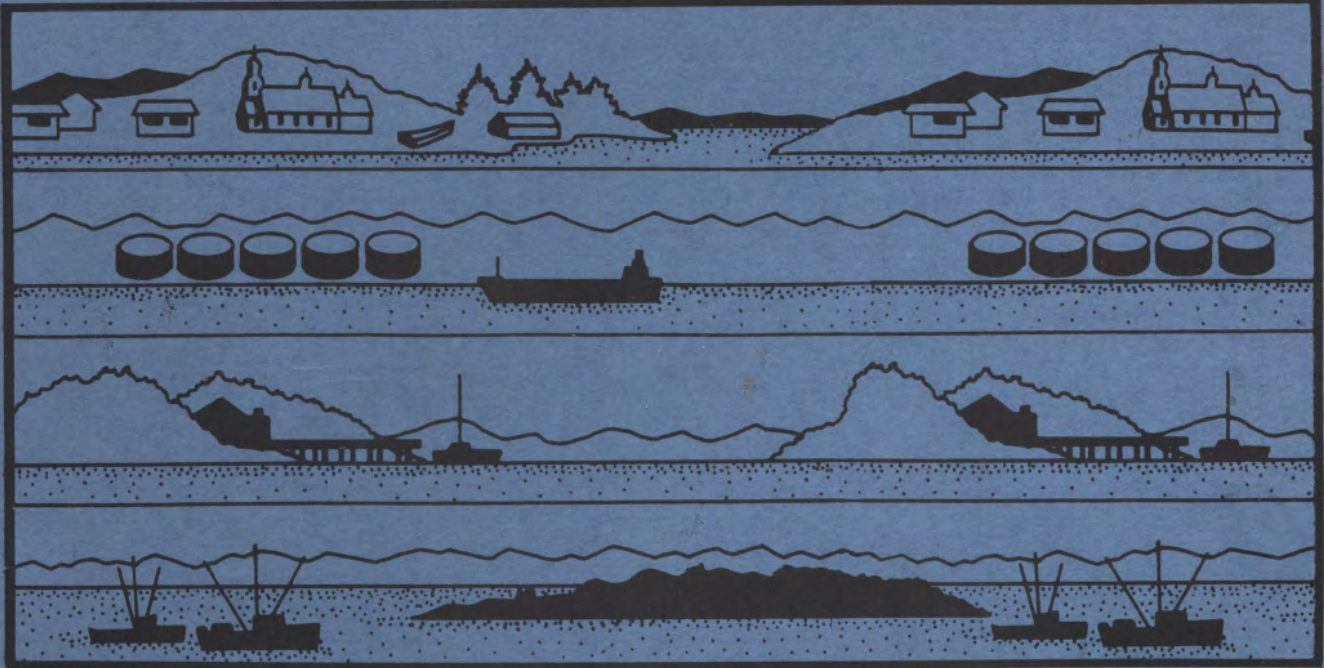


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Errata -- Prince William Sound Area Plan

December 13, 1990

Dear Interested Citizen:

The Prince William Sound Area Plan for state lands was adopted by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in June 1988. The plan guides the department's management of the state land in the Sound. Our records indicate that you were sent a copy of the plan. This letter is to notify you of a typing/proofing error on page 3-58 of the Prince William Sound Area Plan, so you can correct your copy. The error was corrected on many copies of the plan before distribution, but not on all copies.

Page 3-58 contains the Land Use Designation Summary chart for Management Unit 7, Esther Island. On many copies of the plan, the chart erroneously indicates that commercial recreation facilities and floatlodes are prohibited in Unit 7B, Esther Bay. That is not correct. In fact, that subunit is one of the locations where commercial recreation facilities are recommended.

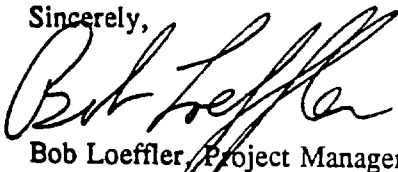
Please revise the information for that subunit as shown below:

7B Esther Bay	State-selected uplands; state-owned tidelands	Resource management- ment, high value	Commercial recreation facilities Floatlodes	Possibly closed after 10 years if land is sold
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The items crossed out are in error, and should not have been printed on the chart. That subunit is one of the few areas targeted for commercial recreation along the Whittier to Valdez marine route. The correct information is explained in the management intent for Subunit 7B and in the summary brochure. In addition, it was contained in the list of changes that were made from the draft to final plan, and in the response to public comment.

