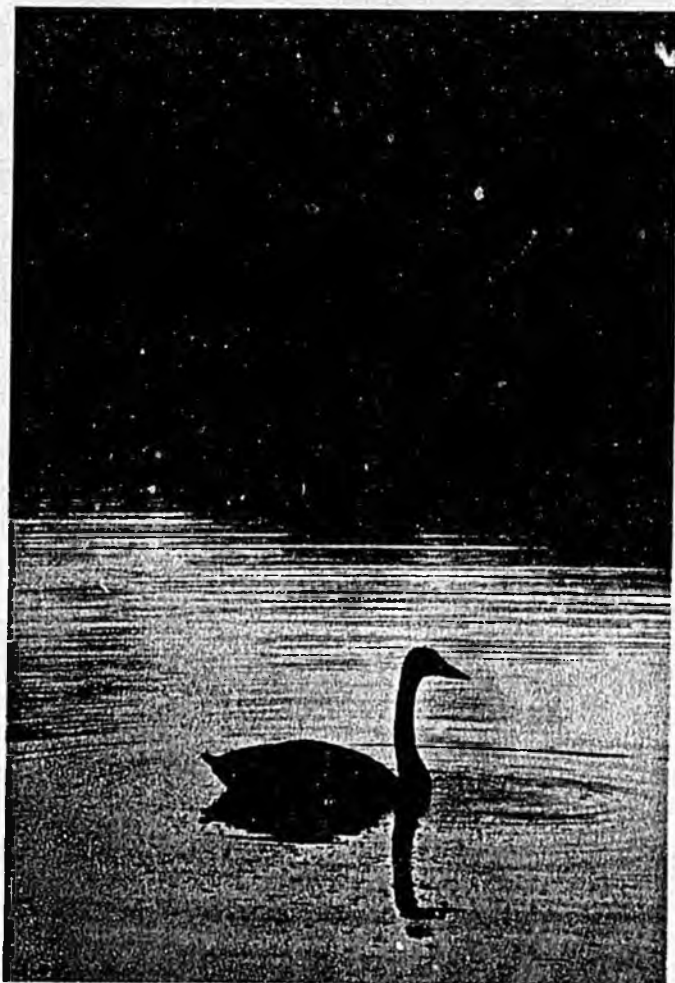


While Funter Bay is an extremely popular boating haven due to its location, pristine beauty, fishing and wildlife observation opportunities, its public boating facilities are far from adequate. Currently there are two state maintained floats in the bay. Both floats are adjacent to private land and neither provide access to public beaches. People wishing to get ashore to camp, picnic, beachcomb or go clamming are greeted by no trespassing signs.



Many summer weekends find boats tied two or three deep at the floats with numerous other vessels anchored out in the bay. This ever increasing use of Funter Bay attests to the need for alternate float locations with beaches that are accessible to the public.

Through the state land selection process, the state of Alaska has ownership of approximately 160 acres of land located on the east side of Crab Cove in Funter Bay. This state held land represents approximately one quarter of the beach frontage on the entire eastern and southern shoreline. The balance of the beachfront is held privately. Much of this is planned to be or is currently being subdivided.



Because Funter Bay has high traditional public use value that will continue to increase in coming years, the residents recommend that the 160 acres of state held land at Funter Bay be placed in marine park status. We respectfully ask your support of this proposal.

Offered: 4/4/85  
Referred: Finance

Original sponsors: M.M. Miller, Goll  
and Duncan

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 44 (Judiciary)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to marine park units of the state  
7 park system; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 41.21.302(h) is amended to read:

10 (h) Nothing in AS 41.21.300 - 41.21.306 precludes the use of or  
11 access to [PRIVATELY OWNED] land proximately located to a marine park  
12 unit of the Alaska state park system or to mineral claims and leases.  
13 The commissioner of natural resources shall permit adequate and feasi-  
14 ble access across state land within a marine park unit of the Alaska  
15 state park system to and from private and public land within or out-  
16 side a unit. In the granting of such access the commissioner of  
17 natural resources may adopt reasonable regulations to protect the  
18 natural and other values of the marine park unit lands and water.

19 \* Sec. 2. AS 41.21.304 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

20 (13) Taku Harbor

21 U.S. Mineral Survey No. 2192

22 Township 44 South, Range 70 East, Copper River Meridian

23 Section 5: W1/2SW1/4, W1/2E1/2SW1/4

24 Section 6: E1/2SE1/4

25 Section 7: NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, S1/2SE1/4

26 Section 8: W1/2, excluding ILMT 33289 (ATS682)

27 Section 17: W1/2W1/2

28 Section 18: E1/2, excluding tideland permit 100597

29 (14) Funter Bay

1 Township 42 South, Range 64 East, Copper Fiver Meridian

2 Sections 1 and 12: The following described tracts,

3 excluding U.S. Surveys Nos. 2448 and 3149:

4 (A) Beginning at Corner No. 4, Lone Star Lode claim,  
5 U.S. Mineral Survey No. (M.S.) 1492 proceed N. 70 degrees 00 feet  
6 E. along the north boundary of said claim a distance of 359.15  
7 feet more or less to Corner No. 3, Otter Lode claim, M.S. 1492;  
8 thence N. 5 degrees 50 feet E. a distance of 666.60 feet more or  
9 less along the west boundary of the Otter Lode claim to Corner  
10 No. 4 of said claim; thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E. a distance  
11 of 1,500.00 feet more or less along the north boundary of the  
12 Otter Lode claim, M.S. 1492 to Corner No. 1 of said claim, said  
13 Corner being common to Corner No. 2, Mill Site claim, M.S. 2191;  
14 thence N. 5 degrees 27 feet W. to an intersect with the southwest  
15 boundary of ISH NIC claim, M.S. 2191; thence N. 44 degrees 00  
16 feet W. along said boundary to Corner No. 4 of ISH NIC claim;  
17 thence N. 46 degrees 00 feet E. along the northwest boundary of  
18 ISH NIC claim a distance of 321.62 feet more or less to Corner  
19 No. 3 of Beach No. 4 claim, M.S. 2191, common with Corner No. 2  
20 of Beach No. 1 claim, M.S. 2191; thence N. 44 degrees 00 feet W.  
21 along the southwest boundary of Beach No. 4 claim a distance of  
22 600. 00 feet more or less to Corner No. 4 of Beach No. 4 claim;  
23 thence N. 46 degrees 00 feet E. along the northwest boundary of  
24 Beach No. 4 claim a distance of 1,099.47 feet more or less to  
25 Corner No. 1 of Beach No. 4 claim, common with Corner No. 1 of  
26 Beach No. 5 claim, M.S. 2191; thence N. 44 degrees 00 feet W.  
27 along the southwest boundaries of Beach No's. 6 and 7 claims,  
28 M.S. 2191 a distance of 1,200.00 feet more or less to Corner No.  
29 1 of Beach No. 7 claim; thence N. 46 degrees 00 feet E. along the

1 northwest boundary of Beach No. 7 claim a distance of 135.10 feet  
2 more or less to Corner No. 4 U.S. Survey No. (U.S.S.) 3149;  
3 thence continue N. 46 degrees 00 feet E. along the northwest  
4 boundaries of Beach No's. 7 and 8 claims, M.S. 2191 a distance of  
5 2,864.90 feet more or less to Corner No. 2, Beach No. 8 claim;  
6 thence due west a distance of 3,300 feet more or less to an  
7 intersection of a line projected due north from Meander Corner  
8 (M.C.) No. 3, U.S.S. 2448; thence due south a distance of 1,214  
9 feet more or less to M.C. No. 3, U.S.S. 2448; thence meander  
10 along the mean high water line of the northeast shore of Funter  
11 Bay in a southwesterly, easterly, southeasterly, southwesterly  
12 direction a distance of 1.11 miles more or less to a point lying  
13 S. 70 degrees 00 feet W. from Corner No. 4, Lone Star Lode claim,  
14 M.S. 1492 on the mean high water line of the easterly shore of  
15 Funter Bay; thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E. to Corner No. 4, Lone  
16 Star Lode claim; the point of beginning.

17 (B) That portion of Mill Site, Mineral Survey (M.S.)  
18 No. 2191, described as follows: beginning at Corner No. 1, Mill  
19 Site, on line 2-3, Beach No. 1, M.S. 2191, thence S. 5 degrees 27  
20 feet E., 57.26 feet, to the intersection of line 1-4, ISH NIC,  
21 M.S. 2191; thence S. 46 degrees 00 feet W., 264.36 feet, along a  
22 portion of line 1-4, of ISH NIC, to Corner No. 4, ISH NIC, M.S.  
23 2191; thence S. 44 degrees 00 feet E., 331.75 feet, along a  
24 portion of line 4-3 of ISH NIC, to the intersection of line 1-2,  
25 Mill Site; thence S. 5 degrees 27 feet E., 137.55 feet, along a  
26 portion of line 1-2 of Mill Site, to Corner No. 2, Mill Site,  
27 identical to Corner No. 1 of Otter, M.S. 1492; thence S. 70  
28 degrees 00 feet W., 1,500.00 feet, on line 2-3, Mill Site, iden-  
29 tical to line 1-4 of Otter, M.S. 1492, to Corner No. 3, Mill

1 Site, M.S. 2191, identical to Corner No. 4 of Otter, M.S. 1492;  
2 thence N. 5 degrees 27 feet W., 497.70 feet, on line 3-4, along  
3 the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 4, Mill  
4 Site; thence N. 30 degrees 07 feet E., 183.08 feet, on line 4-5,  
5 along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 5,  
6 Mill Site, identical to Corner No. 3, Beach No. 1, M.S. 2191;  
7 thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E., 1,390.00 feet, on line 5-1, Mill  
8 Site, identical to a portion of line 3-2, Beach No. 1, to Corner  
9 No. 1, the point of beginning.

10 (C) That portion of Beach No. 1, Mineral Survey (M.S.)  
11 No. 2191, described as follows: beginning at Corner No. 2, Beach  
12 No. 1, identical with Corner No. 3, Beach No. 4, M.S. 2191, on  
13 line 4-1 of ISH NIC, M.S. 2191, thence S. 70 degrees 00 feet W.,  
14 1,500.00 feet on line 2-3, Beach No. 1, identical to a portion of  
15 line 1-5, Mill Site, M.S. 2191, to Corner No. 3, Beach No. 1,  
16 identical to Corner No. 5 Mill Site; thence N. 12 degrees 43  
17 feet E., 460.00 feet, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay  
18 to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 1; thence N. 47 degrees 23 feet E.,  
19 157.50 feet, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to  
20 Corner No. 5, Beach No. 1; thence N. 14 degrees 02 feet E.,  
21 183.33 feet, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to  
22 Corner No. 6, Beach No. 1, identical to Corner No. 4, Beach No.  
23 2, M.S. 2191; thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E., 874.74 feet, on  
24 line 6-1, Beach No. 1, identical to a portion of line 4-3 of  
25 Beach No. 2, to the intersection of line 4-1, Beach No. 4, M.S.  
26 2191; thence S. 46 degrees 00 feet W., 126.34 feet, along a  
27 portion of line 4-1 of Beach No. 4, to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 4;  
28 thence S. 44 degrees 00 feet E., 600.00 feet, on line 4-3, Beach  
29 No. 4, to Corner No. 3, Beach No. 4, identical to Corner No. 2,

1 Beach No. 1, the point of beginning.

2 (D) That portion of Beach No. 2, Mineral Survey (M.S.)  
3 No. 2191, described as follows: beginning at the true point for  
4 Corner No. 1, Beach No. 2, thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E.,  
5 1,197.45 feet, along a portion of line 1-2 of Beach No. 2, to the  
6 intersection of line 1-4 of Beach No. 6, M.S. 2191; thence S. 44  
7 degrees 00 feet E., 223.40 feet, along a portion of line 1-4 of  
8 Beach No. 6, to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 6, identical with Corner  
9 No. 1, Beach No. 5, M.S. 2191; thence S. 46 degrees 00 feet W.,  
10 973.13 feet, along a portion of line 1-4 of Beach No. 4, to the  
11 intersection of line 3-4 of Beach No. 2; thence S. 70 degrees 00  
12 feet W., 874.74 feet, along a portion of line 3-4 of Beach No. 2,  
13 to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 2, identical with Corner No. 6, Beach  
14 No. 1; thence N. 14 degrees 03 feet E., 478.00 feet, along the  
15 mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 5, Beach No. 2;  
16 thence N. 25 degrees 33 feet E., 291.00 feet, along the mean-high  
17 tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 1, Beach No. 2, the point  
18 of beginning.

