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To make technical corrections to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act,  
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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
ural Resources

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## A BILL

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Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of  
6 2016”.

7 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for  
8 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation sand and gravel resources.
- Sec. 4. Shishmaref easement.

- Sec. 5. Shee Atika Incorporated.  
 Sec. 6. Admiralty Island National Monument land exchange.  
 Sec. 7. CIRI land entitlement.  
 Sec. 8. Canyon Village, Kaktovik, and Nagamut.  
 Sec. 9. Alaska Native Corporation authorizations.  
 Sec. 10. Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native communities recognition and compensation.  
 Sec. 11. Alaska Native veterans land allotment equity.  
 Sec. 12. 13th Regional Corporation.  
 Sec. 13. Chugach Alaska Corporation land exchange pool study.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
 4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
 6 of Alaska.

7 **SEC. 3. UKPEAGVIK INUPIAT CORPORATION SAND AND**  
 8 **GRAVEL RESOURCES.**

9 Section 3 of the Barrow Gas Field Transfer Act of  
 10 1984 (Public Law 98–366; 98 Stat. 470) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “**SEC. 3.** The Secretary” and in-  
 12 serting the following:

13 **“SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO UKPEAGVIK INUPIAT CORPORA-**  
 14 **TION.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(b) INCLUSIONS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
 19 the conveyance to UIC under subsection (a) shall in-  
 20 clude all right, title, and interest held by the United

1 States to sand and gravel deposits underlying the  
2 surface estate owned by UIC within and contiguous  
3 to the Barrow gas fields, in the areas depicted on  
4 the map entitled ‘1984 Barrow Gas Field Transfer  
5 Act’ and dated April 25, 2016 and more particularly  
6 described as follows:

7 “(A) T. 21 N. R. 16 W., secs. 7, 17-18,  
8 19-21, and 28-29.

9 “(B) T. 21 N. R. 17 W., secs. 1-2, and 11-  
10 14.

11 “(C) T. 22 N., R. 18 W., secs. 4, 9, and  
12 29-32.

13 “(D) T. 22 N. R. 19 W., secs. 25 and 36.

14 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

15 “(A) ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—In con-  
16 structing roads to access any of the sand and  
17 gravel deposits lying within the areas described  
18 in paragraph (1), UIC shall continue to miti-  
19 gate negative impacts on the nesting sites of  
20 the Steller’s eider.

21 “(B) EXCAVATION.—In excavating any of  
22 the sand and gravel deposits lying within the  
23 areas described in paragraph (1), UIC shall not  
24 blast or use explosives during the active nesting  
25 season of the Steller’s eider.”.

1 **SEC. 4. SHISHMAREF EASEMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-  
 3 retary shall grant the Shishmaref Native Corporation, a  
 4 Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims  
 5 Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), an easement of  
 6 approximately 300 feet that crosses the Bering Land  
 7 Bridge National Monument to permit a surface transpor-  
 8 tation route between the Village of Shishmaref and the  
 9 general area of Ear Mountain, Alaska.

10 (b) PROPOSED EASEMENT.—The easement described  
 11 in subsection (a) shall be jointly proposed by the  
 12 Shishmaref Native Corporation, the City of Shishmaref,  
 13 and the Native Village of Shishmaref based on rec-  
 14 ommendations made by the State.

15 (c) APPROVAL UNDER ANILCA.—The easement  
 16 granted under this section shall be considered to meet all  
 17 applicable requirements of title XI of the Alaska National  
 18 Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3161 et seq.).

19 **SEC. 5. SHEE ATIKA INCORPORATED.**

20 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) ACCOUNT.—The term “Account” means the  
 22 Shee Atika Account established under subsection  
 23 (d).

24 (2) AGENCY.—The term “agency” means—

25 (A) any department, agency, or other in-  
 26 strumentality of the Federal Government; and

1 (B) any Government corporation (as de-  
2 fined in section 9101 of title 31, United States  
3 Code).

4 (3) AGREEMENT.—The term “Agreement”  
5 means the agreement between Shee Atika and the  
6 United States (including any amendment or supple-  
7 ment to the agreement) under which the United  
8 States has an option to reacquire the Cube Cove  
9 Land.

10 (4) CUBE COVE LAND.—The term “Cube Cove  
11 Land” means the approximately 23,000 acres of  
12 surface estate land at Cube Cove, Admiralty Island,  
13 Alaska, as described in Appendix A to the Agree-  
14 ment.

15 (5) PROPERTY.—The term “property” has the  
16 meaning given the term in section 12(b)(7)(vii) of  
17 the Act of January 2, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1611 note;  
18 Public Law 94–204).

19 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
20 the Secretary of Agriculture.

21 (7) SEGMENT.—The term “segment” means  
22 any 1 of the 13 tracts of surface estate land identi-  
23 fied in Appendix C to the Agreement.

