

115TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regarding the Nagamut selection, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “ANCSA Nagamut
5 Group Land Conveyance Settlement Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. NAGAMUT.**

7 Section 12 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement
8 Act (43 U.S.C. 1611) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following new subsection:

10 “(g) NAGAMUT.—

1 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this
2 subsection:

3 “(A) CALISTA.—The term ‘Calista’ means
4 Calista Corporation, an Alaska Native Regional
5 Corporation in accordance with section 7, which
6 is entitled to the subsurface estate to the
7 Nagamut selection pursuant to section 14(f).

8 “(B) NAGAMUT.—The term ‘Nagamut’
9 means Nagamut Limited, a Native group recog-
10 nized as eligible to receive the conveyance of
11 6,080 acres under section 13(h)(2) and orga-
12 nized under the laws of the State of Alaska.

13 “(C) NAGAMUT SELECTION.—The term
14 ‘Nagamut selection’ means the unconveyed sur-
15 face estate to 6,080 acres of land Nagamut se-
16 lected on September 18, 1975 under Bureau of
17 Land Management serial number AA-9902.

18 “(2) IN GENERAL.—As determined under para-
19 graph (3), in lieu of the conveyance of the Nagamut
20 selection to Nagamut and the subsurface estate of
21 the Nagamut selection to Calista, the Secretary
22 shall—

23 “(A) pay compensation to Nagamut in an
24 amount equal to the fair market value of the
25 Nagamut selection; and

1 “(B) pay compensation to Calista in an
2 amount equal to the fair market value of any
3 subsurface estate beneath the Nagamut selec-
4 tion to which Calista is entitled.

5 “(3) APPRAISALS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Within 18 months of
7 the date of enactment of the Alaska Native
8 Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2017,
9 the fair market value of the surface and sub-
10 surface estates of the Nagamut selection shall
11 be determined by appraisals conducted—

12 “(i) in accordance with the Uniform
13 Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Ac-
14 quisitions and the Uniform Standards of
15 Professional Appraisal Practice;

16 “(ii) by an appraiser mutually agree-
17 able to the Secretary, Nagamut, and
18 Calista;

19 “(iii) in a way that shall determine
20 the fair market values of the surface and
21 subsurface estates of the Nagamut selec-
22 tion as though the estates were available
23 for selection under this Act on the date of
24 enactment of the Alaska Native Claims
25 Settlement Improvement Act of 2017: and

1 “(iv) without regard to the current
2 ownership status.

3 “(B) COSTS.—The costs of the appraisals
4 required under this paragraph shall be borne by
5 the Secretary.

6 “(4) ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNT; COM-
7 PENSATION.—

8 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is estab-
9 lished a special account in the Treasury of the
10 United States to be known as the ‘Nagamut Se-
11 lection Special Account’, into which shall be de-
12 posited from the General Fund of the Treasury
13 a sum equal to the appraised fair market value
14 of the surface and subsurface estates of the
15 Nagamut selection.

16 “(B) COMPENSATION.—Amounts in the
17 Nagamut Selection Special Account shall be
18 available to the Secretary, without further ap-
19 propriation, to compensate Nagamut and
20 Calista for the fair market value of the surface
21 and subsurface estates of the Nagamut selec-
22 tion.

23 “(5) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT.—The com-
24 pensation paid to Nagamut and Calista pursuant to
25 this subsection shall satisfy the statutory land enti-

1 tlement of Nagamut and the rights to the subsurface
2 estate held by Calista under the provisions of this
3 Act.”.