### **HOUSE BILL NO. 139**

# IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

#### BY REPRESENTATIVE TALERICO

Introduced: 3/6/15 Referred:

#### A BILL

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act allowing the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, or a subsidiary of the
corporation, to build, operate, and maintain a gas pipeline within the boundaries of the
Susitna Flats State Game Refuge, the Minto Flats State Game Refuge, the Captain Cook
State Recreation Area, the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, the Willow Creek State
Recreation Area, and the Denali State Park."

## 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

7 **\* Section 1.** AS 16.20.036(e) is amended to read:

8 (e) The state may not acquire by eminent domain privately owned land within 9 state-owned land specified in (a) of this section for inclusion in the Susitna Flats State 10 Game Refuge. The Department of Natural Resources may adopt, in accordance with 11 AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), zoning regulations governing privately 12 owned land within the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge, only to the extent that these 13 regulations may **ensure** [INSURE] compatibility with the **construction, operation**,

and maintenance of a gas pipeline by the Alaska Gasline Development
Corporation established under AS 31.25.010, or a subsidiary of the corporation
established under AS 31.25.120, and the intended use of the refuge.
* Sec. 2. AS 16.20.036 is amended by adding new subsections to read:
(h) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, the department shall permit a gas
pipeline right-of-way and any easements and access corridors required by the Alaska
Gasline Development Corporation established under AS 31.25.010, or a subsidiary of
the corporation established under AS 31.25.120, to construct, operate, and maintain a
gas pipeline within the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge.
(i) In this section, "gas pipeline" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390.
* Sec. 3. AS 16.20.037(c) is amended to read:
(c) The state may not acquire by eminent domain privately owned land $for$
inclusion within the Minto Flats State Game Refuge, but may acquire privately owned
land by purchase, exchange, or otherwise for inclusion in the Minto Flats State Game
Refuge.
* Sec. 4. AS 16.20.037(g) is amended to read:
(g) The Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Natural
Resources shall exercise their respective authorities over the Minto Flats State Game
Refuge consistent with a management plan prepared by the Department of Fish and
Game in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources. The management
plan prepared under this subsection shall provide for the construction, operation,
and maintenance of a gas pipeline by the Alaska Gasline Development
Corporation established under AS 31.25.010, or a subsidiary of the corporation
established under AS 31.25.120, and shall, when the information is available,
identify the actual locations of the gas pipeline right-of-way, easements, and
access corridors permitted by the Department of Fish and Game.
* Sec. 5. AS 16.20.037 is amended by adding new subsections to read:
(i) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, the department shall permit a gas
pipeline right-of-way and easements and access corridors required by the Alaska
Gasline Development Corporation established under AS 31.25.010, or a subsidiary of
the corporation established under AS 31.25.120, to construct, operate, and maintain a

1 gas pipeline within the Minto Flats State Game Refuge. 2 (j) In this section, "gas pipeline" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390. 3 \* Sec. 6. AS 31.25.080(a) is amended to read: 4 (a) In addition to other powers granted in this chapter, the corporation may 5 (1) determine the form of ownership and the operating structure of an 6 in-state natural gas pipeline developed by the corporation and may enter into 7 agreements with other persons for joint ownership, joint operation, or both of an in-8 state natural gas pipeline or an Alaska liquefied natural gas project; 9 (2) plan, finance, construct, develop, acquire, maintain, and operate a 10 pipeline system and other transportation mechanism, including pipelines, compressors, storage facilities, and other related facilities, equipment, and works of public 11 12 improvement, in the state to facilitate production, transportation, and delivery of 13 natural gas or other related natural resources to the point of consumption or to the 14 point of distribution for consumption; 15 (3) lease or rent facilities, structures, and properties; 16 (4) exercise the power of eminent domain and file a declaration of 17 taking under AS 09.55.240 - 09.55.460 to acquire land or an interest in land, 18 including private land or an interest in private land within the Susitna Flats State 19 Game Refuge under AS 16.20.036, the Minto Flats State Game Refuge under 20 AS 16.20.037, the Captain Cook State Recreation Area under AS 41.21.415, the 21 Nancy Lake State Recreation Area under AS 41.21.455, the Willow Creek State 22 Recreation Area under AS 41.21.491, and the Denali State Park under 23 AS 41.21.151, that is necessary for an in-state natural gas pipeline or an Alaska 24 liquefied natural gas project; the exercise of powers by the corporation under this 25 paragraph may not exceed the permissible exercise of the powers by the state; 26 (5) acquire, by purchase, lease, or gift, land, structures, real or personal 27 property, an interest in property, a right-of-way, a franchise, an easement, or other 28 interest in land, or an interest in or right to capacity in a pipeline system determined to 29 be necessary or convenient for the development, financing, construction, or operation 30 of an in-state natural gas pipeline project or an Alaska liquefied natural gas project or