24 (8) SHEE ATIKA.—The term “Shee Atika”  
25 means Shee Atika Incorporated.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—All consideration, whether in  
3 cash or in kind, received by Shee Atika under the  
4 Agreement shall be treated for purposes of all Fed-  
5 eral laws as if the consideration was, within the  
6 meaning of section 21(c) of the Alaska Native  
7 Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1620(c)), the re-  
8 ceipt of land or any interest in land pursuant to the  
9 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.  
10 1601 et seq.) or cash in order to equalize the values  
11 of properties exchanged pursuant to section 22(f) of  
12 the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.  
13 1621(f)).

14 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in the Agreement or  
15 this section imposes any duty on Shee Atika not ex-  
16 pressly set forth in the Agreement.

17 (c) OPTION TO RECEIVE CREDITS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—

19 (A) CREDITS.—On election by Shee Atika  
20 made in writing not later than the day before  
21 the date on which a closing of any segment of  
22 the Cube Cove Land is scheduled to occur, the  
23 Secretary, in accordance with subsection (d),  
24 may pay all or part of the amounts due to Shee  
25 Atika under the Agreement on the closing date

1           in the form of credits that may be used by Shee  
2           Atika to purchase property sold at public sale.

3           (B) CASH.—Amounts otherwise due to  
4           Shee Atika for which Shee Atika has not made  
5           the election described in subparagraph (A) shall  
6           be paid to Shee Atika in cash.

7           (2) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall make  
8           a payment in the form described in paragraph (1)  
9           without regard to whether Shee Atika has made any  
10          other election under paragraph (1).

11          (3) CLOSING DATE.—Closing of any segment  
12          for which Shee Atika has made an election under  
13          paragraph (1) shall occur not later than 30 days  
14          after the date on which the Secretary notifies Shee  
15          Atika that the applicable credit is ready to be depos-  
16          ited into the Account.

17          (d) ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNT.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
19           provision of law, not later than 90 days after Shee  
20           Atika first makes an election under subsection  
21           (c)(1), the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation  
22           with the Secretary, shall establish an account in the  
23           Treasury to be known as the “Shee Atika Account”.

1           (2) CREDITS INTO ACCOUNT.—The Secretary of  
2 the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary,  
3 shall—

4           (A) deposit into the Account amounts  
5 equal to any credit received under subsection  
6 (c); and

7           (B) establish procedures under which Shee  
8 Atika may—

9           (i) receive deposits into the Account;

10           (ii) make deposits from the Account  
11 into escrow when an escrow is required for  
12 the sale of any property;

13           (iii) reinstate to the Account any un-  
14 used escrow deposits under clause (ii) if  
15 the applicable sale is not completed; and

16           (iv) notwithstanding any other provi-  
17 sion of law and on written notice to the  
18 Secretary of the Treasury and the Sec-  
19 retary, assign, without restriction, any or  
20 all of the amounts in the Account.

21           (3) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—The balance  
22 of the Account shall—

23           (A) be immediately available to Shee Atika  
24 for use in accordance with paragraph (4); and

25           (B) remain available until expended.



1 (4) USE OF FUNDS.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Shee Atika may use  
3 amounts in the Account to bid for, and pur-  
4 chase, any property at any public sale by an  
5 agency.

6 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In conducting a  
7 transaction under subparagraph (A), an agency  
8 shall accept any amount tendered from the Ac-  
9 count in the same manner as if the amount  
10 were tendered in cash.

11 (5) EFFECT.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
12 sion of law, any property purchased under para-  
13 graph (4) shall be considered to be a conveyance  
14 made under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
15 Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) on the date of enact-  
16 ment of that Act.

17 **SEC. 6. ADMIRALTY ISLAND NATIONAL MONUMENT LAND**  
18 **EXCHANGE.**

19 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) SEALASKA.—The term “Sealaska” means  
21 the Sealaska Corporation, a Regional Native Cor-  
22 poration established under the Alaska Native Claims  
23 Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

24 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
25 the Secretary of Agriculture.

1       (b) LAND EXCHANGE.—If Sealaska relinquishes to  
2 the United States all right, title, and interest in and to  
3 the land described in subsection (c)(1), the Secretary, not  
4 later than 90 days after the date of the relinquishment,  
5 shall convey to Sealaska all right, title, and interest in and  
6 to the land described in subsection (c)(2).

7       (c) LAND DESCRIBED.—

8           (1) SEALASKA LAND.—The land to be relin-  
9 quished by Sealaska to the United States under sub-  
10 section (b) is the subsurface estate to the approxi-  
11 mately 23,000 acres of subsurface land depicted as  
12 “Sealaska Lands to U.S. Forest Service” on the  
13 map entitled “Sealaska Land Exchange—Sealaska  
14 Admiralty Island National Monument Lands” and  
15 dated March 10, 2016.

16           (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal land to be  
17 conveyed to Sealaska under subsection (b) is the  
18 surface and subsurface estate to the approximately  
19 8,872.5 acres of Federal land and the surface estate  
20 to approximately 5,145 acres of Federal land de-  
21 picted as “U.S. Forest Service Land to Sealaska” on  
22 the map entitled “Sealaska Land Exchange—U.S.  
23 Forest Service Lands” and dated March 10, 2016.