19 (E) That portion of Beach No. 3, Mineral Survey (M.S.)  
20 No. 2191, described as follows: beginning at Corner No. 1, Beach  
21 No. 3, thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E., 637.07 feet, along a  
22 portion of line 1-2, to the intersection of line 1-4, Beach No.  
23 7, M.S. 2191; thence S. 44 degrees 00 feet E., 279.27 feet, along  
24 a portion of line 1-4 of Beach No. 7, to Corner No. 4, Beach No.  
25 7, identical to Corner No. 1, Beach No. 6, M.S. 2191, thence  
26 continue S. 44 degrees 00 feet E., 376.60 feet, along a portion  
27 of line 1-4 of Beach No. 6, to the intersection of line 3-4,  
28 Beach No. 3; thence S. 70 degrees 00 feet W., 1,139.45 feet,  
29 along a portion of line 3-4 of Beach No. 3, to Corner No. 4,

1 Beach No. 3; thence N. 1 degree 30 feet E., 644.00 feet, along  
2 the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, on line 4-1, to Corner No.  
3 1, Beach No. 3, to point of beginning. Containing 12.22 acres.

4 Section 2: W1/2  
5 Section 3: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4  
6 Section 4: S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4  
7 Section 10: N1/2N1/2, S1/2NE1/4  
8 Section 11: NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4, including all tide and  
9 submerged land

10 (15) Pt. Higgins Beach  
11 Township 74 South, Range 89 East, Copper River Meridian  
12 U.S. Survey 3762 and adjacent tideland

13 (16) Joe Mace Island  
14 Township 64 South, Range 75 East, Copper River Meridian  
15 Lot 4, U.S. Survey 3854 and adjacent tideland

16 (17) Thoms Place  
17 Township 65 South, Range 86 East, Copper River Meridian  
18 Section 32: S1/2  
19 Township 66 South, Range 86 East, Copper River Meridian  
20 Section 4: SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2SE1/4,  
21 NW1/4SE1/4  
22 Section 5: All except for land within ASLS  
23 81-234  
24 Section 8: NE1/4  
25 Section 9: N1/2, SE1/4

---

26 (18) Thoms Lake  
27 Township 65 South, Range 85 East, Copper River Meridian  
28 Section 9: S1/2SE1/4  
29 Section 10: S1/2S1/2

1	Section 11: SW1/4SW1/4
2	Section 14: S1/2, S1/2NW1/4, NW1/4NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4
3	Section 15: All
4	Section 16: E1/2
5	Section 21: NE1/4
6	Section 22: N1/2
7	Section 23: N1/2

---

8	(19) Beecher Pass
9	Township 61 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian
10	Section 1: NE1/4SW1/4, Lots 5 - 8
11	Section 10: Lots 1 - 2, including all adjacent
12	tideland
13	Section 11: Lots 1 - 11, including all adjacent
14	tideland
15	Section 12: Lots 3 - 11, including all adjacent
16	tideland
17	Section 14: Lot 2, including all adjacent tideland
18	Section 15: Lot 2, including all adjacent tideland
19	Township 61 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian
20	Section 6: Lot 11, including all adjacent tideland
21	Section 7, Lots 1 - 2, including all adjacent tideland
22	(20) Dall Bay
23	Township 77 South, Range 91 East, Copper River Meridian
24	Section 29: W1/2SW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4
25	Section 30: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4
26	Section 31: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4
27	subject to USS 3525 and A.T.S. 155
28	Section 32: NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4
29	(21) Security Bay

1 Township 58 South, Range 70 East, Copper River Meridian

2 Section 1: SW1/4SW1/4

3 Section 2: S1/2

4 Section 11: N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

5 Section 12: W1/2W1/2, E1/2SW1/4 subject to Forest  
6 Service Preference 103521

7 Section 13: All subject to Historic Place Application

8 AA-6569, Parcel A

9 Section 14: NE1/4

10 (22) Petersburg Creek

11 Township 58 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian

12 Section 18: S1/2 subject to valid existing rights to  
13 lot 5

14 Section 19: N1/2, SE1/4

15 Section 20: All

16 Section 29: N1/2, SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4 excluding Block 3

17 Section 32: N1/2, N1/2S1/2 excluding Lots 5 - 8 and

18 U.S. Survey 2867

19 \* Sec. 3. AS 41.21.306(d) is amended to read:

20 (d) Reasonable access shall be permitted to and across a marine  
21 park unit of the Alaska state park system for lawful <sup>2</sup>HUNTING, FISH-  
22 ING, TRAPPING AND RECREATIONAL <sup>2</sup>AND OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES purposes.

23 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect August 1, 1985.

Senator Vic Fischer

(907) 465-4954

Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V • Juneau, Alaska 99811 • (907) 465-4954



HB44 MAY 07 1985

May 6, 1985

Esther Wunnicke, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Esther:

A recent newspaper report stated that judge James Von der Heydt had sustained state recreation land selections in the Chugach and Tongass National Forests.

Assuming this report is correct, it opens up marvelous opportunities for establishing additional marine parks as envisaged under Chapter 0064, SLA 1983.

At the same time, I trust that those who would dispose of Prince William Sound public recreation sites for private ownership will be held in check. The rationale behind the state land selections was to retain the land in public ownership for maximum benefit of the people for community expansion and recreation.

In fact, the original marine park bill contained most of the state's selections in Prince William Sound, including unapproved selections. Ultimately, only those units where the state had clear title were included in the bill. Wisdom dictated that we await the outcome of the pending court case before establishing additional units.

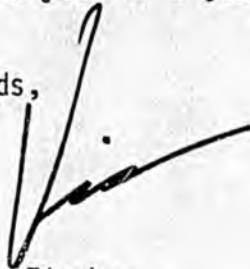
As you know, the public has overwhelmingly supported the marine park system in Prince William Sound. My constituents depend heavily on the Sound for recreation opportunities. The Forest Service reports that fully 80% of the people using recreation cabins in the Chugach are Anchorage area residents.

Of course, if disposal is proposed, you'll have tremendous interest in acquisition of land on islands and the shoreline of the Sound. (I'll be there, I'm sure, as well as most everyone else I know). However, I do hope you will consider the public interest versus ownership by a limited number of people of land that has such tremendous recreation value. The only fair decision to assure that all Alaskans receive maximum benefit from this public land is to designate these sites as public parkland.

The House has just passed HB 44, establishing additional marine park units. Since the bill will not be acted on by the Senate until next year, I would suggest that this opportunity be utilized to add the additional Marine Park units that were excluded pending the court decision.

In any case, I would like to be kept fully informed of your progress in determining the future use of these selections. In closing, let me congratulate you for a job well done and a case well fought!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vic Fischer', written over the 'Best regards,' text.

Senator Vic Fischer

cc: Senator Sturgewlewski, Chair  
Senate Resources Committee

Rep. M.M. Miller

/gb

# Alaska State Legislature



## House of Representatives House Judiciary Committee

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
(907) 465-4990

MEMO: May 8, 1985

TO: Sen. Dick Eliason

FROM: *for* Rep. M. Mike Miller  
By Bob Speed, A.A.

RE: HB 44/ Marine Parks  
Joe Mace Island site proposal  
~~Point Baker community support~~

Attached you will find a copy of a petition our office received in support of Joe Mace Island as a marine park under HB 44, in response to your request earlier today.

My apologies for accidentally not including it in the "support" packet, even though it was listed as being there.

### PETERSBURG CREEK:

You also had a question in regard to Petersburg Creek as a proposed marine park, and the community of Petersburg's support for the proposal. It is my understanding that Petersburg City Manager Richard Unterkoffler either has called you, or will do so as soon as possible to stress that Petersburg does support Petersburg Creek as designated in CSHB 44 (Jud) as a marine park.

We are still endeavoring to work out questions in regard to Thoms Lake, which was the other proposed marine park site which the committee questioned in regard to the bill.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

cc: Members, Senate Resources Committee

*[Handwritten signature]*



We, the undersigned, express our desire to have by act of legislation, Lot 4, U.S. Survey 3854 (<sup>Joe</sup>Mace Island) declared a permanent public recreational park, not subject to transfer or utilization for any other purpose than public recreation.

of Linda Keizer

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Mike Matell	Box 53 Point Baker
2. Robert Oyer	Box 2 Point Baker
3. Doug Eden	Box 25 PT Baker
4. Samuel Carlsson	Box 57 PT Baker
5. William F. Petzel	Box 61 PT BAKER
6. Warren F. Powers	Box 150 PT BAKER
7. Paul Church	Box 12 PT. BAKER, AK
8. Judy Magnuson	Box 55 Pt. Baker, Ak
9. Edna Magnuson	" " " "
10. Sue Rowdston	Box 53 Pt. Baker, Ak
11. Robert M. Oyer	Box 3, PT Baker. AK
12. Dan a Nahn	Box 34 PT Baker AK
13. Beth Luyis	P.O. Box 3 Pt. Baker, AK
14. Alvaac F. Biehl	P.O. Box 33 Pt. Baker
15. <del>Robert A. Carlson</del>	<del>Box 34 Pt. Baker 99927</del>
16. Robert A. Carlson	Box 70 Pt. Baker 99927
17. Charles Hesse	Box 50 Pt. Baker 99927
18. Robert J. Busker	P.O. Box 130 Pt. Baker 99927
19. Donald Carlson	P.O. Box 57 Pt. Baker, Ak. 99927
20. Ray F. Carlson	P.O. Box 110. Pt Baker, Ak. 99927
21. Guy N. Nahn	P.O. Box 25 Pt. Baker Ak. 99927
22. CarlENZ Larson	Box 70 Pt. Baker, AK 99927
23. Joseph Sebastian	129 4th PT BAKER AK
24. Karl L. Love	Box 89 - Pt. Baker, Ak. 99927
25. Wm. F. Love	Box 89 Pt. Baker, Ak. 99927
26. Willie Verich	P.O. Box 64 Pt. Baker, A.K., 99927

10 BOX 100 P. BAKER, AK 99927

27. Count K. Wilson

28. Ray Robinson

29. Jack Lee

30. George Z. Boston

P.O. Box 58 P. Baker AK

P.O. Box 62 P. Baker AK 99927

P.O. Box 63 P. Baker AK 99927

P.O. Box 64 P. Baker AK 99927

This petition is supported by the Point Baker Community Council, also.