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part of an in-state natural gas pipeline project or an Alaska liquefied natural gas

1	project;
2	(6) transfer or otherwise dispose of all or part of an in-state natural gas
3	pipeline project, an Alaska liquefied natural gas project, or an interest in an asset of
4	the corporation;
5	(7) elect to provide transportation of natural gas as a contract carrier,
6	common carrier, or otherwise;
7	(8) provide light, water, security, and other services for property of the
8	corporation;
9	(9) conduct hearings to gather and develop data consistent with the
10	purpose and powers of the corporation;
11	(10) advocate for new pipeline capacity before the Federal Energy
12	Regulatory Commission;
13	(11) make and execute agreements, contracts, and other instruments
14	necessary or convenient in the exercise of the powers and functions of the corporation
15	under this chapter, including a contract with a person, firm, corporation, governmental
16	agency, or other entity;
17	(12) sue and be sued in its own name;
18	(13) adopt an official seal;
19	(14) adopt by laws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its
20	business and adopt regulations and policies in connection with the performance of its
21	functions and duties;
22	(15) employ fiscal consultants, engineers, attorneys, appraisers, and
23	other consultants and employees that may, in the judgment of the corporation, be
24	required and fix and pay their compensation from funds available to the corporation;
25	(16) procure insurance against a loss in connection with its operation;
26	(17) borrow money as provided in this chapter to carry out its
27	corporate purposes and issue its obligations as evidence of borrowing;
28	(18) include in a borrowing the amounts necessary to pay financing
29	charges, to pay interest on the obligations, and to pay the interest, consultant, advisory,
30	and legal fees, and other expenses that are necessary or incident to the borrowing;
31	(19) receive, administer, and comply with the conditions and

requirements of an appropriation, gift, grant, or donation of property or money;

(20) do all acts and things necessary, convenient, or desirable to carry out the powers expressly granted or necessarily implied in this chapter;

4 (21) invest or reinvest, subject to its contracts with noteholders and 5 bondholders, money or funds held by the corporation, including funds in the in-state 6 natural gas pipeline fund (AS 31.25.100) and the Alaska liquefied natural gas project 7 fund (AS 31.25.110), in obligations or other securities or investments in which banks 8 or trust companies in the state may legally invest funds held in reserves or sinking 9 funds or funds not required for immediate disbursement, and in certificates of deposit 10 or time deposits secured by obligations of, or guaranteed by, the state or the United 11 States;

12 (22) enter into, as it determines to be necessary or appropriate, any 13 swap or hedge, cap, or other contract providing for payments based on levels of or 14 changes in interest rates or indices or in the cost or price of any commodity, supply, or 15 expense expected to be used or incurred in connection with the acquisition, 16 construction, or operation of any facility or property owned, leased, or operated by the 17 corporation, or an option with respect to any of the foregoing;

(23) except as provided in (g) of this section, acquire an ownership or
participation interest in an Alaska liquefied natural gas project, natural gas treatment
facilities, natural gas pipeline facilities, liquefaction facilities, marine terminal
facilities related to the infrastructure of an Alaska liquefied natural gas project, or an
entity or joint venture that has an ownership interest in or is engaged in the planning,
financing, acquisition, maintenance, construction, and operation of an Alaska liquefied
natural gas project;

(24) after consultation with the commissioner of revenue and the
 commissioner of natural resources, enter into contracts relating to an Alaska liquefied
 natural gas project, including contracts for services related to operation, marketing,
 transportation, gas treatment, marine terminal operation, or liquefaction.