1 (d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights in exist-  
2 ence on the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal  
3 land described in subsection (c)(2) is withdrawn from—

4 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal  
5 under the public land laws;

6 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
7 laws; and

8 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-  
9 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

10 (e) MAPS.—The maps described in subsection (c)  
11 shall be maintained on file in—

12 (1) the office of the Chief of the Forest Service;

13 (2) the office of the Secretary of the Interior;

14 and

15 (3) the Alaska Regional Office of the Forest  
16 Service.

17 (f) EFFECT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of  
18 law, the Federal land conveyed to Sealaska under sub-  
19 section (b) shall be considered to be a conveyance made  
20 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
21 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) on the date of enactment of that Act.

22 **SEC. 7. CIRI LAND ENTITLEMENT.**

23 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATION; ANC.—The  
25 terms “Alaska Native Corporation” and “ANC”

1 have the meaning given the term “Native Corpora-  
2 tion” in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Set-  
3 tlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

4 (2) CIRI.—The term “CIRI” means Cook Inlet  
5 Region, Inc.

6 (b) CONVEYANCE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to allow CIRI to  
8 satisfy the acreage of land to which CIRI is entitled  
9 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
10 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), subject to paragraph (2), the  
11 Secretary shall convey to CIRI the acreage of land  
12 selected by CIRI under subsections (c) and (d).

13 (2) CONDITION.—The conveyance under para-  
14 graph (1) shall be subject to the condition that, with  
15 respect to any land subject to selection under sub-  
16 section (c) that is located within the boundaries of  
17 another regional ANC, CIRI may not select, and the  
18 Secretary shall not convey to CIRI, that land unless  
19 CIRI has obtained the written consent of the other  
20 regional ANC in an instrument signed by an author-  
21 ized officer of that regional ANC.

22 (c) SELECTION.—CIRI shall select from among the  
23 following land, 43,000 acres, which is an acreage quantity  
24 equivalent to the unsatisfied portion of the acreage of land

1 to which CIRI is entitled under the Alaska Native Claims  
2 Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.):

3 (1) Land in the State located outside of the  
4 boundaries of Cook Inlet Region—

5 (A) that was previously selected for con-  
6 veyance by one or more other Alaska Native  
7 Corporations; and

8 (B) the selection of which under subpara-  
9 graph (A) was later withdrawn by those one or  
10 more ANCs.

11 (2) Land in the State located outside of the  
12 boundaries of Cook Inlet Region that is adjacent to  
13 land owned by other ANCs.

14 (3) Land located within the boundaries of the  
15 National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska.

16 (4) Land located within a unit of the National  
17 Wildlife Refuge System in the State, except that no  
18 land may be selected inside the Arctic National  
19 Wildlife Refuge.

20 (5) Federal land in the State that is located  
21 outside of the boundaries of any National Monu-  
22 ment, unit of the National Park System, or land  
23 designated as wilderness under the Wilderness Act  
24 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

25 (6) Land selected under subsection (d).

1 (d) SELECTION OF EXCESS FEDERAL LAND OR  
2 PROPERTY.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with para-  
4 graph (2), CIRI shall have a right of notice and first  
5 refusal to select land or property located within the  
6 region of CIRI in the State that is identified by the  
7 Federal Government as excess to the needs of the  
8 Federal Government, except to the extent that right  
9 would conflict with section 1425(b) of the Alaska  
10 National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public  
11 Law 96–487; 94 Stat. 2515).

12 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

13 (A) NOTICE.—Prior to any conveyance of  
14 excess Federal land or property within the re-  
15 gion of CIRI, the Federal Government shall  
16 provide to CIRI notice of the intent of the Fed-  
17 eral Government to convey that excess Federal  
18 land or property.

19 (B) DEADLINE.—Not later than 180 days  
20 after the date on which the Federal Govern-  
21 ment provides notice under subparagraph (A),  
22 CIRI shall determine whether to acquire the ex-  
23 cess Federal land or property.

24 (C) CONVEYANCE AND RELINQUISH-  
25 MENT.—If CIRI chooses to acquire the excess

1 Federal land or property under subparagraph  
2 (B), on conveyance, CIRI shall relinquish the  
3 number of acres from the unsatisfied portion of  
4 the acreage of land to which CIRI is entitled  
5 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act  
6 (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) that is equal to—

7 (i) the fair market value per acre of  
8 the excess Federal land or the surplus  
9 value of the property to be conveyed; di-  
10 vided by

11 (ii) the difference between—

12 (I) the value per acre of land de-  
13 termined from the most recent census  
14 of the National Agricultural Statistics  
15 Service of the Department of Agri-  
16 culture of agricultural land values for  
17 the State, specifically by the statewide  
18 value of land in the State; and

19 (II) the value of land in the Ju-  
20 neau and Anchorage census areas  
21 used for Federal surplus property  
22 credits, adjusted for inflation.