Oliver Carlson, Secretary

P. Baker Community Council

Box 31

P. Baker, AK. 99927

# Alaska State Legislature



## House of Representatives

House Judiciary Committee

CS HB 44 (Jud)

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
(907) 465-4990

### SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION ONE: amends AS 41.21.302(h) to clarify that access through marine parks is permitted to and from both private and public land adjacent to units of the marine park system. This amendment was made at the request of the U.S. Forest Service because this subsection of existing law is vague regarding access rights by federal agencies, specifically the Forest Service.

SECTION TWO: establishes marine parks at ten (10) locations in Southeast Alaska; specifically the following sites:

Taku Harbor	(page 1, lines 20-28)
Funter Bay	(page 1, line 29 - page 6, line 9)
Point Higgins Beach	(page 6, lines 10-12)
Joe Mace Island	(page 6, lines 13-15)
Thoms Place	(page 6, lines 16-25)
Thoms Lake	(page 6, line 26 - page 7, line 7)
Beecher Pass	(page 7, lines 8-21)
Dall Bay	(page 7, lines 22-28)
Security Bay	(page 7, line 29 - page 8, line 9)
Petersburg Creek	(page 8, lines 10-18)

SECTION THREE: amends AS 41.21.306(j) to clarify access rights for public lands adjacent to marine parks, at the request of the U.S. Forest Service, as was done in Section 1.

SECTION FOUR: effective date clause; this date was established as appropriate to provide time requested by the division of land and water management to deal with private parties claiming inholdings at Taku Harbor.

####

# Alaska State Legislature



House of Representatives  
House Judiciary Committee

CHHB 44 (Jud)

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
(907) 465-4990

MAPS OF PROPOSED MARINE PARKS

WITH LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

AND COMMENTARY

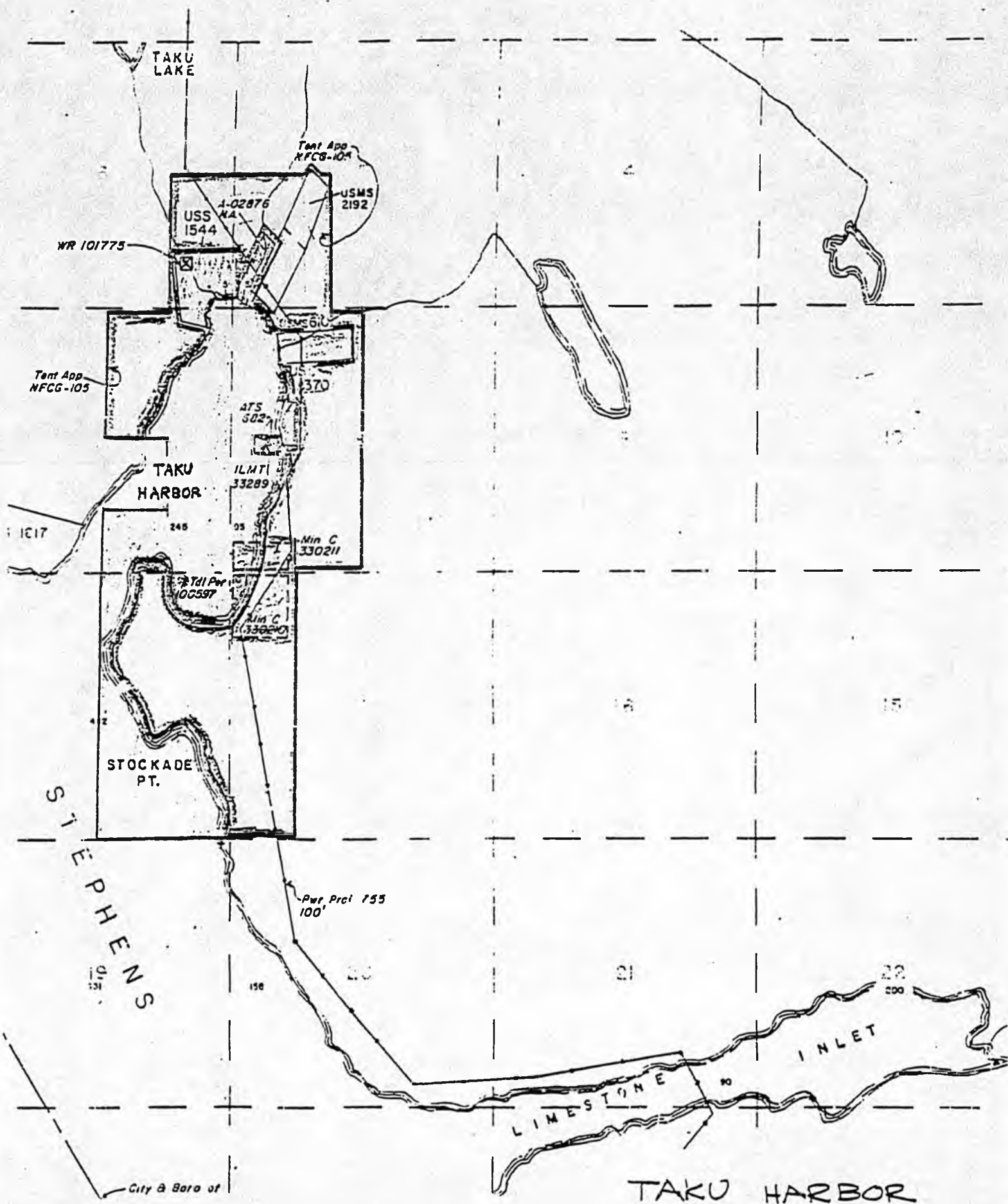
(13) Taku Harbor

U.S. Mineral Survey No. 2192 and the following unsurveyed state-owned lands and waters described below: Township 44 South, Range 70 East, Copper River Meridian

- Section 5:  $W\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $W\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ;
- Section 6:  $E\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;
- Section 7:  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $NE\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $S\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ ;
- Section 8:  $W\frac{1}{2}$  excluding ILMT 33289 (ATS682);
- Section 17:  $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$ ;
- Section 18:  $E\frac{1}{2}$ , excluding tideland permit 100597.

Excluding U.S. Survey 1544, U.S.M.S. 610, U.S. Survey 370, and U.S. Survey 1617. Subject to all valid existing rights including:

- (1) Native Allotment A-02876
- (2) ILMT 33289 (ATS 682)
- (3) Water right 101775
- (4) Tideland permit 100597
- (5) existing mining claims.



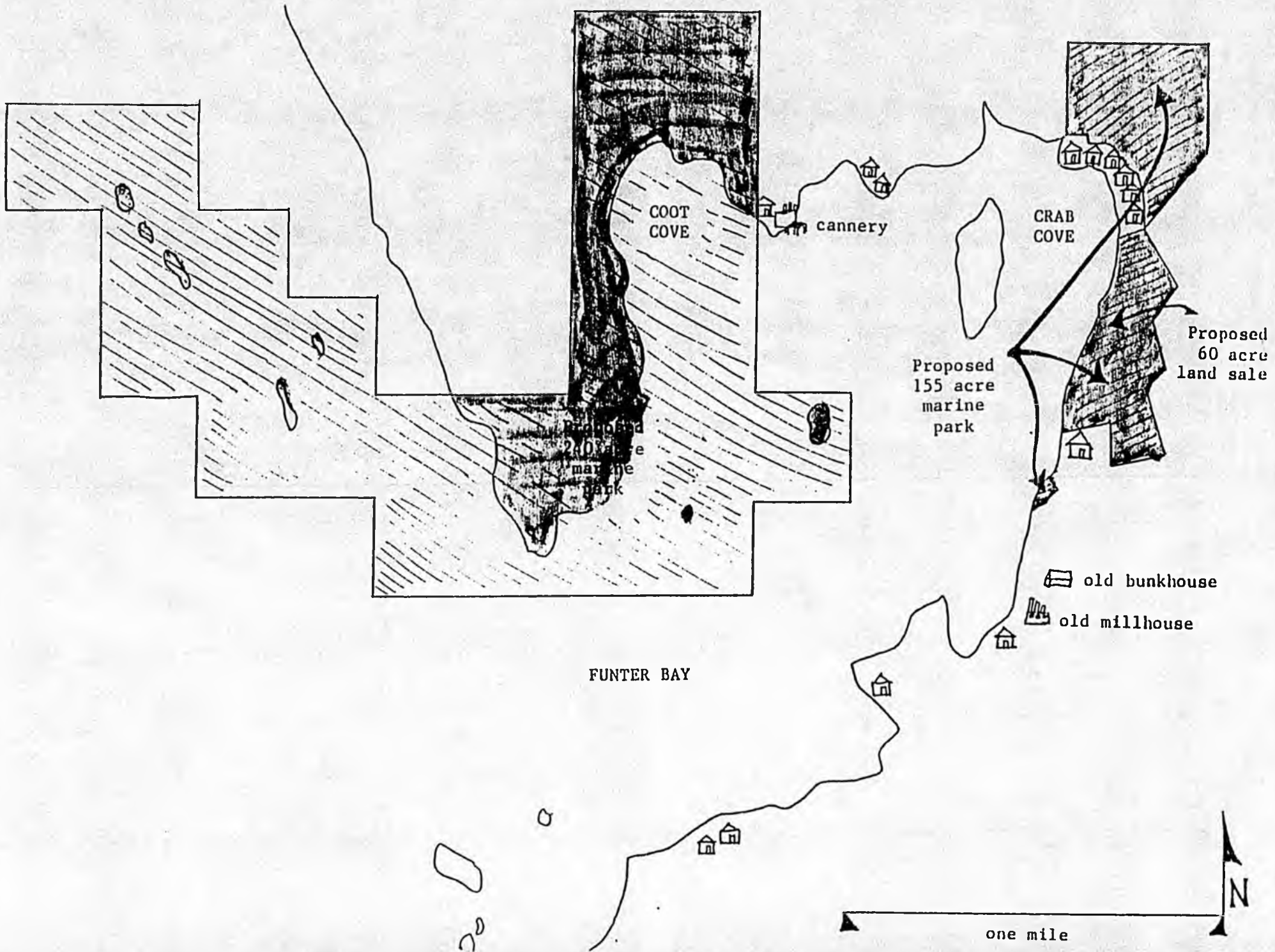
Taku Harbor

1. Tidelands and submerged lands are included so that normal Marine Park improvements such as docks and mooring buoys won't require leases and permits.
2. Area is subject to ILMT to DOT/PF in W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 8 (ADL 33289, ATS 682) and existing tideland permit 100597.

Also subject to Mining Claims 330211 and 330210, and the tide and submerged lands in front of lands not included in the bill.

