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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 4, 2011

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Salmon Lake Land
3 Selection Resolution Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 The purpose of this Act is to ratify the Salmon Lake
6 Area Land Ownership Consolidation Agreement entered
7 into by the United States, the State of Alaska, and the
8 Bering Straits Native Corporation.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

11 (1) **AGREEMENT.**—The term “Agreement”
12 means the document between the United States, the
13 State, and the Bering Straits Native Corporation
14 that—

15 (A) is entitled the “Salmon Lake Area
16 Land Ownership Consolidation Agreement”;

17 (B) had an initial effective date of July 18,
18 2007, which was extended until January 1,
19 2011, by agreement of the parties to the Agree-
20 ment effective January 1, 2009; and

21 (C) is on file with Department of the Inte-
22 rior, the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
23 sources of the Senate, and the Committee on
24 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
25 tives.

1 (2) BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION.—

2 The term “Bering Straits Native Corporation”
 3 means an Alaskan Native Regional Corporation
 4 formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement
 5 Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for the Bering Straits
 6 region of the State.

7 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
 10 of Alaska.

11 **SEC. 4. RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREE-**
 12 **MENT.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of this
 14 Act, Congress ratifies the Agreement.

15 (b) EASEMENTS.—The conveyance of land to the
 16 Bering Straits Native Corporation, as specified in the
 17 Agreement, shall include the reservation of the easements
 18 that—

19 (1) are identified in Appendix E to the Agree-
 20 ment; and

21 (2) were developed by the parties to the Agree-
 22 ment in accordance with section 17(b) of the Alaska
 23 Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1616(b)).

24 (c) CORRECTIONS.—Beginning on the date of enact-
 25 ment of this Act, the Secretary, with the consent of the

1 other parties to the Agreement, may only make typo-
2 graphical or clerical corrections to the Agreement and any
3 exhibits to the Agreement.

4 (d) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall carry out
5 all actions required by the Agreement.

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