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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 190

Short Title: Kenai River Special Management Area

Summary:

- Adds some 536 acres of land acquired through Exxon Valdez Oil Spill funds to the Kenai River Special Management Area.
- Adds a few small parcels of land to the KRSMA that were inadvertently left out of the original 1984 bill.

Benefits:

- Protects and preserves the parcels of land added in the Kenai River area.
- Makes the advisory board more of a citizen's board while retaining the knowledge and experience of state and federal agency members.

Background:

In 1984 the Legislature decided that certain parcels of land and water along the Kenai River system should be protected and preserved for future generations. When the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan was reviewed and updated in 1997, planners requested several thousand more acres of land be included in the KRSMA. In 2001 Representative Ken Lancaster introduced a bill that would have added some 8,000 acres of land to the KRSMA. The Senate Resources Committee, at that time, adopted a version of that bill adding only the amount of land in SB 190, and taking state and federal agency members off the board.