3. Exclusions were made in CSHB 44 (Jud) to allow time for DNR to determine the validity of land claims of parties holding quit claim deeds to parcels at Taku Harbor. These exclusions are noted in Section 8 and Section 18 of Township 44 South. The effective date clause of the bill has been moved back Aug. 1, 1985 to provide time to research these issues.
4. Proposal includes entire Tentative Approval totalling approximately 701 acres.

# FUNTER BAY



(14) Funter Bay

The following proposed state selected lands as described below:

Township 42 South, Range 64 East, Copper River Meridian

Section 2: W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Section 3: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Section 4: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Section 10: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Section 11: NW $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Including all tide and submerged lands described above.

Subject to prior existing rights.

Funter Bay (a)

Township 42 South, Range 64 East, Copper River Meridian

Sections 1 and 12: The following described tracts,  
excluding U.S. Surveys Nos. 2448 and 3149:

(A) Beginning at Corner No. 4, Lone Star Lode claim, U.S. Mineral Survey No. (M.S.) 1492 proceed N. 70 degrees 00 feet E. along the north boundary of said claim a distance of 359.15 feet more or less to Corner No. 3, Otter Lode claim, M.S. 1492; thence N. 5 degrees 50 feet E. a distance of 666.60 feet more or less along the west boundary of the Otter Lode claim to Corner No. 4 of said claim; thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E. a distance of 1,500.00 feet more or less along the north boundary of the Otter Lode claim, M.S. 1492 to Corner No. 1 of said claim, said Corner being common to Corner No. 2, Mill Site claim, M.S. 2191; thence N. 5 degrees 27 feet W. to an intersect with the southwest boundary of ISH NIC claim, M.S. 2191; thence N. 44 degrees 00 feet W. along said boundary to Corner No. 4 of ISH NIC claim; thence N. 46 degrees 00 feet E. along the northwest boundary of ISH NIC claim a distance of 321.62 feet more or less to Corner No. 3 of Beach No. 4 claim, M.S. 2191, common with Corner No. 2 of Beach No. 1 claim, M.S. 2191; thence N. 44 degrees 00 feet W. along the southwest boundary of Beach No. 4 claim a distance of 600.00 feet more or less to Corner No. 4 of Beach No. 4 claim; thence N. 46 degrees 00 feet E. along the northwest boundary of Beach No. 4 claim a distance of 1,099.47 feet more or less to Corner No. 1 of Beach No. 4 claim, common with Corner No. 1 of Beach No. 5 claim, M.S. 2191; thence N. 44 degrees 00 feet W. along the southwest boundaries of Beach No's. 6 and 7 claims, M.S. 2191 a distance of 1,200.00 feet more or less to Corner No. 1 of Beach No. 7 claim; thence N. 46 degrees 00 feet E. along the

*Furter Bay (6)*

northwest boundary of Beach No. 7 claim a distance of 135.10 feet more or less to Corner No. 4 U.S. Survey No. (U.S.S.) 3149; thence continue N. 46 degrees 00 feet E. along the northwest boundaries of Beach No's. 7 and 8 claims, M.S. 2191 a distance of 2,864.90 feet more or less to Corner No. 2, Beach No. 8 claim; thence due west a distance of 3,300 feet more or less to an intersection of a line projected due north from Meander Corner (M.C.) No. 3, U.S.S. 2448; thence due south a distance of 1,214 feet more or less to M.C. No. 3, U.S.S. 2448; thence meander along the mean high water line of the northeast shore of Funter Bay in a southwesterly, easterly, southeasterly, southwesterly direction a distance of 1.11 miles more or less to a point lying S. 70 degrees 00 feet W. from Corner No. 4, Lone Star Lode claim, M.S. 1492 on the mean high water line of the easterly shore of Funter Bay; thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E. to Corner No. 4, Lone Star Lode claim; the point of beginning.

(B) That portion of Mill Site, Mineral Survey (M.S.) No. 2191, described as follows: beginning at Corner No. 1, Mill Site, on line 2-3, Beach No. 1, M.S. 2191, thence S. 5 degrees 27 feet E., 57.26 feet, to the intersection of line 1-4, ISH NIC, M.S. 2191; thence S. 46 degrees 00 feet W., 264.36 feet, along a portion of line 1-4, of ISH NIC, to Corner No. 4, ISH NIC, M.S. 2191; thence S. 44 degrees 00 feet E., 331.75 feet, along a portion of line 4-3 of ISH NIC, to the intersection of line 1-2, Mill Site; thence S. 5 degrees 27 feet E., 137.55 feet, along a portion of line 1-2 of Mill Site, to Corner No. 2, Mill Site, identical to Corner No. 1 of Otter, M.S. 1492; thence S. 70 degrees 00 feet W., 1,500.00 feet, on line 2-3, Mill Site, identical to line 1-4 of Otter, M.S. 1492, to Corner No. 3, Mill

*Funter Bay (c)*

Site, M.S. 2191, identical to Corner No. 4 of Otter, M.S. 1492; thence N. 5 degrees 27 feet W., 497.70 feet, on line 3-4, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 4, Mill Site; thence N. 30 degrees 07 feet E., 183.08 feet, on line 4-5, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 5, Mill Site, identical to Corner No. 3, Beach No. 1, M.S. 2191; thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E., 1,390.00 feet, on line 5-1, Mill Site, identical to a portion of line 3-2, Beach No. 1, to Corner No. 1, the point of beginning.

(C) That portion of Beach No. 1, Mineral Survey (M.S.) No. 2191, described as follows: beginning at Corner No. 2, Beach No. 1, identical with Corner No. 3, Beach No. 4, M.S. 2191, on line 4-1 of ISH NIC, M.S. 2191, thence S. 70 degrees 00 feet W., 1,500.00 feet on line 2-3, Beach No. 1, identical to a portion of line 1-5, Mill Site, M.S. 2191, to Corner No. 3, Beach No. 1, identical to Corner No. 5, Mill Site; thence N. 12 degrees 43 feet E., 460.00 feet, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 1; thence N. 47 degrees 23 feet E., 157.50 feet, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 5, Beach No. 1; thence N. 14 degrees 02 feet E., 183.33 feet, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 6, Beach No. 1, identical to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 2, M.S. 2191; thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E., 874.74 feet, on line 6-1, Beach No. 1, identical to a portion of line 4-3 of Beach No. 2, to the intersection of line 4-1, Beach No. 4, M.S. 2191; thence S. 46 degrees 00 feet W., 126.34 feet, along a portion of line 4-1 of Beach No. 4, to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 4; thence S. 44 degrees 00 feet E., 600.00 feet, on line 4-3, Beach No. 4, to Corner No. 3, Beach No. 4, identical to Corner No. 2,

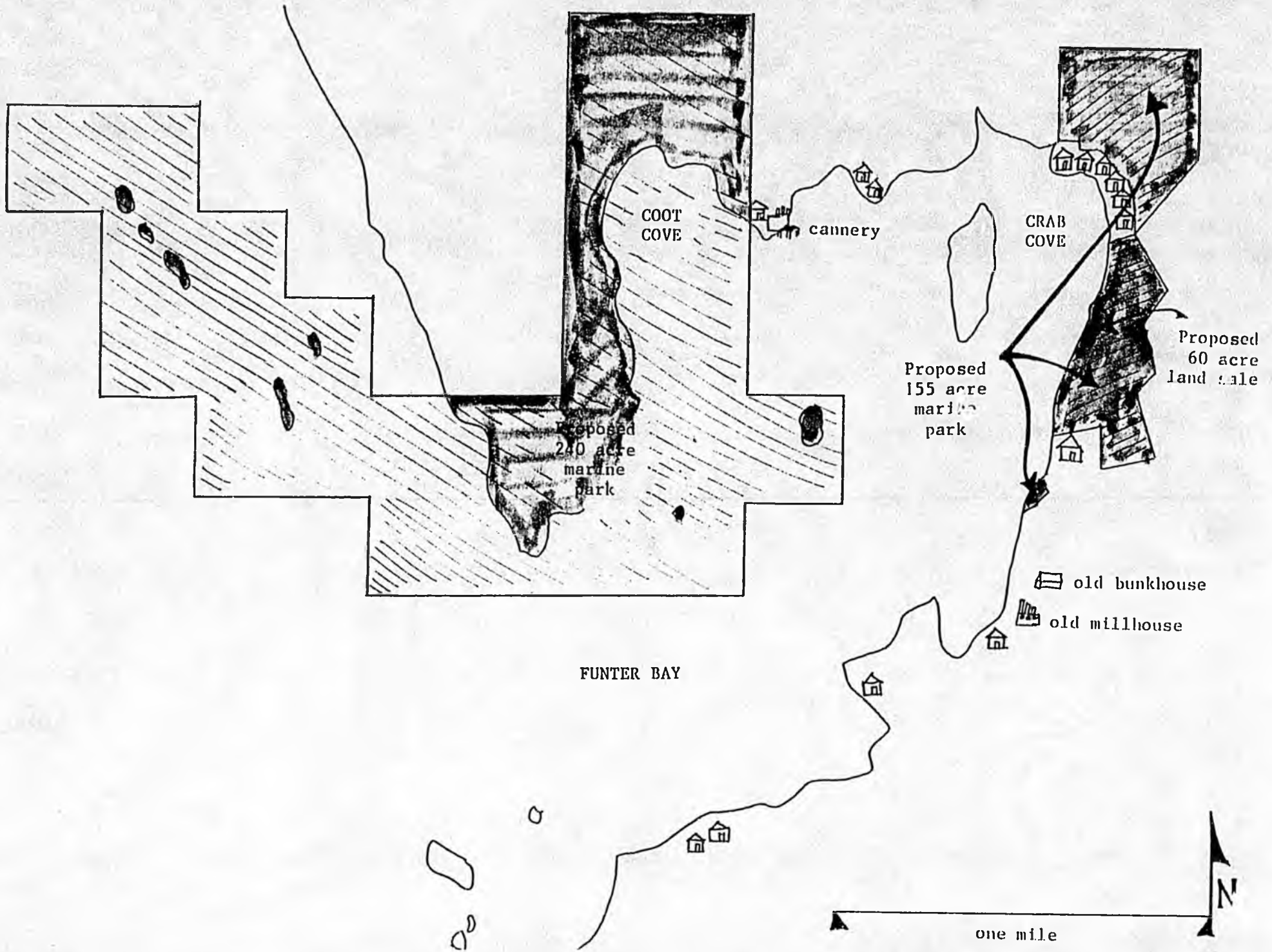
*Funter Bay (d)*

Beach No. 1, the point of beginning.

(D) That portion of Beach No. 2, Mineral Survey (M.S.) No. 2191, described as follows: beginning at the true point for Corner No. 1, Beach No. 2, thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E., 1,197.45 feet, along a portion of line 1-2 of Beach No. 2, to the intersection of line 1-4 of Beach No. 6, M.S. 2191; thence S. 44 degrees 00 feet E., 223.40 feet, along a portion of line 1-4 of Beach No. 6, to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 6, identical with Corner No. 1, Beach No. 5, M.S. 2191; thence S. 46 degrees 00 feet W., 973.13 feet, along a portion of line 1-4 of Beach No. 4, to the intersection of line 3-4 of Beach No. 2; thence S. 70 degrees 00 feet W., 874.74 feet, along a portion of line 3-4 of Beach No. 2, to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 2, identical with Corner No. 6, Beach No. 1; thence N. 14 degrees 03 feet E., 478.00 feet, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 5, Beach No. 2; thence N. 25 degrees 33 feet E., 291.00 feet, along the mean-high tide line of Funter Bay, to Corner No. 1, Beach No. 2, the point of beginning.

