

Mr. Tsongas

Katmai National Park Wilderness in Print # 2 going into 2/7 mark-up

Wilderness is proposed for all of the existing Monument (redesignated as National Park) plus all of the north addition except:

- (a) Kukaklek-Spectacle Lakes watershed (added by Tsongas amendment)
- (b) Alagnak Wild River

Probable Young or Meeds amendment during Tuesday's mark-up

To delete all or major part of wilderness for north addition

Seiberling's position

During 2/6 mark-up, he was prepared to drop wilderness for all of north addition as part of his 18 million acre package of wilderness reductions

Discussion points in defense of Print's wilderness proposal

1. Originally, H.R. 39's goal was to set aside an entire ecosystem as a no-hunting sanctuary for the brown bears of the Katmai area via the south and north additions.

But the south addition has been changed in Print #2 to the Becharof National Wildlife Range, a designation which permits sport hunting.

And the north addition has been modified by the deletion of the Alagnak River watershed in favor of Wild River status, and by placing Kukaklek-Spectacle Lakes watershed in National Preserve (originally National Park under the Tsongas amendment).

Both the Preserve and Wild River allow sport hunting.

2. In the regional context (Bristol Bay- Alaska Peninsula), the Print's compromise of the original sanctuary of H.R. 39 yields a Katmai Park/Preserve that is a moderate proposal:
 - Togiak National Wildlife Range is open to sport hunting.
 - Iliamna National Wildlife Range is conceded to the State.
 - The National Park component of Lake Clark National Park/Preserve has minimal brown bear habitat (and bears for that matter) compared to the Preserve portion.
 - All of the Alaska Peninsula south of the existing Katmai, with the exception of 350,000 acres in Aniakchak National Monument, is also open to sport hunting.

Conclusion: With the concession of the south addition to Wildlife Range status, Katmai's north addition assumes even more importance. Wilderness will afford this brown bear habitat the highest degree of protection.

Optional amendments as a counter to probable Meeds/Young amendment

See attached

AMENDMENT: # 1

Enlarge Print's wilderness to cover Kukaklek-Spectacle Lakes National Preserve.

Page 57, lines 20 through 25, insert

() Certain lands in Katmai National Park, Alaska which comprise approximately three million eight hundred and ninety thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Katmai National Park," dated September 1977, and which shall be known as Katmai Wilderness.

EXPLANATION:

Print's total is 3,630,000 which includes all of existing monument plus north addition. Does not include Alagnak watershed.

Tsongas addition of Kukaklek-Spectacle Lakes is approximately 260,000 acres.

Hence new wilderness total is 3,890,000.

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AMENDMENT: #2

by SUBCOMMITTEE

To designate as wilderness 30,000 acres added¹ to Katmai from contiguous
Becharof National Wildlife Range (where the 30,000 was proposed for wilderness).

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