23 **SEC. 8. CANYON VILLAGE, KAKTOVIK, AND NAGAMUT.**

24 Section 14(h) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
25 Act (43 U.S.C. 1613(h)) is amended—

1           (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
2 striking “and follows” and inserting “as follows”;

3           (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of each  
4 of paragraphs (2) through (5) and inserting a pe-  
5 riod;

6           (3) in paragraph (6), by striking “this Act;”  
7 and inserting “this Act.”;

8           (4) in paragraph (7), by striking “and (5);  
9 and” and inserting “(5), and (12).”;

10          (5) in paragraph (9), in the first sentence, by  
11 striking “or (5)” and inserting “(5), or (12)”;

12          (6) in paragraph (11), by striking “and (6)”  
13 and inserting “(6), and (12)”;

14          (7) by adding at the end the following:

15           “(12) CANYON VILLAGE, KAKTOVIK, AND  
16 NAGAMUT.—

17           “(A) CANYON VILLAGE.—

18           “(i) CONVEYANCE.—

19           “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec-  
20 retary shall convey to Kian Tr’ee Cor-  
21 poration, for the Native Village of  
22 Canyon Village, the surface estate in  
23 the land selected by the Kian Tr’ee  
24 Corporation under paragraph (2).



1           “(II) APPLICATION.—For pur-  
2           poses of the conveyance under sub-  
3           clause (I), sections 2650.2 and  
4           2653.2(c) of title 43 of the Code of  
5           Federal Regulations (or successor reg-  
6           ulations) shall not apply.

7           “(ii) LIMITATION.—A conveyance  
8           under clause (i)(I) shall not exceed 6,400  
9           acres.

10          “(iii) SUBSURFACE ESTATE.—

11                 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Unless  
12                 Doyon Limited elects to make a selec-  
13                 tion under subclause (II), the Sec-  
14                 retary shall convey to Doyon Limited  
15                 the subsurface estate to the land con-  
16                 veyed under clause (i).

17                 “(II) ALTERNATE SELECTION.—  
18                 At the option of Doyon Limited, in-  
19                 stead of accepting the conveyance  
20                 under subclause (I)—

21                         “(aa) Doyon Limited may  
22                         make a selection from existing  
23                         selections on land withdrawn pur-  
24                         suant to section 11(a)(3) that is  
25                         equal in acreage to the sub-

1 surface estate that would other-  
2 wise be conveyed under subclause  
3 (I); and

4 “(bb) the Secretary shall  
5 convey to Doyon Limited the  
6 subsurface estate selected under  
7 item (aa).

8 “(B) KAKTOVIK.—Notwithstanding section  
9 1302(h)(2) of the Alaska National Interest  
10 Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.  
11 3192(h)(2)), on application by Kaktovik, the  
12 Secretary shall withdraw and convey to  
13 Kaktovik land within the National Wildlife Ref-  
14 uge System selected by Kaktovik.

15 “(C) NAGAMUT.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—On application by  
17 Nagamut, the Secretary shall withdraw  
18 and convey to Nagamut the land selected  
19 in the application under clause (ii).

20 “(ii) LAND COVERED BY APPLICA-  
21 TION.—Nagamut may select in the applica-  
22 tion submitted under clause (i)—

23 “(I) land within the National  
24 Wildlife Refuge System that covers  
25 the original township or townships of

1 the Native Village or Native Group  
2 under Federal ownership; or

3 “(II) land within the National  
4 Wildlife Refuge System that is as  
5 close to the original townships of the  
6 Native Village or Native Group as  
7 practicable.

8 “(iii) EFFECT.—A conveyance under  
9 this subparagraph shall be such that the  
10 conveyance satisfies the unsatisfied portion  
11 of the acreage of the land to which  
12 Nagamut is entitled under this Act.”.

13 **SEC. 9. ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

14 (a) NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 300319 of title 54,  
16 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

17 **“§ 300319. Tribal and Native Corporation land**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In this division, the term ‘tribal  
19 and Native Corporation land’ means—

20 “(1) all land within the exterior boundaries of  
21 any Indian reservation;

22 “(2) land held in trust by the Federal Govern-  
23 ment for the benefit of an Indian tribe;

24 “(3) all dependent Indian communities; and

1           “(4) land held by a Native Corporation (as de-  
2           fined in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Set-  
3           tlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602)).

4           “(b) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section validates, in-  
5           validates, or otherwise affects any claim regarding the ex-  
6           istence of Indian country (as defined in section 1151 of  
7           title 18), in the State of Alaska.”.

8           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Division A of  
9           subtitle III of title 54, United States Code, is  
10          amended by striking “tribal land” each place it ap-  
11          pears and inserting “tribal and Native Corporation  
12          land”.

13          (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
14          tions affected for title 54, United States Code, is  
15          amended by striking the item relating to section  
16          300319 and inserting the following:

“300319. Tribal and Native Corporation land.”.