(E) That portion of Beach No. 3, Mineral Survey (M.S.) No. 2191, described as follows: beginning at Corner No. 1, Beach No. 3, thence N. 70 degrees 00 feet E., 637.07 feet, along a portion of line 1-2, to the intersection of line 1-4, Beach No. 7, M.S. 2191; thence S. 44 degrees 00 feet E., 279.27 feet, along a portion of line 1-4 of Beach No. 7, to Corner No. 4, Beach No. 7, identical to Corner No. 1, Beach No. 6, M.S. 2191, thence continue S. 44 degrees 00 feet E., 376.60 feet, along a portion of line 1-4 of Beach No. 6, to the intersection of line 3-4, Beach No. 3; thence S. 70 degrees 00 feet W., 1,139.45 feet, along a portion of line 3-4 of Beach No. 3, to Corner No. 4,

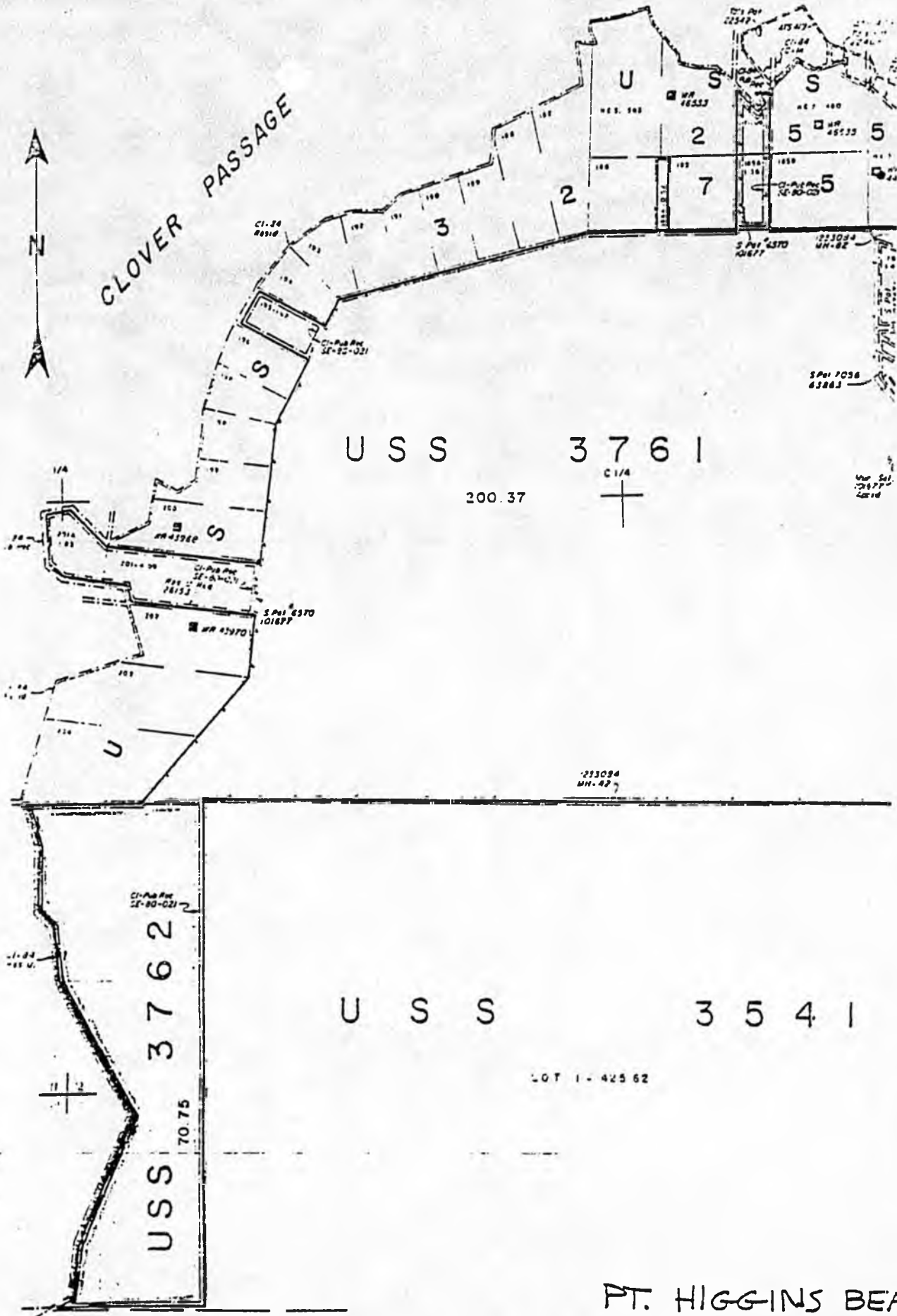
*Funter Bay (e)*



(15) Pt. Higgins Beach

State owned land and tideland as described below:

Township 74 South, Range 89 East, Copper River Meridian  
U.S. Survey 3762.



U S S 3 7 6 1  
200.37  
C 1/4

U S S 3 5 4 1  
LOT 1 - 425 62

U S S 3 7 6 2  
70.75

PT. HIGGINS BEACH

Point Higgins Beach

- 1) Access to Point Higgins Beach will be mostly by road, therefore tidelands are included, but not submerged lands. The beach is not protected from storms, but is already heavily used by local residents.
- 2) The proposed park would include 70.75 acres of uplands.

(16) Joe Mace Island

State owned land and tidelands as described below:

Township 64 South, Range 75 East, Copper River Meridian

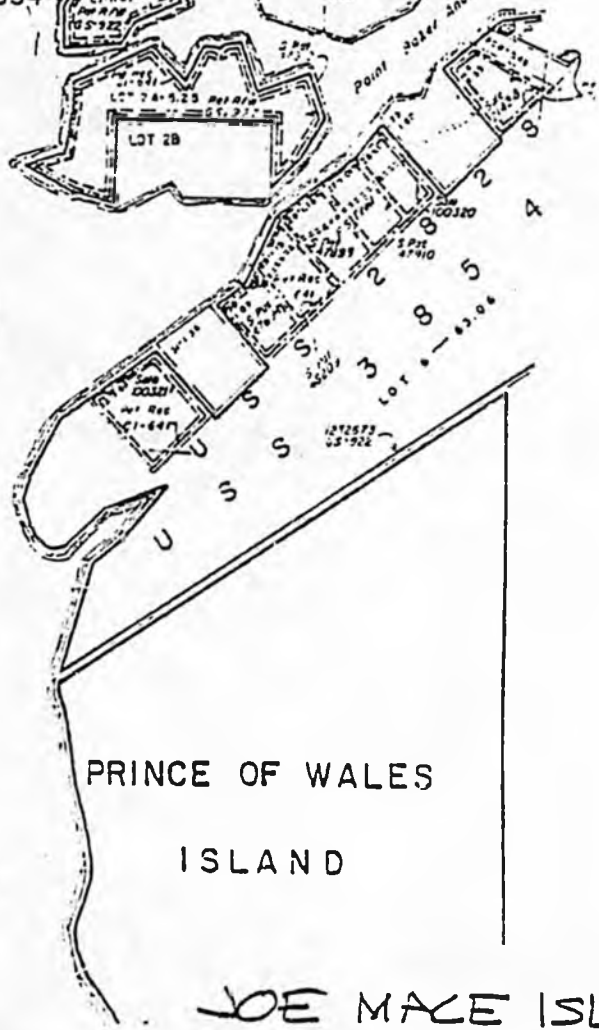
Lot 4, U.S. Survey 3854.

SECTION 2  
64S RANGE 75E OF THE COPPER RIVER MERIDIAN, ALASKA

Map Scale



USS 3854



PRINCE OF WALES  
ISLAND

JOE MACE ISLAND

Joe Mace Island

- (1) Should be subject to all valid existing rights.
- (2) Parks already has management authority for this island by virtue of ILMA ADL 103852.
- (3) This proposal includes 61.80 acres of land.

(17) Thoms Lake

Township 65 South, Range 85 East, Copper River Meridian

Section 9: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 10: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 11: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 14: S $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 15: All;

Section 16: E $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 21: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 22: N $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

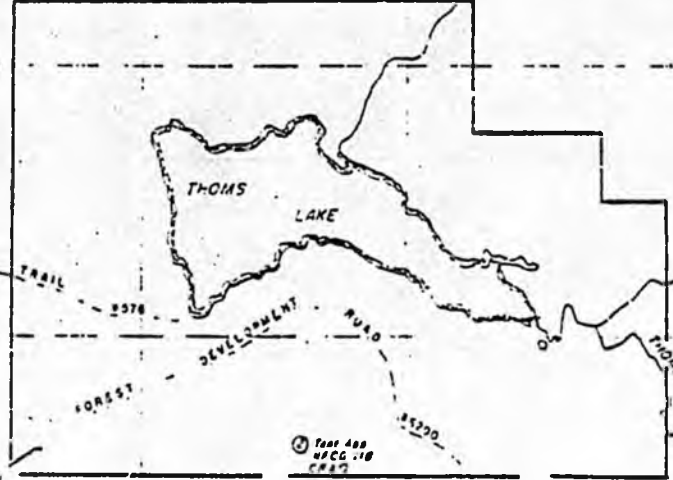
Section 23: N $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Subject to all valid existing rights.

