



Cape Fox Corporation  
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Cape Fox Corporation (CFC) has been working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for many years to finalize its entitlement under ANCSA. The BLM informed CFC that it was in the process of conveying 184.57 acres of land to CFC to close the CFC entitlement. CFC is not in agreement with the BLM and is requesting alternate lands (180 acres) that will join current CFC owned lands.

CFC is working with the Alaska Delegation to pass federal legislation to identify the final settlement lands (about 180 acres). The attached map shows the lands that Cape Fox Corporation has identified. These lands will allow development of the Mahoney Lake Power Project FERC # 11393. This project has been ongoing for many years. Recent developments in power demand in the Ketchikan, Saxman, and Metlakatla area indicate that additional power supply to the existing power grid is needed. All available power (approximately 38 MW) was online the winter of 2022, the available power was maximized and was barely sufficient to meet demand. The Metlakatla power demand exceeded the power supply and scheduled brownouts were required. The demand for power is growing. The cruise ships which berth in Ketchikan would also purchase power if it was available.

To meet the current and future power demands of the greater Ketchikan Area a proactive approach is required. CFC has the ability to provide a portion of the solution to this growing need. CFC has obtained a FERC license to develop a power facility at Mahoney Lake near Ketchikan. This area is within CFC ownership. The FERC license includes an easement for a powerline / road corridor from the Mahoney Lake site to Beaver Falls Substation on the Ketchikan Power Grid. CFC also owns the land adjacent to the Beaver Falls substation.

The accompanying map illustrates the land ownership of the area. The USFS owns the approximately two and one-half miles between the CFC George Inlet Cannery Property and CFC's Mahoney Lake Properties. The FERC License easement provides a corridor across the area between these parcels.

CFC is proposing that the BLM convey the land along the Mahoney Lake FERC License 11393 Easement east to George Inlet. CFC has mapped this area and found it to be 180 acres. The CFC proposed lands are depicted on the accompanying map. CFC believes this would alleviate current and future management issues associated with the development of the Mahoney Lake power corridor. To assist in the facilitation of this endeavor CFC would like to make the following points:

- The lands CFC is requesting lie between parcels BLM previously conveyed to CFC.
- Some of the settlement parcels indicated by the 10/18/22 BLM letter are also outside of the 6-mile "core" Township definition interpreted by BLM.



- The proposed lands will simplify future management and prevent isolated parcels.
- CFC will pay the direct costs of surveying the selected parcel.
- This will conclude the ANCSA conveyance to Cape Fox Corporation which has been on-going for nearly 50 years.
- This will be the final conveyance to all ANCSA Village Corporations in southeast Alaska.
- This conveyance will simplify future management issues for both the BLM and USFS associated with the development of the Mahoney Lake power project. Conveyance of these lands will allow CFC to further diversify its economic development. CFC is a major contributor to the tourism industry in Ketchikan: supplying Hotel, transportation, food services, tour vendor opportunities such as cart tours, Zodiak water tours, Jeep Tours and providing several Native Culture Interpretive opportunities.

Cape Fox Corporation greatly appreciates that the BLM has been a patient partner in working through the many challenges that the settlement of the ANCSA lands has provided.

Letters of Support would be appreciated. An example is attached.

These can be sent to:

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