

Public Law 102-458
102d Congress

An Act

To direct expedited negotiated settlement of the land rights of the Kenai Natives Association, Inc., under section 14(h)(3) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, by directing land acquisition and exchange negotiations by the Secretary of the Interior and certain Alaska Native corporations involving lands and interests in lands held by the United States and such corporations.

Oct. 23, 1992
[H.R. 6072]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the 6-month period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall engage in expedited negotiation with the Kenai Natives Association, Inc., and Cook Inlet Region, Inc., for independent voluntary exchange agreements or land acquisition agreements through which the United States would acquire all of the surface estate in parcels of high public interest held by such private parties, including lands along the Kenai River and Moose River. Any negotiation (and agreements) shall consider the value of recreational resources and wildlife habitat of such lands being exchanged or acquired and their importance to the purposes and management of public lands, shall consider independent third party appraisals which include such values, and shall not include values for lands retained by such corporations to which they already have title. The Secretary should, within 60 days of the end of the negotiation period, submit to Congress legislation approving the exchanges or acquisitions, or in the event that the parties do not agree, submit a report to Congress describing the reasons why agreement was not reached including the values relied upon by the Kenai Natives Association, Inc., the Cook Inlet Region, Inc., and the Secretary, and the Secretary's justification of any differential between the values arrived at by the Kenai Natives Association, Inc., the Cook Inlet Region, Inc., and the Secretary.

Reports.

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