

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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TO:

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DATE : October 30, 1972

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Your Memo of 10/10/72-Corner
Bay-Kook Lake Leave Strips

I agree we should stress "windfirm" leave strips when we are only after physical protection, but more is needed when you consider recreational access.

Concerning recreational use of the Kook Lake area, it would probably be difficult to get man-hours of use, but as mentioned in our report on Kook Lake, the use is increasing and will undoubtedly continue to do so as more areas are cut.

I strongly disagree with ALP that the area will be "restocked" within the next twenty years. From the areas I have been in, you surely can't consider them to be "recovered" from a recreational standpoint after twenty years. Also, who is to say the area won't be heavily used until twenty years from now?

I might add we originally were going to request 1000' of leave area, but felt we could reduce it to 500' on each side and still retain the quality fishing.

In summary, I feel our recommendation for a 500 foot leave strip on each side of the inlet stream is not unreasonable. Also, we are basing our decisions on the types of logging now in effect and possibly new methods could change the whole picture.

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