VRANGELL

ISLAND

THOMS LAKE



ISLANDS

ALUTE

BUTTON ISLAND

STRAIT

WHALETAL POINT

ZIMOVIA

ISLETS

ASLS

ISLETS

ISLETS

ETOLIN ISLAND

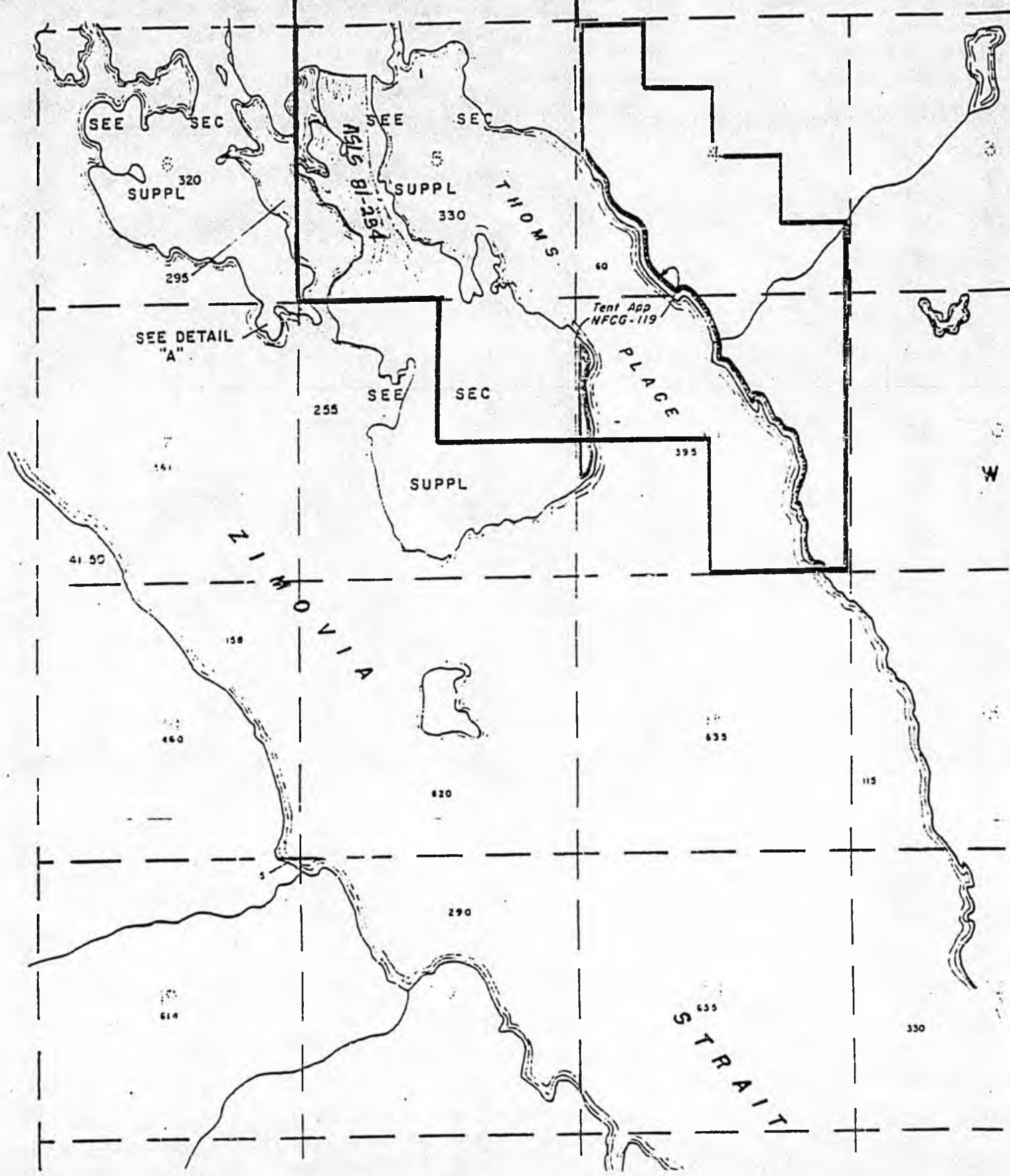
WHALETAL COVE

THOMS LAKE

Thoms Lake

- 1) Thoms Lake was originally selected for community recreation, and the state has received Tentative Approval. While it is not directly on tidelands, the area is accessed from the tidelands or from Forest Development Road #6290 and Forest Trail #576 that run within the proposed park.
- 2) The total area is 2,520 acres.

TOWNSHIP 66S RANGE 8



Thoms Place

1. Area was originally selected for community development and community recreation and has been Tentatively Approved.
2. Tidelands and submerged lands are included within the inlet and tidelands along Zimovia Strait for consistent management of the Marine Park.
3. ASLS-81-234 is an existing subdivision along Zimovia Strait and is adjacent to and excluded from the proposed Marine Park.
4. Area is subject to valid existing rights.
5. Area totals approximately 1400 acres of uplands.

(18) Thoms Place

Unsurveyed state owned land and waters as described below:

Township 65 South, Range 86 East, Copper River Meridian

Section 32: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 66 South, Range 86 East, Copper River Meridian

Section 4: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 5: All;

Section 8: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 9: N $\frac{1}{2}$ ; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ :

Excluding all lands within ASLS 81-234.

Subject to all valid existing rights.

(19) Beecher Pass

Township 61 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian

Section 1: Lots 5,6,7, and 8, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 10: Lots 1 and 2

Section 11: Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, and 11.

Section 12: Lots 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, and 11.

Section 14: Lot 2

Section 15: Lot 2

Township 61 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian

Section 6: Lot 11

Section 7: Lots 1 and 2

Including all adjacent tidelands

Subject to valid existing rights and the adjudication of U.S. Forest Service Preferences as described in ADL 102336 and ADL 102843 and the reservation of those adjacent tidelands.

R.78E | R 79E

14.88  
50-82-0093  
NFCG-109  
CRA

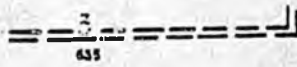
50-82-0093  
NFCG-109  
CRA  
SEE DETAIL C

SEE SEC

SEE SEC

SUPPL 50-82-0093  
NFCG-109  
CRA

SUPPL



4-40.21 3-40.15 2-40.09 1-40.03

M Closing 188

SEE DETAIL C

SEE SHEET #1

PEARL IS.

BIG SALTERY IS.

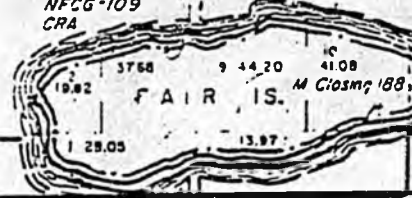
Keene Island

50-82-0093  
NFCG-109  
CRA  
See Detail "B"

50-82-0093  
NFCG-109  
CRA  
OPP Adm 125049

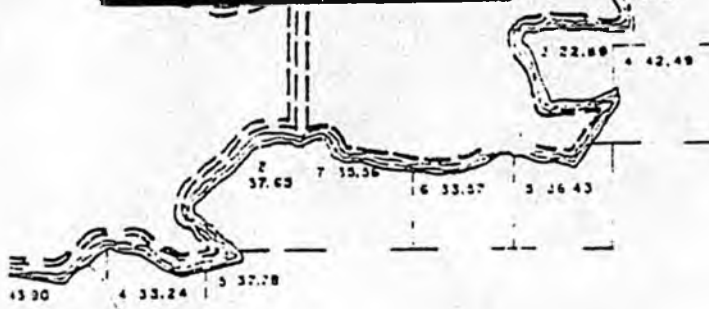
50-82-0093  
NFCG-109  
CRA

Beecher Pass



BEECHER PASS

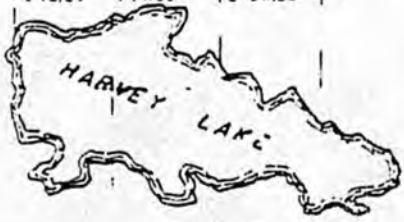
Beecher Pass



ISLAND

WOEWODSKI

NARROWS



SKI

BEECHER PASS

Apn Tdls Per 78

Beecher Pass

1. Tidelands were included for development of Marine Park facilities.
2. S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 2 was excluded because of existing subdivision and other Tracts within the subdivision.
3. Keene Island was added because it is a logical extension of a Marine Park and should not be used for settlement.
4. Area is subject to two preference right applications that will revert to Marine Park should the process terminate prior to issuing patent.
5. Area is subject to other valid existing rights such as easements, and offshore Prospecting Permits.
6. Land is Tentatively Approved and was selected for community development and recreation. Duncan Canal and Keene Channel Subdivision sales have taken place in the area.
7. Proposed acreage totals approximately 741.49 acres.

(20) Dall Bay

Unsurveyed State owned lands and waters as described below:

Township 77 South, Range 91 East, Copper River Meridian

Section 29:  $W\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $SW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 30:  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 31:  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $N\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $NE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $E\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 32:  $NW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ .

Subject to valid existing rights including:

U.S.S. 3525 and A.T.S.-155.

GRAVINA  
ISLAND

Ref 19271

Fcl

USMS 725  
190 367 Ac

Seal  
Cove

ARM

USMS 339  
Doll #1

Utility  
CL-221

O.C.D.  
35166

USMS 667  
Doll #5  
Boy

DALL  
BAY

USS 3525

ATS-155

Tot. Pot 481

Bron

DALL HEAD

DALL BAY

NICHOLS

Dall Bay

- (1) This state selection (NFCC-131) was nominated by Ketchikan Gateway Borough for possible future use for low density residential development. The expressed purpose of the selection was for development and expansion of an established community and for established community recreation.
- (2) 4.21 acres of tide and submerged lands at the head of the bay are patented (ATS-155, appears to be an old cannery site of the New England Fish company). A cluster of patented homesites 14.17 acres in size lies adjacent to the tideland patent.
- (3) Patented mining claims are located on the north shore at the entrance of the bay.
- (4) The U.S. Coast Pilot cautions that Dall Bay requires local knowledge to enter.
- (5) This proposal includes the entire state selection and encompasses approximately 850 acres of land.
- (6) This selection has been approved by the U.S. Forest Service but has not been Tentatively Approved by BLM.

(21) Security Bay

Unsurveyed state owned lands and waters as described below:

Township 58 South, Range 70 East, Copper River Meridian

- Section 1: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 2: S $\frac{1}{2}$
- Section 11: N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 12: W $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 13: All of the unnamed islands.
- Section 14: NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Subject to all valid existing rights including regional Historic Place application AA-6569, Parcel A, and the right to adjudicate and grant Forest Service Preference 103521.



Security Bay

- (1) Proposed bill did not include E4SW4 of Section 12. We added that part to encompass the entire Tentative Approval. Also, in Section 13 we received only "all of the unnamed islands."
- (2) FSRP 103521 of Ernie Rodgers and allotment AA 6569 and Historic Site AA 10496 were reserved.
- (3) Tidelands and submerged lands were included for park management purposes.
- (4) Subject to valid existing rights.
- (5) Selection was made for public and private recreation purposes.
- (6) Selection contains approximately 500 acres.

(22) Petersburg Creek

State owned lands and waters as described below:

Township 58 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian

Section 18: S $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 19: N $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Section 20: All;

Section 29: Tracts A and B and Blocks 1 and 2 of Petersburg Creek,  
Alaska Subdivision.

Subject to valid existing rights including Lot 5 of Section 18.

ISLAND

LINDENBERG

7  
618

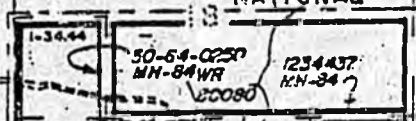
8

9

NATIONAL

FOREST

BOUNDARY



50-64-0250  
MH-84

1234437  
MH-84

1234437  
MH-84

50-64-0250  
MH-84

Kupreanof  
Corp Gdy  
1216752  
MH-53

SEE SEC

- ATS 134
- ATS 496
- ATS 250
- ATS 512
- ATS 517
- USS 2478
- USS 2479
- USS 2480
- USS 2481
- USS 1209
- USS 1563

- ATS 9
- USS 1168
- USS 1252A
- USS 1252
- USS 282

SEE SEC SU.

