

Domestic Geographic Name Report

1 Use this form to recommend a feature name or to suggest a name change.

2. For features on Federal lands, coordinate requests with the agency (U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) For the administrative area in which the land is located.

3. On the reverse side of this form give information on the local usage and authority for recommended name.

4. For more information about the Geographic Names Information System or the National Gazetteer Program, contact the U.S. Board on Geographic Names at 703-648-4544.

5. Return this form to:

Executive Secretary for Domestic
Geographic Names
U.S. Geological Survey
523 National Center
Reston, VA 22092

Action Requested

Proposed New Name:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommended	<u>Langman Lake</u>
Application Change:	<input type="checkbox"/>	State:	<u>Alaska</u>
Name Change:	<input type="checkbox"/>	County or Equivalent:	
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Area:	<u>Matanuska-Susitna Borough</u>

Specific Area Covered:

Latitude 61 ° 51 ' 26 " N Longitude: 150 ° 29 ' 09 " W
Latitude _____ ° _____ ' _____ " NS Longitude: _____ ° _____ ' _____ " WS
Center: _____ Heading _____
Section 2 Township 20N Range 07W Meridian Seward Elevation _____

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated) Lake

Is the Feature identified (including other names), in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?

Yes No Unknow If Yes, how is it _____

Description of feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.):

Lake found in Kahiltna Flats Subdivision, approx. 17 miles Northwest of Willow. Narrow, North-South trending lake, approximately a mile long.

Maps and other sources using recommended name (including scale and date).	Other names (variants)	Maps and other sources using other name or application (including scale and date).
N/A	N/A	N/A

Name information such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographic data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information:

The proposed commemorative name, Langman Lake, is for a previously unnamed lake in the Kahiltna Flats Subdivision, 17 miles northwest of Willow. It is named after James “Hank” Langman, who live 1931-2015. According to his obituary, Hank Langman has been deceased for the minimum five years required for a commemorative name proposal.

The proposer cites local usage of the name “Langman Lake” and Hank Langman’s contributions to the State of Alaska through multiple construction projects over the course of his life as a reason to name this feature. Evidence of local use of the proposed name is presented in letters dating from 2009 and 2010 and real estate postings from 2010.

According to the proposer and Hank Langman’s obituary, Langman moved to Alaska in 1948 as part of the military and stayed following the conclusion of his service, working in construction with the Operating Engineers Local 302. He was also a lifelong member of Pioneers of Alaska, and other community organizations in the Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage. He homesteaded approximately five acres on the lake in question, starting in 1971. His family has maintained and used this property recreationally since the 1970s.

The proposer states that the lake has been called “Langman Lake” by locals for at least 25 years due to Hank Langman and his family being the first homesteaders to occupy the lake continuously since 1971. Multiple local landowners in the Kahiltna Flats subdivision, local air transport services, and realty companies have called the lake “Langman Lake” and use the name when referring to the area, as shown in letters of support included in the name proposal, all dating from 2009 and 2010.

Is the recommended name in local usage?	Yes	No	If Yes, approximately how many years?	25
		X		

Is there local opposition to, or conflict with the recommended name (as located)? Proposer has included letters from other people living in the area testifying to their use of “Langman Lake” when referring to this lake, and their support with formally naming it as such, all dating from 2009 and 2010. No conflicts are currently reported.

For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed: The lake is unnamed in the USGS Map Viewer and GNIS. Search of GNIS finds no other “Langman Lake” present in the state of Alaska.

Additional information:

Shem Pete’s Alaska: The Territory of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena’ina (Revised Second Edition, 2016) by James Kari and James A. Fall references (pg. 173, 182). Possible Indigenous name for the lake/area around the lake: Uq’e Tsit’eldat’I Bena (“On it Someone Went in Fear-Lake”). According to *Shem Pete’s Alaska*, the story connected the area involves an attack from the Alutiiq on some local Dena’ina people who ran up onto the ridge alongside the lake to hide. Shem Pete and Billy Pete also explain that

the Dena'ina maintained caches and used the lake for water (Kari & Fall, 2016, pg. 182).

State-owned and privately-owned land in the Kahiltna Flats Subdivision surround the lake. It is not in designated wilderness.

The proposed name is after the current landowner's father, who originally homesteaded the area, starting in the 1970s.

Organizations for Consultation:

Chickaloon Native Village

Cook Inlet Regional, Inc.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining Land and Water

Knik Tribal Council

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Mountaineering Club of Alaska

Native Village of Eklutna

Willow Area Community Organization

Copy submitted by: Name (first, M.I., last)	Title	Phone (day)	Date
David Langman	Landowner		08/26/2022

Company or Agency	Address (city, State, and Zip)
	Eagle River, AK 99577

Copy Prepared by (if other than above)	Title	Phone (day)	Date
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Alaska Department of Natural Resources/Office of History and Archaeology	550 West 7 th Ave., Suite 1310, Anchorage, AK 99501-3565

Authority for Recommended Name:	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area
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Proposed Geographic Name: Langman Lake

Langman Lake
(Proposed)



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