29 **\* Sec. 7.** AS 41.21.150 is amended to read:

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 Sec. 41.21.150. Purpose of AS 41.21.150 - 41.21.152. Except as provided in

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 AS 41.21.151(b), the [THE] purpose of AS 41.21.150 - 41.21.152 is to restrict state

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1 owned land and water described in AS 41.21.151 to use as a state park. Under 2 AS 38.05.300, state land, water, or land and water containing more than 640 acres may 3 be closed to multiple use only by act of the legislature. Because the area described in 4 AS 41.21.151 exceeds 640 acres, AS 41.21.150 - 41.21.152 are intended to provide for 5 the closing of the described land and water to multiple use in conformity with 6 AS 38.05.300, except as provided in AS 41.21.151(b), and its designation as a special purpose area in accordance [ACCORD] with art. VIII, sec. 7, [OF THE] 7 8 Constitution of the State of Alaska.

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\* Sec. 8. AS 41.21.151 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 41.21.151. Denali State Park established. The state-owned land and 11 water and that acquired in the future by the state lying within the parcels described in 12 this section are designated as the Denali State Park. Except as provided in (b) of this 13 section, this [THIS] land and water is reserved from all uses incompatible with its 14 primary function as park area. Land covered by AS 41.21.150 - 41.21.152 is that 15 within the following described parcels:

16 (1) Township 29N Range 6W, Range 5W, and that portion of Range 17 4W lying north and west of the Alaska Railroad right-of-way; Township 30N Range 18 5W and that portion of Range 3W and 4W lying north and west of the Alaska Railroad 19 right-of-way; Township 31N Range 5W, Range 4W and that portion of Range 3W and 20 Range 2W lying north and west of the Alaska Railroad right-of-way; Township 32N 21 Range 4W, Range 3W and that portion of Range 2W lying north and west of the 22 Alaska Railroad right-of-way; and Township 33N Range 4W, Range 3W and that 23 portion of Range 2W lying west of the Alaska Railroad right-of-way, all in the Seward 24 Meridian;

(2) Township 29N, Range 7W; Sections 1-27 and 34-36, Township
26 29N, Range 8W; containing approximately 42,240 acres, all in the Seward Meridian.
27 \* Sec. 9. AS 41.21.151 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) Notwithstanding AS 41.21.150 and (a) of this section, the department shall
permit a gas pipeline right-of-way and any easements and access corridors required by
the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation established under AS 31.25.010, or a
subsidiary of the corporation established under AS 31.25.120, to construct, operate,

1 2 and maintain a gas pipeline within the Denali State Park. The construction, operation, and maintenance of a gas pipeline under this subsection is not an incompatible use.

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(c) In this section, "gas pipeline" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390.

4 **\* Sec. 10.** AS 41.21.410 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 41.21.410. Purpose of AS 41.21.410 - 41.21.425. Except as provided in 6 <u>AS 41.21.415(b), the</u> [THE] purpose of AS 41.21.410 - 41.21.425 is to empower the 7 governor to restrict state-owned [STATE OWNED] land and water described in 8 AS 41.21.415 to use as a public recreation area. Under AS 38.05.300, state land, 9 water, or land and water containing more than 640 acres may be closed to multiple 10 purpose use only by act of the legislature. Because the area described in AS 41.21.415 11 exceeds 640 acres, AS 41.21.410 - 41.21.425 are intended to provide for the closing of 12 the described land and water to multiple purpose use in conformity with 13 AS 38.05.300, except as provided in AS 41.21.415(b), and its subsequent designation 14 as a special purpose site in accordance with article VIII, sec. 7, of the Constitution of 15 the State of Alaska.

