

HR 1899

Cape Fox Land Entitlement Adjustment Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: AK • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1354	Related bill	Sep 15, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9275-9276)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)**

Cape Fox Land Entitlement Adjustment Act of 2003 - (Sec. 3) States that Cape Fox Corporation shall not be required under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) to select or receive conveyance of 160 nonproductive acres.

(Sec. 4) Permits Cape Fox to select and the Secretary of the Interior to convey 99 acres of the surface estate of Tongass National Forest lands outside Cape Fox's current exterior selection boundary. Directs the Secretary to convey the subsurface estate to those lands to Sealaska Corporation.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to offer and, if accepted by Cape Fox, to exchange specified Tongass National Forest lands for lands and interests identified by Cape Fox from specified lands previously conveyed to it. States that the Cape Fox land conveyed to the Federal Government shall include a public trail easement, unless the Secretary of Agriculture agrees otherwise.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Secretary of the Interior, upon conveyance by Cape Fox of such lands and conveyance and relinquishment by Sealaska of the subsurface estate underlying those lands and other specified Tongass National Forest lands, to convey to Sealaska Tongass National Forest lands selected by Sealaska from a specified area. Considers such exchange to be a modification of the Sealaska Corporation/United States Forest Service Split Estate Exchange Agreement.

(Sec. 7) Requires the exchanges in this Act to be of lands of equal value. Excludes Cape Fox, Sealaska, and the United States from being subject to liability for the presence of any hazardous substance in land or interests therein solely as a result of conveyances under this Act. Considers the Federal lands conveyed to Cape Fox and Sealaska under this Act to be conveyed pursuant to ANCSA. Classifies lands or interests therein transferred to the United States under this Act as part of the Tongass National Forest. Prohibits lands conveyed to or selected by the State of Alaska under the Alaska Statehood Act from being eligible for selection or conveyance under this Act without the consent of the State of Alaska.

Subjects Federal lands conveyed to Cape Fox and Sealaska under this Act to reservations of public easements only as mutually agreed to in the relevant exchange agreements, including easements necessary for access across the lands conveyed for use of national forests or other public land. Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to add an equal number of acres to old growth reserves on the Tongass National Forest as are transferred out of Federal ownership by this Act.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes appropriations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 15, 2003:** Reported by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 108-313.
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- **Oct 15, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 189.
- **Oct 1, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 1, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **May 6, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA, Interior.
- **Apr 30, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 30, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.