SEE SEC SUPPL PLAT

SEE SEC SUPPL PLAT

REL. Plot #48  
02302

KUPREANOF

30  
620

29

31

Cole Creek

USS 2867

32

33

- ATS 793
- ATS 767
- ATS 595
- ATS 234
- ATS 134
- ATS III
- ATS 9
- ATS 187
- ATS 112
- ATS 794
- ATS 110
- USS 2867
- USS 2651
- USS 2499
- USS 1174
- USS 284
- USS 283
- USS 1477

USS 283  
USS 1252A

SEE SEC SUPPL PLAT

SEE SEC SUPPL PLAT

1234437  
MH-84

4-30.11  
50' R/W  
Power Prop. 4  
37517

50' R/W  
Power Prop. 2  
MITKOF

PETERSBURG CREEK

### Petersburg Creek

- (1) The original purpose of the state selection was to produce revenue for support of the state mental health program. Legislation has since changed the designation to General Grant lands.
- (2) The S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 29 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 32 are not recommended for inclusion within the proposed park boundaries due to potential use conflicts with numerous private landowners along the shoreline and 2 privately owned tideland tracts. The state-owned lands in the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 29 are classified Resource Management (Public Recreation Wildlife Habitat) while the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 32 is classified Watershed. While not in park status it is unlikely that further development will take place here in the foreseeable future.
- (3) A land disposal was planned in Section 29 in the 1960's - the Petersburg Creek, Alaska Subdivision was surveyed for that purpose - however the disposal met with local opposition and was dropped. The area has traditionally been used for hunting, fishing and public recreation.
- (4) This proposal includes approximately 1,360 acres of land.

# Alaska State Legislature

ARLISS STURGULEWSKI, Chairman  
BETTYE FAHRENKAMP, Vice Chairman  
JACK COGHILL  
DICK ELIASON  
VIC FISCHER  
RICK HALFORD  
FRED ZHAROFF



POUCH V  
JUNEAU, ALASKA. 99811  
(907) 465-4907

## Senate Committee on Resources

MEMORANDUM

May 8, 1985

TO: All Members  
Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Staff *CH*  
Senate Resources Committee

RE: CS HB 44 (Jud) "An Act relating to marine park units of the state park system; and providing for an effective date."

CS HB 44 (Jud) would establish a series of marine parks in Southeast Alaska. The bill would create 11 marine park units throughout Southeast Alaska selected for natural, cultural and scenic values and to promote recreation and tourism in the state.

CS HB 44 (Jud) passed the House by a vote of 37 yea to 7 nay. There is a zero fiscal note by the Department of Natural Resources.

Additional material will be provided each member at the Senate Resources hearing.

#### Enclosures:

1. Fiscal note
2. House letter of intent
3. Letter from Rep. Mike Miller
4. Letter from Commissioner Wunnicke, DNR

*CE*  
*sup 41*

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: 4/2/85

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSHB 44 (Jud)  
Title: Additions to Marine Parks

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Natural Resources  
Program Category Affected: NRMEC, Div. of  
Parks & Outdoor  
BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: R. c.

Sponsor: Reps. Miller, Duncan, Goll  
Requestor: House Judiciary Comm.  
Date of Request: 4/1/85

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
<b>OPERATING</b>						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>CAPITAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>REVENUE</b>	-0- **	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

*N.A.*

\*\* Possible additional costs to the state include the loss of as much as \$1.25 million in principal and interest from a proposed land disposal in Funter Bay (Crab Cove) and the unrecoverable expense of approximately \$30,000 associated with disposal planning and preparation that has already taken place. It should be noted, however, that some of the information gathered during the disposal preparation process could be useful during the planning process for the Crab Cove marine park.

Prepared By: Carol Wilson Phone: 465-2400  
Division: Commissioner's Office Date: 4/2/85

Approved by Commissioner: *Arms D Arnold, Deputy* Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: Natural Resources

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):  
Legislative Finance  
Legislative Sponsor  
Requestor  
Office of Management and Budget  
Impacted Agency(ies)

7/1/84

CE  
4/11

# Alaska State Legislature



## House of Representatives House Judiciary Committee

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
(907) 465-4990

LETTER OF INTENT

CSHB 44(Jud)

The House Judiciary Committee has heard HB 44, establishing a number of marine parks in Southeast Alaska, and has replaced the original bill with CSHB 44 (Judiciary).

It was the intent of the Judiciary Committee, in passing the bill without an additional appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources, that the department should, to the greatest extent possible, initiate planning for the management of marine parks in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska using existing staff and staff time and resources.

This planning process should take into consideration the concerns of legislators that a process be developed for management and the addition of capital improvements as money becomes available and is appropriated by the legislature in future years. The planning should include some initial work on the need for, and proper location of, mooring buoys, docks and other appropriate facilities. The process should also include the initiation of discussions with the U.S. Forest Service for state-federal coordination and cooperation in recreation planning as a part of that federal agency's mandate for recreation improvements as part of their responsibilities of multiple-use management.

The Judiciary Committee is also cognizant of legislative intent of previous years regarding marine parks legislation, that no funding for management or improvement of marine parks established under the program would be made available at least until the late 1980s. In light of that intent, and in light of the fiscal situation of the state as we develop the FY 1986 budget, the committee understands that the possibility for passage of this legislation would be greatly jeopardized if there were to be a fiscal impact resulting in the need for an appropriation in FY 86.

It is the intent of the committee, therefore, that the bill be passed in a form that will require no appropriation for FY 86.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Miller".

M. Mike Miller, Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee

Adopted by HOUSE MAY 3, 1985

# Alaska State Legislature



## House of Representatives House Judiciary Committee

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
(907) 465-4990

MEMO: May 7, 1985

TO: Sen. Arliss Sturgulewski  
Chairwoman, Senate Resources Committee  
Members of the Committee

FROM: Rep. M. Mike Miller

RE: CS HB 44 (Judiciary)/ establishing marine parks in Southeast Alaska

Attached you will find back-up material regarding marine parks in Southeast Alaska which would be established if CSHB 44 (Jud) were to pass. I believe that the Committee Substitute adopted in the House Judiciary Committee is an excellent piece of legislation, and I hope that you will agree. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the bill.

As adopted by House Judiciary, and passed by the House, the bill differs from the original bill in the following ways:

1) two of the sites in the original bill have been deleted from the Committee Substitute: Cape Bingham, near Sitka; and Traitor's Cove, near Ketchikan.

2) the bill amends existing statutes to establish clearly that the U.S. Forest Service is one of the agencies which may negotiate for access rights across marine parks. This is not clear in some sections of the statutes, specifically AS 41.21.302(h) and AS 41.21.306(d). The intent to clarify these two subsections is dealt with in Section 1 (page 1, starting line 9) and Section 3 (starting page 8, line 19) of CSHB 44 (Jud).

3) The boundaries of the proposed marine park at Taku Harbor were amended to provide time for DNR's division of land and water management to deal with private land claims within the boundaries established by my original bill. The effective date (Section 4, page 8, line 23) was delayed to provide time to resolve this problem, and the disputed land is left outside the park established by the bill (the exclusions identified on page 1, lines 26 and 28).

4) The proposed marine park at Funter Bay has been expanded to incorporate both the 65 acres in the original bill and the 240 acres offered by DNR.

CSHB 44 (Judiciary)

Page 2

All the parks proposed in the bill were selected specifically with recreation in mind. Most are existing park or recreation areas close to existing communities. Some were also selected for their historical use by commercial and recreational mariners as protected anchorages.

This bill would establish these areas as recreational lands in the least restrictive category of "park" lands in Alaska law. Commercial and sport fishing, hunting, trapping and other uses as defined in AS 41.21.300-307 would be permitted, and access to adjacent public and private lands is guaranteed.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me; or with Bob Speed of my staff, who is well acquainted with the bill and its history.

Thank you for your consideration of CSHB 44 (Judiciary).

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

POUCH M  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811  
PHONE: 907-485-2400

May 8, 1985

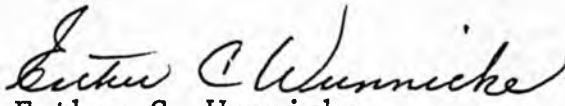
The Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski  
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sturgulewski:

The Department of Natural Resources supports the Committee Substitute for House Bill 44, which adds 11 units to the state marine park system. Marine parks are created to maintain the natural, cultural and scenic values of an area. They are important to Alaskans for local recreation as well as for the statewide economic boost they provide from tourism.

I hope the committee will take quick action on this bill.

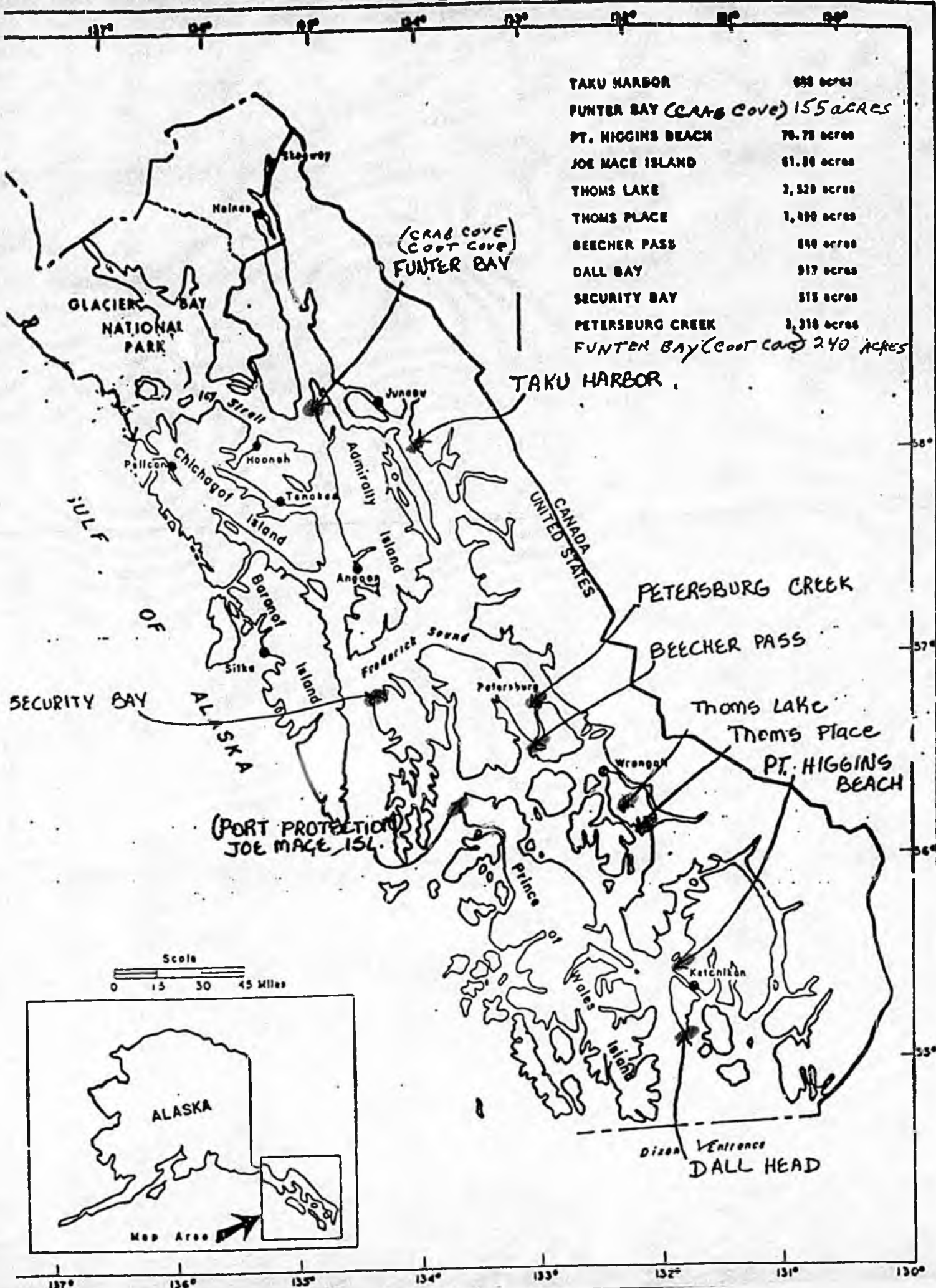
Sincerely,



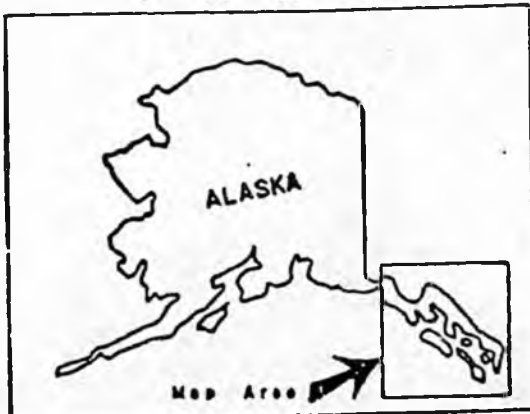
Esther C. Wunnicke  
Commissioner

cc: Representative Mike M. Miller

# II PROPOSED MARINE PARKS



Scale  
0 15 30 45 Miles



137° 136° 135° 134° 133° 132° 131° 130°

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

POUCH M  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811  
PHONE: 907-465-2400

