KEN 3010: Poore – Kenai River

Owner:	Virginia Poore
Physical Location:	This parcel is located at mile 11 of the Kenai River
Acreage:	52 acres
Brief Description:	T 5 N, R 10 W, SM, Sec. 6, Lots 6 and 7
Agency Sponsor:	Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Appraised Value:	$1,100,000

Parcel Description
The Poore parcel is located along the Kenai River near Eagle Rock and has approximately 1,250 linear feet of river frontage. It is located across the river from the Eagle Rock unit of the state parks on an outside bend of the Kenai River where the shoreline is actively eroding. The parcel has a boat launch facility, including a parking area and restrooms but most of the parcel is undisturbed with numerous areas of lowland wetlands. *Wetland Mapping and Classification of the Kenai Lowland, Alaska* (Gracz et al.) characterizes most of this parcel as lakebed ecosystem wetland with riparian wetlands along waterbodies. A small stream, cataloged in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Anadromous Waters Catalog, meanders through the parcel east to west before entering the Kenai River in the adjacent parcel. The parcel provides valuable lowland wetland and riparian habitat as well as recreational opportunities for shore based anglers. The boat launch and parking area is especially busy during the end of July when nearby facilities are at capacity.

Linkage to Restoration:

Restoration Benefits
Injured species that will benefit from this parcel acquisition include pink and sockeye salmon, bald eagles, and Barrow's goldeneyes. Although bald eagles, and pink and sockeye salmon are considered to be recovered, protecting important habitats is essential to maintaining recovery objectives. The parcel also supports coho and sockeye salmon rearing habitat. All of these salmon species contribute to the commercial fisheries of Cook Inlet.

This area also supports popular recreational fisheries for Chinook, sockeye, pink and coho salmon. Since 1981 approximately 45% of the total sport fishing effort expended on the Kenai River has occurred in the lower 20 miles of river. In particular, this area supports a popular shore fishery for pink and coho salmon during August and September.

Potential Threats
The current owner has indicated that she would like to sell the property. The development potential of the parcel is unknown but would appear to be high, as it is a large parcel with

significant riverfront footage. This is an opportunity to acquire lowland and riparian habitat that may be unavailable in the future.

Proposed Management

This parcel has been identified as a priority for the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. This parcel will be managed by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer for the purposes of protecting resources and services injured by the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill and will be recommended for addition to KRSMA.