For your information, the department has not yet received title to the land in state-selected uplands in that subunit, nor are their current plans concerning recreation facilities at that location. This letter is only to notify you of the typing/proofing error. We hope the error did not inconvenience you.

Sincerely,



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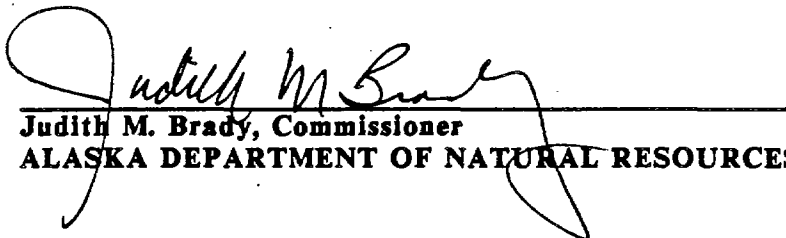
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The Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources finds that the Prince William Sound Area Plan meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-030 for Area Land Use Plan and does hereby adopt it as policy of the Department of Natural Resources for state lands within the planning area.



Judith M. Brady, Commissioner
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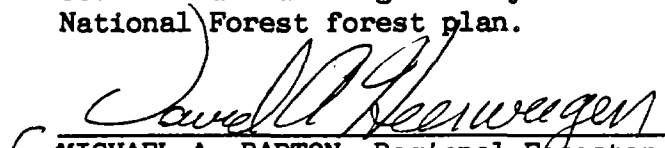
The Alaska Department of Fish and Game assisted the Department of Natural Resources in preparing the Prince William Sound Area Plan. We appreciate the opportunity to represent fish and wildlife habitat and harvest values during the development of the plan. The Department of Fish and Game will use this plan as guidance when implementing its authorities and when reviewing and commenting on proposed uses of state lands in the planning area.



Don W. Collinsworth, Commissioner
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Date

The United States Forest Service assisted the Department of Natural Resources in preparing the Prince William Sound Area Plan. This plan does not direct uses of federal land; however, the policies and uses proposed by this plan can and do have an effect on the management of the National Forest. We appreciate the effort made by the Department of Natural Resources to coordinate policies for state land with National Forest land management activities. The Prince William Sound Area Plan is generally consistent with the existing Forest Service Chugach National Forest forest plan.



for MICHAEL A. BARTON, Regional Forester
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WHERE TO FIND IT – HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

Some of the commonly asked questions about how to use the plan are answered below.

How does the plan affect a particular land use or resource? For example, Settlement?

Chapter 2 lists management policies that apply throughout the planning area. It is organized by land uses or resources -- forestry, settlement, shoreline development, etc. Each section concludes with a summary of policies that describes how the plan affects that land use. For example, pages 2-37 through 2-44 describe the DNR policies that apply to settlement throughout the planning area. The summary of policies on pages 2-44 through 2-46 describe the amount and location of land allocated to settlement.

How does the plan affect a particular location? For example, Montague Island?

In Chapter 3 the planning area is divided into 29 management units. Each unit includes a statement of management intent, guidelines specific to the individual management unit, and tables that summarize the land use designations and important resource values. To find the unit you are interested in, check the location map in Chapter 3, at the very front of the chapter. For example, Montague Island is unit 24 and the discussion begins on page 3-206. You can also find where in the plan a particular location or policy is discussed by using the index at the back of the plan.

How can I tell whether a particular use will be allowed in a particular location?

If a proposed use is designated as primary or secondary use in a management unit of Chapter 3, the use can be permitted in that unit. However, the use must meet the guidelines of the unit, as well as the applicable areawide guidelines in Chapter 2. Exactly where and how a designated use will occur within a

specific area will be resolved through existing agency review procedures.

Uses that are neither designated nor specifically prohibited may be allowed if they are consistent with the management intent statement, the management guidelines of the unit and those of Chapter 2.

Does the plan direct the use of private, federal, or municipal land?

No, the plan only directs the management of state land.

Where are definitions given?

Appendix A provides a glossary.

Where are state land selections presented?

A summary of the land selection and relinquishments is given in Chapter 5. The management intent for individual selections and the rationale for individual relinquishments is given in the appropriate management unit of Chapter 3.

What about legislative recommendations? For example, marine parks?

Legislative recommendations are summarized in Chapter 4 and discussed in greater detail in the appropriate management unit of Chapter 3. If you are interested in an overview of marine parks, please see Chapter 4. If you are interested in the management of a particular area, please see the appropriate management unit discussion in Chapter 3.

Can the plan be changed?

Yes, the plan is a flexible tool that can be changed or modified as social and economic conditions change. Procedures for changing the plan are given in Chapter 4.