



CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

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Federal Landless Legislation – Town Meeting

On November 10, 2020 Senators Murkowski and Sullivan introduced Senate Bill 4889 titled the *Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Fulfillment Act of 2020*. As explained in the Delegation's press release, the purpose of a portion of the Act is to allow the Alaska Native communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg and Tenakee to form urban corporations and receive land entitlements under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA) from which they were previously excluded.

The Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources held a Public Lands, Forests & Mining Legislative Hearing on November 18, 2020 to hear the bill. The legislation did not make it out of the Committee before the end of the Congressional Session. It is expected a new bill will be introduced by the Alaska Delegation early this year.

In an effort to understand the legislation, and the opportunities and challenges that may be associated with the proposed land transfer, the City & Borough of Wrangell is hosting a Town Meeting via Zoom beginning at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 16th. Representatives from *Alaska Natives Without Land* will be in attendance to provide information and answer questions during the Town Meeting.

The public is encouraged to review the legislation (beginning on page 11) and the five attached maps showing lands being proposed for selection by the new Urban Corporation for Wrangell. Please be aware, this specific legislation terminated at the end of December with the close of the Congressional Session. A new piece of legislation will be introduced in this session. The attached bill should be considered the most recent iteration of legislation available for review.

Please submit questions or comments in advance to clerk@wrangell.com. If time permits, questions or comments from the audience (Zoom) will be allowed.

Please visit the Borough Website www.wrangell.com to view a summary document, the previous legislation and the maps of the areas.