16 \* Sec. 11. AS 41.21.415 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

17 (b) Notwithstanding AS 41.21.410 and a proclamation by the governor under 18 (a) of this section that reserves all or a part of the area from uses incompatible with the 19 area's function as public recreation land and water, the commissioner shall permit a 20 gas pipeline right-of-way and any easements and access corridors required by the 21 Alaska Gasline Development Corporation established under AS 31.25.010, or a 22 subsidiary of the corporation established under AS 31.25.120, to construct, operate, 23 and maintain a gas pipeline within the Captain Cook State Recreation Area. The 24 construction, operation, and maintenance of a gas pipeline under this subsection is not 25 an incompatible use.

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(c) In this section, "gas pipeline" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390.

27 **\* Sec. 12.** AS 41.21.450 is amended to read:

Sec. 41.21.450. Purpose of AS 41.21.450 - 41.21.465. Except as provided in
 AS 41.21.455(c), the [THE] purpose of AS 41.21.450 - 41.21.465 is to restrict state owned land and water within the boundaries described in AS 41.21.455 to use as a
 public recreation area. Under the provisions of AS 38.05.300, state land, water, or land

and water containing more than 640 acres may be closed to multiple purpose use only by act of the legislature. Inasmuch as the area described in AS 41.21.455 exceeds 640 acres, AS 41.21.450 - 41.21.465 are intended to except the area described from the provisions of AS 38.05.300, except as provided in AS 41.21.455(c).

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\* Sec. 13. AS 41.21.455(a) is amended to read:

(a) **Except as provided in (c) of this section, the** [THE] presently stateowned land and water and all that acquired in the future by the state, lying within the following described boundary, are hereby designated as the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, are reserved from all uses incompatible with their primary function as public recreation land, and are assigned to the department for control, development, and maintenance:

12 Beginning at the brass capped monument marking the one quarter corner 13 position, common to Section 34 and Section 35, Township 19 North, Range 5 West, 14 Seward Meridian, Alaska, which is the true point of beginning; thence easterly along 15 the 1/4 line of Section 35 to the west shore of an unnamed lake; thence meandering 16 said lake clockwise in a northerly and southerly direction to a point where said 17 meanders intersect the east-west 1/4 line of Section 35; thence easterly along the 1/418 line of Section 35 to the west shore of an unnamed lake; thence meandering said lake 19 clockwise in a northerly and easterly direction to a point where said meanders intersect 20 the east-west 1/4 line of Section 35; thence easterly along the 1/4 line of Section 35 to 21 the 1/4 corner position common to Section 35 and Section 36; thence southerly along 22 the section line common to Sections 35 and 36 to the common corner between 23 Sections 35 and 36, Township 19 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian and Sections 24 1 and 2, Township 18 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian; thence easterly along 25 the common line between said Sections 1 and 36 to the common corner of Section 1, 26 Township 18 North, Range 5 West and Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 5 West 27 and Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 4 West and Section 6, Township 18 North, 28 Range 4 West; thence easterly along the common line between said Sections 31 and 6 29 to the 1/4 corner position common to Sections 31 and 6; thence northerly along the 1/430 line of Section 31 to the C 1/4 corner positions; thence easterly along the 1/4 line of 31 Section 31 and Section 32 to the C 1/4 corner position of Section 32, Township 19

