



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

ALASKA REGION
(REGION 5)

ADDRESS ONLY
THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

BOX 2481
JUNEAU, ALASKA

November 13, 1961

Mr. Walter Kirkness, Commissioner
State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Support Building
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Kirkness:

One signed copy of the Statement of Understanding concerning the Auke Lake area is enclosed as requested by Mr. Marvich in his letter of October 20, 1961.

Sincerely yours,

H. C. Scudder
Acting Regional Director

Enclosure

cc: Regional Director
Property

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries on uses of Auke Lake for Fisheries Research and Management

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, being agencies dedicated to conservation of fisheries resources, have found various aspects of the Auke Lake system to be particularly advantageous in furthering their respective programs.

In order to avoid possible conflicts of interest and, indeed, to promote matters of mutual benefit, the following statement of understandings and agreements is hereby attested:

- 1. Water use - both agencies foresee the need for diversion of water from the lake for their projects and will process or continue to process applications for water rights for 2 cubic feet per second each or a total of 4 cubic feet per second. Due consideration in the diversion of water will be given by both agencies to assure the passage of migratory fishes in and out of Auke Lake and to the provision of adequate water for spawning in the outlet stream.**
- 2. The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries will require title to the plot of land in FLO area 842 located above the highway right of way and lying along the lake shore and the right bank (facing downstream) of the Auke Lake outlet stream for purposes of installing its lake water pump intake and pipe line to the laboratory and for access to the outlet for fish studies. The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries will complete its application to the Bureau of Land Management for withdrawal of this plot of land. The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries intends that the natural beauty and public recreational value of this plot of land will not be jeopardized by its activities. The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries agrees to allow free access across the land to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. It further agrees to allow the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to lay its own water supply pipe line across the plot with appropriate efforts being made to retain the natural beauty of the area.**
- 3. For its purposes the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will have the remaining land adjacent to the outlet in FLO area 842 as described below, selected by the State of Alaska for fisheries management and recreational use, (the land located below the Auke Lake outlet stream highway culvert, lying on both sides of the stream, bounded by the Glacier Highway right-of-way on the right bank and the Fritz Cove Road right-of-way on the left bank). The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries agrees to withdraw its application to the Bureau of Land Management for this plot of land with the understanding that the State will select the land for the above purposes. In the event that the selection is not made, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries will re-establish its original application for title.**

The State agrees that the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries will have free access across this land in the conduct of its studies.

4. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game will include anadromous salmon and trout in any program planned for the system.

5. Future operations by either the Alaska Department of Fish and Game or the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries on the Auke Lake system will be conducted by cooperative planning.


to Harry L. Rietsch, Regional Director
Bureau of Commercial Fisheries


E. S. Marvich, Deputy Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

In accordance with the terms of the above "Statement of Understanding" the Department of Natural Resources, through its Division of Lands, will make application for State selection of the land described in paragraph 3 and protect free access across this land by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1961.


Phil R. Holdsworth, Commissioner
Dept. of Natural Resources