May 8, 1985

The Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski  
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sturgulewski:

The Department of Natural Resources supports the Committee Substitute for House Bill 44, which adds 11 units to the state marine park system. Marine parks are created to maintain the natural, cultural and scenic values of an area. They are important to Alaskans for local recreation as well as for the statewide economic boost they provide from tourism.

I hope the committee will take quick action on this bill.

Sincerely,



Esther C. Wunnicke  
Commissioner

cc: Representative Mike M. Miller

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

*Paid 6/13/85*

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

POUCH M  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811  
PHONE: 907-465-2400

May 29, 1985

The Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski  
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
2957 Sheldon Jackson  
Anchorage, AK 99508

Dear Senator Sturgulewski:

Thank you for your letter concerning House Bill 44 and the proposed state land disposal in Funter Bay. The Department of Natural Resources has deferred action on this land disposal until the Legislature completes its work on the marine parks bill.

I appreciate your interest in resolving resource issues and look forward to working with you and your committee during the next legislative session.

Sincerely,

*Bill Arnold, Deputy*  
for Esther C. Wunnicke  
Commissioner

cc: Neil Johannsen  
Paula Burgess

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

POUCH M  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811  
PHONE: 907-465-2400

May 7, 1985

The Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski  
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sturgulewski:

The Department of Natural Resources supports, with one exception, the Committee Substitute for House Bill 44, which adds 11 units to the state marine park system. Marine parks are created to maintain the natural, cultural and scenic values of an area as well as the fish and wildlife resources, and to promote recreation and tourism in the state.

The one exception in our support for this bill is the designation of Crab Cove, in Funter Bay, as a marine park. Crab Cove is the site of a small community and the land there was selected by the state from the U.S. Forest Service so that three people with cabin permits would be able to purchase the land their cabins were on. The department had plans to sell 20 Crab Cove lots in a 1986 land disposal, but establishing the proposed Crab Cove marine park would prevent that disposal from taking place.

When this bill was first heard in committee the department suggested another Funter Bay site, Coot Cove, as a more appropriate area for a marine park (see attached pictures of Coot Cove and Crab Cove). Currently, both sites in Funter Bay, Coot Cove and Crab Cove, are proposed as marine parks.

Crab Cove is already occupied by houses, recreational cabins and related structures while Coot Cove retains its natural scenic beauty. I would ask the Senate Resources

The Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski

- 2 -

May 7, 1985

Committee to delete Cr , Cove from the bill and retain Coot  
Cove as the Funter B y marine park.

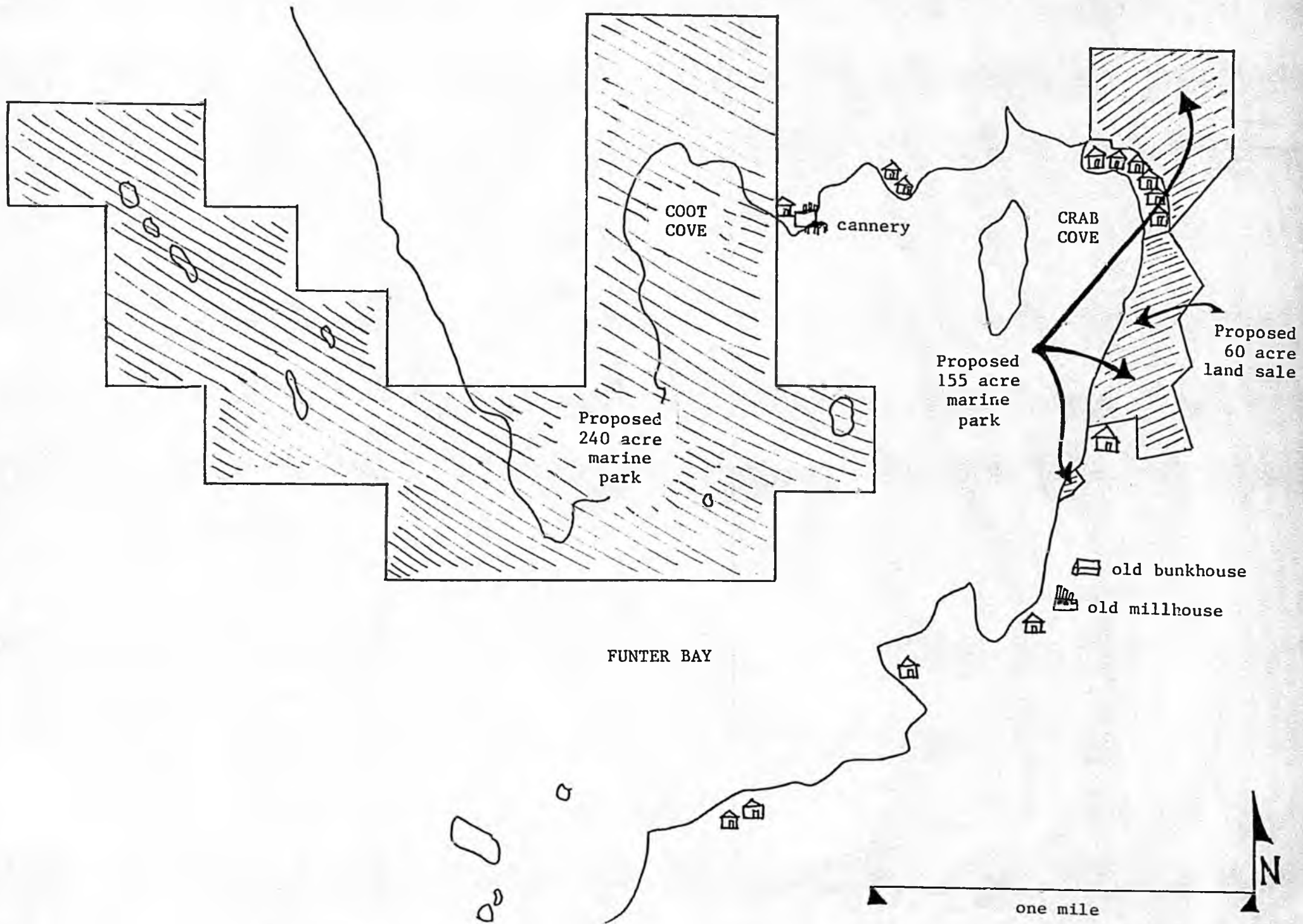
If I may provide additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Bob Arnold, Deputy*  
fr Esther Wunnicke  
Commissioner

Attachments

cc: Representative Mike M. Miller



Senator Vic Fischer

(907) 465-4954

Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V • Juneau, Alaska 99811 • (907) 465-4954



JUN 27 1985

June 18, 1985

Esther Munnicke, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources  
Pouch M  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

*Frank*

Dear Esther:

Attached is a copy of my letter of May 6 and your response of May 22, signed by Bob Arnold.

I cannot believe that either Bob or you read your letter in the context of mine. In fact, I don't believe the person who penned the response read what I wrote.

The points in my letter were very simple:

1. I make a pitch to preserve additional lands received in the U.S. Forest for public ownership and use rather than disposal, and
2. I suggest that we use House-passed HB 44 to create additional marine parks on additional lands that we'll receive (my interest, naturally, lies in Prince William Sound).

Compri?

Very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vic", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Senator Vic Fischer

cc: Tom Hawkins, Division of Lands  
Neil Johannsen, Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation  
Senator Arlis Sturgulewski  
Representative Mike Miller

# STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

POUCH M  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811  
PHONE: 907-465-2400

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

May 22, 1985

The Honorable Vic Fischer  
Alaska State Senate  
1024 W. Sixth Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

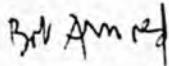
Dear Senator Fischer:

I appreciate your congratulatory letter concerning the state's recent victory in Alaska v. Block. Federal District Judge Von der Heydt accepted the state's assertions that Congress placed acreage limits only on our selection rights in the national forests, and dismissed federal arguments that the lands had to meet certain other requirements. As a result of the ruling, approximately 50,000 acres of our questioned selections will stand.

We will be re-examining our selections of national forest land soon and will keep you apprised of our progress.

Thank you for writing to me about this matter.

Sincerely,



Esther C. Wunnicke  
Commissioner

cc: Tom Hawkins, Director, Division of  
Land and Water Management  
Neil Johannsen, Director, Division of  
Parks and Outdoor Recreation

# Senator Vic Fischer

(907) 465-4954

Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V • Juneau, Alaska 99811 • (907) 465-4954



May 6, 1985

Esther Wunnicke, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Esther:

A recent newspaper report stated that judge James Von der Heydt had sustained state recreation land selections in the Chugach and Tongass National Forests.

Assuming this report is correct, it opens up marvelous opportunities for establishing additional marine parks as envisaged under Chapter 0064, SLA 1983.

At the same time, I trust that those who would dispose of Prince William Sound public recreation sites for private ownership will be held in check. The rationale behind the state land selections was to retain the land in public ownership for maximum benefit of the people for community expansion and recreation.

In fact, the original marine park bill contained most of the state's selections in Prince William Sound, including unapproved selections. Ultimately, only those units where the state had clear title were included in the bill. Wisdom dictated that we await the outcome of the pending court case before establishing additional units.

As you know, the public has overwhelmingly supported the marine park system in Prince William Sound. My constituents depend heavily on the Sound for recreation opportunities. The Forest Service reports that fully 80% of the people using recreation cabins in the Chugach are Anchorage area residents.

Of course, if disposal is proposed, you'll have tremendous interest in acquisition of land on islands and the shoreline of the Sound. (I'll be there, I'm sure, as well as most everyone else I know). However, I do hope you will consider the public interest versus ownership by a limited number of people of land that has such tremendous recreation value. The only fair decision to assure that all Alaskans receive maximum benefit from this public land is to designate these sites as public parkland.