

## S 924

A bill to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Apr 11, 2003

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 108-129.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 108-129. (Nov 17, 2003)

**Law:** 108-129 (Enacted Nov 17, 2003)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/924>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 4, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Nov 4, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on July 17, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

(Sec. 2) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to accept from the Newtok Native Corporation a conveyance, by limited warranty deed, of certain Alaskan lands previously conveyed to Newtok if such Corporation expresses an intent to enter into a land exchange with the United States within 180 days of enactment of this Act. Directs the Secretary to also accept a relinquishment of irrevocable prioritized selections from Newtok for those validly selected lands not yet conveyed to Newtok.

Requires the Secretary, in exchange for the lands from Newtok, to convey to Newtok the surface and subsurface estate of specified Federal lands. States that such conveyance shall be by interim conveyance.

(Sec. 3) Declares that land conveyed to Newtok under this Act shall be deemed to have been conveyed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), except that specified provisions of ANCSA concerning patents and lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System shall not apply to such lands. States that, consistent with the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, such lands shall not be considered part of the Yukon National Wildlife Refuge.

Includes the Newtok lands conveyed to the United States in the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, except that residents of the village of Newtok, Alaska, shall retain access rights guaranteed under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act for subsistence fishing, hunting, and gathering.

Entitles the Calista Corporation to an equivalent acreage of in-lieu subsurface entitlement for the relinquished Newtok selections to the extent that Calista subsurface rights are affected by this Act. Directs that such entitlement shall come from subsurface lands already selected by Calista, but which have not yet been conveyed. Permits Calista to make an additional in lieu selection from lands within the region but outside any conservation system unit if such action is necessary to equalize the acreage.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 17, 2003:** Signed by President.
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- **Nov 17, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-129.
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- **Nov 6, 2003:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 4, 2003:** Reported by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 108-345.
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- **Nov 4, 2003:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 202.
- **Nov 4, 2003:** Mr. Renzi moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 4, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10308-10309)
- **Nov 4, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 924.
- **Nov 4, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10308-10309)
- **Nov 4, 2003:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10308-10309)
- **Nov 4, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 29, 2003:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 24, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Jul 18, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 18, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 18, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- **Jul 17, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9605-9618; text as passed Senate: CR S9615-9616; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S9615)
- **Jul 17, 2003:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9605-9618; text as passed Senate: CR S9615-9616; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S9615)
- **Jul 11, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-97.
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- **Jul 11, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 205.
- **Jun 25, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 4, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-68.
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 11, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5385-5386)