1 North, Range 4 West; thence northerly along the 1/4 line of Section 32 and Section 29 2 to the C-N-S 1/64th corner position of Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 4 West; 3 thence easterly along the N-S 1/64th line of said Section 29 to the N-S 1/64th corner 4 position common to Section 29 and Section 28; thence southerly along the east section 5 line of Section 29 and Section 32 to the S-N-N 1/256th corner position of said Section 6 32; thence westerly along the S-N-N 1/256th line to the SE-NE-NE 1/256th corner 7 positions; thence southerly along the E-E-E 1/256th line to the NE-SE-NE 1/256th 8 corner position; thence easterly along the N-S-N 1/256th line to the N-S-N 1/256th 9 corner position; thence southerly along the east boundary of Section 32 to the S-N 10 1/64th corner position of said Section 32; thence westerly along the S-N 1/64th line to 11 the C-E-SE-NE 1/256th corner position; thence southerly along the E-E-E 1/256th line 12 to the north shore of Nancy Lake; thence meandering said lake clockwise in an 13 easterly, northerly, and southerly direction to a point where said meander line 14 intersects the north line of Section Lot 41, Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 4 15 West; thence easterly along said north line to the NE corner of said Lot 41; thence 16 southerly along the east line of said Lot 41 to the north shore of Nancy Lake; thence 17 meandering said lake in an easterly, northerly, southerly, and westerly direction to a 18 point where said meander line intersects the east line of Section Lot 54, Section 33, 19 Township 19 North, Range 4 West; thence southerly along said east line of said Lot 54 20 to the east shore of Nancy Lake; thence meandering said lake in an easterly, northerly, 21 southerly, and westerly direction to a point where said meander line intersects the N-22 N-N 1/256th line of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 4 West; thence westerly 23 along said N-N-N 1/256th line to the NE-NW-NW 1/256th corner position; thence 24 southerly along the E-W-W 1/256th line to the SE-NW-NW 1/256th corner position; 25 thence easterly along the S-N-N 1/256th line to the C-S-N-NW 1/256th corner 26 position; thence along the W 1/16th line to the C-W 1/16th corner position; thence 27 westerly along the 1/4 line to the 1/4 corner position common to Section 4 and Section 28 5; thence southerly along the east section line of Sections 5, 8, 17, 20, 29, 32, and 5, to 29 the section corner common to Sections 4, 5, 8, and 9, Township 17 North, Range 4 30 West; thence westerly along the section line common to Section 5 and Section 8 to the 31 E 1/16th corner position; thence southerly along the E 1/16th line to the SE 1/16th

1 corner position of said Section 8; thence westerly along the S 1/16th line to the C-S 2 1/16th corner position of Section 7, Township 17 North, Range 4 West; thence 3 northerly along the 1/4 line to the C 1/4 corner position of Section 6, Township 17 4 North, Range 4 West; thence westerly along the 1/4 line of said Section 6 to the east 5 shore of Butterfly Lake; thence meandering said lake clockwise in a southerly, 6 northerly, and westerly direction to a point on the west shore of Butterfly Lake where 7 said meander line intersects the north section line of Section 1, Township 17 North, 8 Range 5 West; thence westerly along the north section line of Section 1 and Section 2 9 to the point of intersection with line 9-10 of U.S. Survey No. 4638; thence south to 10 Corner No. 4, Lot 3 of said U.S. Survey No. 4638; thence west along the north line of 11 said Lot 3 to the point of intersection with the north-south section line common to 12 Section 2 and Section 3; thence northerly along the west section line of Sections 2, 35, 13 and 26, to the point of intersection with line 3-4 of U.S. Survey No. 3869, Township 14 18 North, Range 5 West; thence west along said line 3-4 of U.S. Survey No. 3869 to 15 the point of intersection with the E 1/16th line of Section 27; thence northerly along 16 said E 1/16th line to the point of intersection with line 1-2 of U.S. Survey No. 3869; 17 thence west along said line 1-2 to Corner No. 1 of said U.S. Survey No. 3869; thence 18 N 20 to 06' E along line 2-3 of Lot 31, U.S. Survey No. 3868 for a distance of 268.62 19 ft. to Corner No. 2 of said Lot 31; thence N 69 54' W along line 1-2 of said Lot 31, to 20 the east shore of Red Shirt Lake; thence meandering said lake clockwise in a 21 southerly, westerly, easterly, and northerly direction to a point where said meander 22 line intersects line 3-4 of Lot 3, U.S. Survey No. 3868; thence west along said line 3-4 23 to Corner No. 3 of Lot 3, U.S. Survey No. 3868; thence south along line 2-3 of said 24 Lot 3 to the point of intersection with the east-west section line common to Section 21 25 and Section 28, Township 18 North, Range 5 West; thence westerly along said section 26 line to the section corner position common to Sections 20, 21, 28, and 29, Township 27 18 North, Range 5 West; thence northerly along the section line common to Section 20 28 and Section 21 to the section corner position common to Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21; 29 thence easterly along the section line common to Section 16 and Section 21 to the 1/430 corner position common to said Sections 16 and 21; thence northerly along the 1/4 line 31 of Section 16 to the C 1/4 corner position of said Section 16; thence easterly along the