17          (b) TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION.—Section 2(a)(2)  
18          of the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 (25 U.S.C.  
19          3115a(a)(2)) is amended—

20                 (1) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting  
21                 the following:

22                         “(A)(i) is held in trust by, or with a re-  
23                         striction against alienation by, the United  
24                         States for an Indian tribe or a member of an  
25                         Indian tribe; or

1           “(ii) is owned by a Native Corporation (as  
 2           defined in section 3 of the Alaska Native  
 3           Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602));  
 4           and”;

5           (2) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

6           (A) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at  
 7           the end; and

8           (B) by adding at the end the following:

9           “(III) is owned by an Alaska Native Cor-  
 10          poration established pursuant to the Alaska Na-  
 11          tive Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et  
 12          seq.) and is forest land or formerly had a forest  
 13          cover or vegetative cover that is capable of res-  
 14          toration; or”.

15          (c) **NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND**  
 16 **REPATRIATION.**—Section 2(7) of the Native American  
 17 Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C.  
 18 3001(7)) is amended by striking “Alaska Native village”  
 19 and inserting “Alaska Native village, Regional Corpora-  
 20 tion, or Village Corporation”.

21 **SEC. 10. UNRECOGNIZED SOUTHEAST ALASKA NATIVE**  
 22 **COMMUNITIES RECOGNITION AND COM-**  
 23 **PENSATION.**

24          (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to re-  
 25 dress the omission of the southeastern Alaska commu-

1 nities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and  
2 Wrangell from eligibility by authorizing the Native people  
3 enrolled in the communities—

4           (1) to form Urban Corporations for the commu-  
5 nities under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
6 Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and

7           (2) to receive certain settlement land pursuant  
8 to that Act.

9           (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL NATIVE COR-  
10 PORATIONS.—Section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Set-  
11 tlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1615) is amended by adding at  
12 the end the following:

13           “(e) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PE-  
14 TERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL, ALASKA.—

15           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Native residents of  
16 each of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan,  
17 Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska, may or-  
18 ganize as Urban Corporations.

19           “(2) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—  
20 Nothing in this subsection affects any entitlement to  
21 land of any Native Corporation established before  
22 the date of enactment of this subsection pursuant to  
23 this Act or any other provision of law.”.

1 (c) SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY.—Section 8 of the  
2 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1607)  
3 is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(d) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN,  
5 PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enroll  
7 to each of the Urban Corporations for Haines,  
8 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell those  
9 individual Natives who enrolled under this Act to the  
10 Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,  
11 Tenakee, or Wrangell, respectively.

12 “(2) NUMBER OF SHARES.—Each Native who  
13 is enrolled to an Urban Corporation for Haines,  
14 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell pursu-  
15 ant to paragraph (1) and who was enrolled as a  
16 shareholders of the Regional Corporation for South-  
17 east Alaska on or before March 30, 1973, shall re-  
18 ceive 100 shares of Settlement Common Stock in the  
19 respective Urban Corporation.

20 “(3) NATIVES RECEIVING SHARES THROUGH IN-  
21 HERITANCE.—If a Native received shares of stock in  
22 the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska  
23 through inheritance from a decedent Native who  
24 originally enrolled to the Native Village of Haines,  
25 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell and

1 the decedent Native was not a shareholder in a Vil-  
 2 lage or Urban Corporation, the Native shall receive  
 3 the identical number of shares of Settlement Com-  
 4 mon Stock in the Urban Corporation for Haines,  
 5 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell as the  
 6 number of shares inherited by that Native from the  
 7 decedent Native who would have been eligible to be  
 8 enrolled to the respective Urban Corporation.

9 “(4) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—  
 10 Nothing in this subsection affects entitlement to  
 11 land of any Regional Corporation pursuant to sec-  
 12 tion 12(b) or 14(h)(8).”.

13 (d) DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.—Section 7 of the Alaska  
 14 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606) is amend-  
 15 ed—

16 (1) in subsection (j)—

17 (A) by striking “(j) During” and inserting  
 18 the following:

19 “(j) DISTRIBUTION OF CORPORATE FUNDS AND  
 20 OTHER NET INCOME.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—During”;

22 (B) by striking “Not less” and inserting  
 23 the following:

24 “(2) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Not less”;



1 (C) by striking “In the case” and inserting  
2 the following:

3 “(3) THIRTEENTH REGIONAL CORPORATION.—  
4 In the case”; and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(4) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCH-  
7 IKAN, PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—  
8 Native members of the Native Villages of Haines,  
9 Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell who  
10 become shareholders in an Urban Corporation for  
11 such a Native Village shall continue to be eligible to  
12 receive distributions under this subsection as at-  
13 large shareholders of the Regional Corporation for  
14 Southeast Alaska.”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(s) EFFECT OF AMENDATORY ACT.—Section 12 of  
17 the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of  
18 2016 and the amendments made by that section shall not  
19 affect—

20 “(1) the ratio for determination of revenue dis-  
21 tribution among Native Corporations under this sec-  
22 tion; or

23 “(2) the settlement agreement among Regional  
24 Corporation or Village Corporations or other provi-  
25 sions of subsection (i) or (j).”.