1 1/4 line of Section 16 to the 1/4 corner position common to Section 15 and Section 16; 2 thence northerly along the section line common to Section 15 and Section 16 to the 3 section corner position common to Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16; thence easterly along 4 the section line common to Section 10 and Section 15 to the 1/4 corner position 5 common to said Sections 10 and 15; thence northerly along the 1/4 line of Section 10 6 to the 1/4 corner position common to Section 3 and Section 10; thence easterly along 7 the section line common to Sections 3 and 10 to the section corner position common to 8 Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11; thence northerly along the section line common to Section 2 9 and Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 5 West, and Section 34 and Section 35, 10 Township 19 North, Range 5 West to the brass capped monument marking the 1/4 11 corner position common to said Sections 34 and 35, which is the true point of 12 beginning.

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\* Sec. 14. AS 41.21.455 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

14 (c) Notwithstanding AS 41.21.450 and (a) of this section, the department shall 15 permit a gas pipeline right-of-way and any easements and access corridors required by 16 the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation established under AS 31.25.010, or a 17 subsidiary of the corporation established under AS 31.25.120, to construct, operate, 18 and maintain a gas pipeline within the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. The 19 construction, operation, and maintenance of a gas pipeline under this subsection is not 20 an incompatible use.

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(d) In this section, "gas pipeline" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390.\* Sec. 15. AS 41.21.491 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(e) Notwithstanding (c) of this section, the commissioner shall permit a gas
pipeline right-of-way and any easements and access corridors required by the Alaska
Gasline Development Corporation established under AS 31.25.010, or a subsidiary of
the corporation established under AS 31.25.120, to construct, operate, and maintain a
gas pipeline within the Willow Creek State Recreation Area. The construction,
operation, and maintenance of a gas pipeline under this subsection is not an
incompatible use.

30 (f) In this section, "gas pipeline" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390.
31 \* Sec. 16. AS 41.21.493 is amended to read:

1	Sec. 41.21.493. Comprehensive management plan. The commissioner shall
2	develop and adopt a comprehensive management plan for the Willow Creek State
3	Recreation Area with the concurrence of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The
4	management plan prepared under this section must provide for the construction,
5	operation, and maintenance of a gas pipeline by the Alaska Gasline Development
6	Corporation established under AS 31.25.010, or a subsidiary of the corporation
7	established under AS 31.25.120, and must, when the information is available,
8	identify the actual locations of the gas pipeline right-of-way, easements, and
9	access corridors permitted by the commissioner.
10	* Sec. 17. AS 41.21.494 is amended to read:
11	Sec. 41.21.494. Regulations. The commissioner shall adopt regulations under
12	AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) that are necessary to achieve the purposes of
13	AS 41.21.491 - 41.21.495 and to implement the plan adopted under AS 41.21.493.
14	The regulations must
15	(1) designate incompatible uses and prohibit or restrict them;
16	(2) allow road, railroad, and utility crossing of Willow Creek so as to
17	minimize disturbance to the river's habitat and scenic and recreation values;
18	(3) allow fishery rehabilitation or enhancement practices under terms
19	that are compatible with AS 41.21.491 - 41.21.495;
20	(4) allow the legal taking of fur-bearing animals; [AND]
21	(5) allow for hunting, except where it must be prohibited for reasons of
22	public safety <u>: and</u>
23	(6) allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a gas
24	pipeline by the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation established under
25	AS 31.25.010, or a subsidiary of the corporation established under AS 31.25.120.
26	* Sec. 18. AS 41.21.494 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:
27	(b) In this section, "gas pipeline" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390.