1 (e) COMPENSATION.—The Alaska Native Claims Set-  
 2 tlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended by add-  
 3 ing at the end the following:

4 **“SEC. 43. URBAN CORPORATIONS FOR HAINES, KETCHIKAN,**  
 5 **PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.**

6 “(a) OFFER OF COMPENSATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—On incorporation of the  
 8 Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Peters-  
 9 burg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, the Secretary, in con-  
 10 sultation and coordination with the Secretary of  
 11 Commerce, and in consultation with representatives  
 12 of each such Urban Corporation and the Regional  
 13 Corporation for Southeast Alaska, shall offer as  
 14 compensation, pursuant to this Act, 1 township of  
 15 land (23,040 acres) to each of the Urban Corpora-  
 16 tions for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee,  
 17 and Wrangell, in accordance with this subsection.

18 “(2) LOCAL AREAS OF HISTORICAL, CULTURAL,  
 19 TRADITIONAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
 21 offer as compensation under this subsection  
 22 local areas of historical, cultural, traditional,  
 23 and economic importance to Alaska Natives  
 24 from the Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Peters-  
 25 burg, Tenakee, or Wrangell.

1           “(B) SELECTION OF LAND.—In selecting  
2 the land to be withdrawn and conveyed pursu-  
3 ant to this section, the Secretary—

4           “(i) shall give preference to land with  
5 commercial purposes;

6           “(ii) may include subsistence and cul-  
7 tural sites, aquaculture sites, hydroelectric  
8 sites, tideland, surplus Federal property  
9 and eco-tourism sites; and

10           “(iii) shall not include land within a  
11 conservation system unit (as defined in  
12 section 102 of the Alaska National Interest  
13 Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.  
14 3102)).

15           “(C) CONTIGUOUS, COMPACT SITES.—The  
16 land selected pursuant to this section shall be  
17 contiguous and reasonably compact tracts if  
18 practicable.

19           “(D) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The land  
20 selected pursuant to this section shall be subject  
21 to all valid existing rights and all other provi-  
22 sions of section 14(g), including any lease, con-  
23 tract, permit, right-of-way, or easement (includ-  
24 ing a lease issued under section 6(g) of the Act  
25 of July 7, 1958 (commonly known as the ‘Alas-

1 ka Statehood Act') (48 U.S.C. note prec. 21;  
2 Public Law 85-508)).

3 “(b) ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF OFFER.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
5 the date of the offer of compensation from the Sec-  
6 retary under subsection (a), the each of the Urban  
7 Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,  
8 Tenakee, and Wrangell shall accept or reject the  
9 offer.

10 “(2) RESOLUTION.—To accept or reject the  
11 offer, each such Urban Corporation shall provide to  
12 the Secretary a properly executed and certified cor-  
13 porate resolution that states that the offer proposed  
14 by the Secretary was voted on, and either approved  
15 or rejected, by a majority of the shareholders of the  
16 Urban Corporation.

17 “(3) REJECTION OF OFFER.—If the offer is re-  
18 jected—

19 “(A) the Secretary, in consultation with  
20 representatives of the Urban Corporation that  
21 rejected the offer and the Regional Corporation  
22 for Southeast Alaska, shall revise the offer; and

23 “(B) the Urban Corporation shall have an  
24 additional 180 days within which to accept or  
25 reject the revised offer.

1           “(c) WITHDRAWAL AND CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND  
2 TITLE.—Not later than 180 days after receipt of a cor-  
3 porate resolution of an Urban Corporation approving an  
4 offer of the Secretary under subsection (b)(1), the Sec-  
5 retary shall (as appropriate)—

6           “(1) withdraw the land;

7           “(2) convey to the Urban Corporation title to  
8 the surface estate of the land; and

9           “(3) convey to the Regional Corporation for  
10 Southeast Alaska title the subsurface estate for the  
11 land.

12           “(d) CONVEYANCE OF ROADS, TRAILS, LOG TRANS-  
13 FER FACILITIES, LEASES, AND APPURTENANCES.—The  
14 Secretary shall, without consideration of compensation,  
15 convey to the Urban Corporations of Haines, Ketchikan,  
16 Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, by quitclaim deed or  
17 patent, all right, title, and interest of the United States  
18 in all roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and ap-  
19 purtenances on or related to the land conveyed to the Cor-  
20 porations pursuant to subsection (c).

21           “(e) SETTLEMENT TRUST.—

22           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Urban Corporations of  
23 Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and  
24 Wrangell may establish a settlement trust in accord-  
25 ance with section 39 for the purposes of promoting

1 the health, education, and welfare of the trust bene-  
 2 ficiaries, and preserving the Native heritage and cul-  
 3 ture, of the communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Pe-  
 4 tersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, respectively.

5 “(2) PROCEEDS AND INCOME.—The proceeds  
 6 and income from the principal of a trust established  
 7 under paragraph (1) shall—

8 “(A) first be applied to the support of  
 9 those enrollees, and the descendants of the en-  
 10 rollees, who are elders or minor children; and

11 “(B) then to the support of all other en-  
 12 rollees.”.

13 **SEC. 11. ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT EQ-**  
 14 **UITY.**

15 (a) CLARIFICATION REGARDING OCCUPANCY OF NA-  
 16 TIVE ALLOTMENTS IN NATIONAL FORESTS.—Section  
 17 18(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
 18 U.S.C. 1617(a)) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “(a) No Native” and inserting  
 20 the following:

21 “(a) REVOCATION.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No Native”;

23 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “Fur-  
 24 ther, the” and inserting the following:

25 “(2) REPEAL.—The”;

1           (3) in the third sentence, by striking “Notwith-  
2 standing the foregoing provisions of this section,  
3 any” and inserting the following:

4           “(3) APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOTMENT.—

5                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
6 paragraphs (1) and (2), any”;

7           (4) in paragraph (3) (as designated by para-  
8 graph (3)), by adding at the end the following:

9                 “(B) CERTAIN APPLICATIONS AP-  
10 PROVED.—Any allotment application pending  
11 before the Department of the Interior on De-  
12 cember 18, 1971, that was closed by the De-  
13 partment pursuant to the civil action styled  
14 ‘Shields v. United States’ (698 F.2d 987 (9th  
15 Cir. 1983), cert. denied (104 S. Ct. 73 (1983)))  
16 shall be reopened and considered to be approved  
17 pursuant to this paragraph.”.

18           (b) OPEN SEASON FOR CERTAIN ALASKA NATIVE  
19 VETERANS FOR ALLOTMENTS.—Section 41 of the Alaska  
20 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1629g) is  
21 amended—

22           (1) in subsection (a)—

23                 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
24 “IN GENERAL” and inserting “ALASKA NATIVE  
25 VETERAN ALLOTMENTS”;

1 (B) by striking paragraphs (1) through (4)  
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(1) ALLOTMENTS.—

4 “(A) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—Any person  
5 described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection  
6 (b) shall be eligible to receive an allotment  
7 under the Act of May 17, 1906 (34 Stat. 197,  
8 chapter 2469) (as in effect before December 18,  
9 1971), of not more than 2 parcels of Federal  
10 land, the total area of which shall not exceed  
11 160 acres.

12 “(B) FILING DEADLINE.—An allotment  
13 shall be filed for an eligible recipient not later  
14 than 3 years after the date on which the Sec-  
15 retary promulgates regulations pursuant to sec-  
16 tion 13(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settle-  
17 ment Improvement Act of 2016.

18 “(2) LAND AVAILABLE FOR ALLOTMENTS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
20 graph (C), an allotment under this section shall  
21 be selected from land that is—

22 “(i)(I) vacant; and

23 “(II) owned by the United States;

24 “(ii) selected by, or conveyed to, the  
25 State of Alaska, if the State voluntarily re-



1           linquishes or conveys to the United States  
2           the land for the allotment; or

3           “(iii) selected by, or conveyed to, a  
4           Native Corporation, if the Native Corpora-  
5           tion voluntarily relinquishes or conveys to  
6           the United States the land for the allot-  
7           ment.

8           “(B) RELINQUISHMENT BY NATIVE COR-  
9           PORATION.—If a Native Corporation relin-  
10          quishes land under subparagraph (A)(iii), the  
11          Native Corporation may select appropriate Fed-  
12          eral land, as determined by the Secretary, the  
13          area of which is equal to the area of the land  
14          relinquished by the Native Corporation, to re-  
15          place the relinquished land.

16          “(C) EXCLUSIONS.—An allotment under  
17          this section shall not be selected from land that  
18          is located within—

19                 “(i) a right-of-way of the TransAlaska  
20                 Pipeline;

21                 “(ii) an inner or outer corridor of  
22                 such a right-of-way; or

23                 “(iii) a unit of the National Park Sys-  
24                 tem, a National Preserve, or a National  
25                 Monument.

1           “(3) ALTERNATIVE ALLOTMENTS.—A person  
2 described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b)  
3 who qualifies for an allotment under this section on  
4 land described in paragraph (2)(C) may select an al-  
5 ternative allotment from land that is—

6           “(A) located within the boundaries of land  
7 described in paragraph (2)(C);

8           “(B)(i)(I) withdrawn under section  
9 11(a)(1)(C); and

10           “(II) not selected, or relinquished after se-  
11 lection, under section 11(a)(3);

12           “(ii) contiguous to an outer boundary of  
13 land withdrawn under section 11(a)(1)(C); or

14           “(iii) vacant, unappropriated, and unre-  
15 served; and

16           “(C) not a unit of the National Park Sys-  
17 tem, a National Preserve, or a National Monu-  
18 ment.”; and

19           (C) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and  
20 (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;  
21 (2) in subsection (b)—

22           (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-  
23 graph (B) and inserting the following:

1           “(B) is a veteran who served during the period  
2 beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7,  
3 1975.”;

4           (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-  
5 ing the following:

6           “(2) DECEASED INDIVIDUALS.—If an individual  
7 who would otherwise have been eligible for an allot-  
8 ment under this section dies before applying for an  
9 allotment, an heir of the individual may apply for,  
10 and receive, an allotment under this section, on be-  
11 half of the estate of the individual.”; and

12           (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting before  
13 the period at the end the following: “, other  
14 than an heir who applies for, and receives, an  
15 allotment on behalf of the estate of a deceased  
16 individual under paragraph (2)”;

17           (3) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
18 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

19           (4) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
20 lowing:

21           “(d) APPROVAL OF ALLOTMENTS.—

22           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any valid right  
23 in existence on the date of enactment of the Alaska  
24 Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2016,

1 and except as provided in paragraph (3), not later  
2 than December 31, 2020, the Secretary shall—

3 “(A) approve any application for an allot-  
4 ment filed in accordance with subsection (a);  
5 and

6 “(B) issue a certificate of allotment under  
7 such terms, conditions, and restrictions as the  
8 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

9 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than December  
10 31, 2017, on receipt of an application for an allot-  
11 ment under this section, the Secretary shall provide  
12 to any person or entity that has an interest in land  
13 described in subsection (a)(2) that is potentially ad-  
14 verse to the interest of the applicant a notice of the  
15 right of the person or entity, by not later than 90  
16 days after the date of receipt of the notice—

17 “(A) to initiate a private contest of the al-  
18 lotment; or

19 “(B) to file a protest against the allotment  
20 in accordance with procedures established by  
21 the Secretary.

22 “(3) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—If a private con-  
23 test or protest relating to an application for an allot-  
24 ment is initiated or filed under paragraph (2), the  
25 Secretary shall not issue a certificate for the allot-

1       ment under paragraph (1)(B) until a final deter-  
2       mination has been made with respect to the private  
3       contest or protest.

4       “(e) RESELECTION.—A person that selected an allot-  
5       ment under this section may withdraw that selection and  
6       reselect land in accordance with this section after the date  
7       of enactment of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Im-  
8       provement Act of 2016, if the land originally selected—

9               “(1) was selected before the date of enactment  
10       of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improve-  
11       ment Act of 2016; and

12              “(2) as of the date of enactment of that Act,  
13       was not conveyed to the person.”.

14       (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the  
15       date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior  
16       shall promulgate final regulations to carry out the amend-  
17       ments made by this section.

18   **SEC. 12. 13TH REGIONAL CORPORATION.**

19       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “Na-  
20       tive” and “Regional Corporation” have the meanings  
21       given those terms in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims  
22       Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

23       (b) AUTHORIZATION.—A Regional Corporation for  
24       Natives who are non-residents of Alaska may be estab-  
25       lished for the thirteenth region in accordance with section

1 7(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
2 U.S.C. 1606(c)).

3 (c) MEETING.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), as  
5 soon as practicable after the date of enactment of  
6 this Act, the Secretary shall convene a meeting of  
7 the shareholders of the Regional Corporation estab-  
8 lished pursuant to section 7(c) of the Alaska Native  
9 Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606(c)) for the  
10 purpose of the election of a board of directors.

11 (2) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—In advance of the  
12 meeting under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
13 notify the roll of current shareholders of the Re-  
14 gional Corporation (as determined under section  
15 5(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43  
16 U.S.C. 1604(b)) of the time and place of the meet-  
17 ing.

18 **SEC. 13. CHUGACH ALASKA CORPORATION LAND EX-**  
19 **CHANGE POOL STUDY.**

20 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) CAC.—The term “CAC” means the Chu-  
22 gach Alaska Corporation.

23 (2) CAC LAND.—The term “CAC land” means  
24 land conveyed to CAC pursuant to the Alaska Native

1 Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)  
2 under which—

3 (A) both the surface estate and the sub-  
4 surface estate were conveyed to CAC; or

5 (B)(i) the subsurface estate was conveyed  
6 to CAC; and

7 (ii) the surface estate or a conservation  
8 easement in the surface estate was acquired by  
9 the State or by the United States as part of the  
10 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust Council Habitat  
11 Protection and Acquisition Program.

12 (b) STUDY REQUIREMENT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
15 shall conduct a study to identify the impacts on the  
16 value of CAC land that resulted from changes in  
17 Federal law or Federal or State land acquisitions  
18 after December 1, 1980. The Secretary shall consult  
19 with the Secretary of Agriculture and CAC in con-  
20 ducting the study and preparing recommendations.

21 (2) STUDY PARAMETERS.—The study shall in-  
22 clude consideration of alternative forms of com-  
23 pensation that could be offered to CAC as consider-  
24 ation for the conveyance of the existing property  
25 rights of CAC in exchange for reasonable compensa-

1       tion. The study shall consider the use and costs of  
2       potential forms of compensation, including—

3               (A) financial compensation;

4               (B) excess Federal land or property or bid  
5       credits; or

6               (C) the establishment of a conservation  
7       easement for land exchanges involving sub-  
8       surface estate.

9       (3) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to  
10      the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of  
11      the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources  
12      of the House of Representatives a report containing  
13      the results of the study conducted under this sec-  
14      tion, including any other recommendations as to po-  
15      tential compensation, as identified by the Secretary.

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