



Unlocking Alaska: Asserting ownership of State submerged lands

Press conference with Governor Mike Dunleavy
April 26, 2022



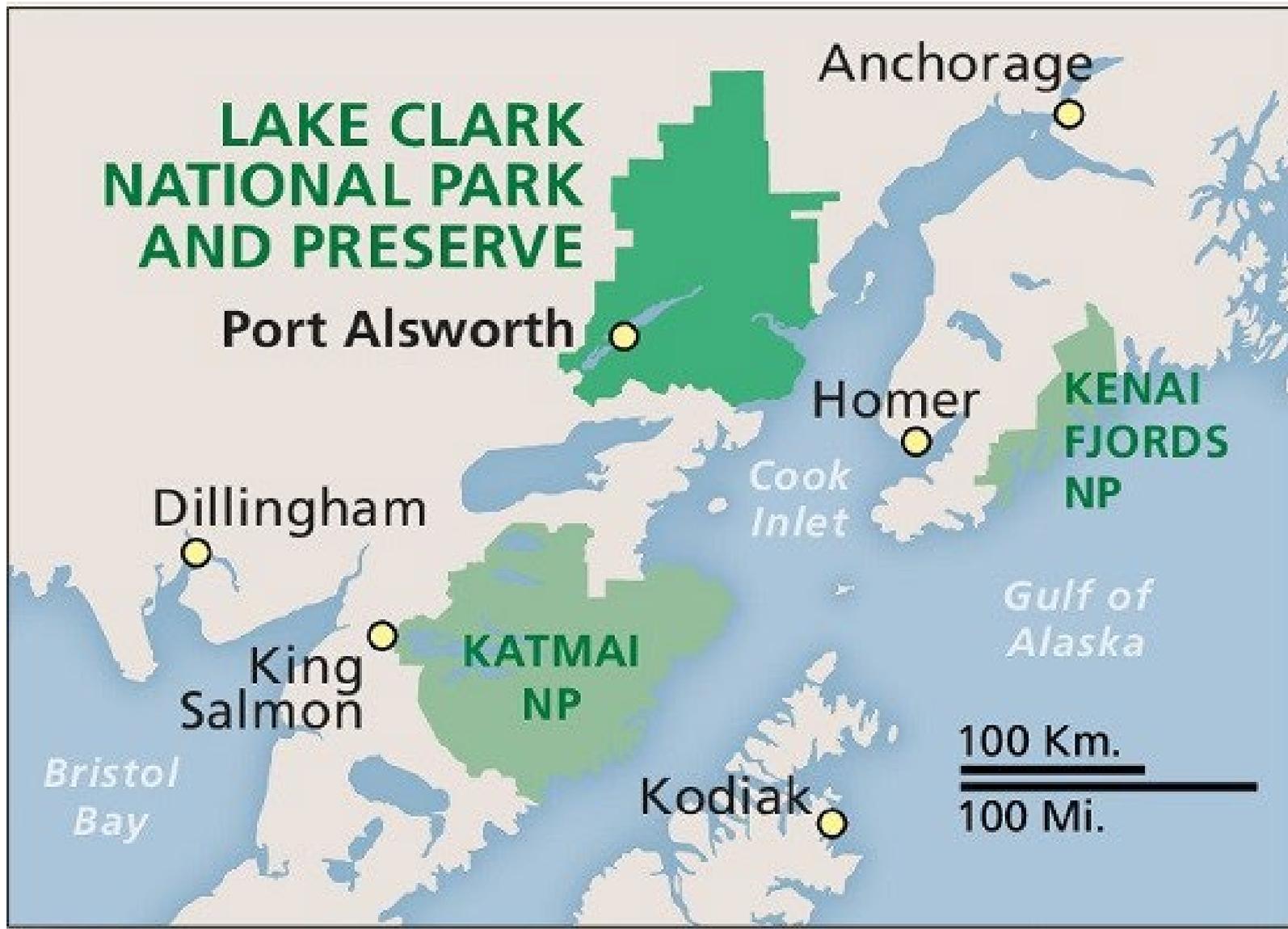
STURGEON V. FROST
136 S. CT. 1061 (2016)
139 S. CT. 1066 (2019)

**US Supreme Court rules
unanimously that
federal regulations do
not supersede Alaska's
ownership and
management of
navigable waters in
ANILCA federal
conservation system
units.**

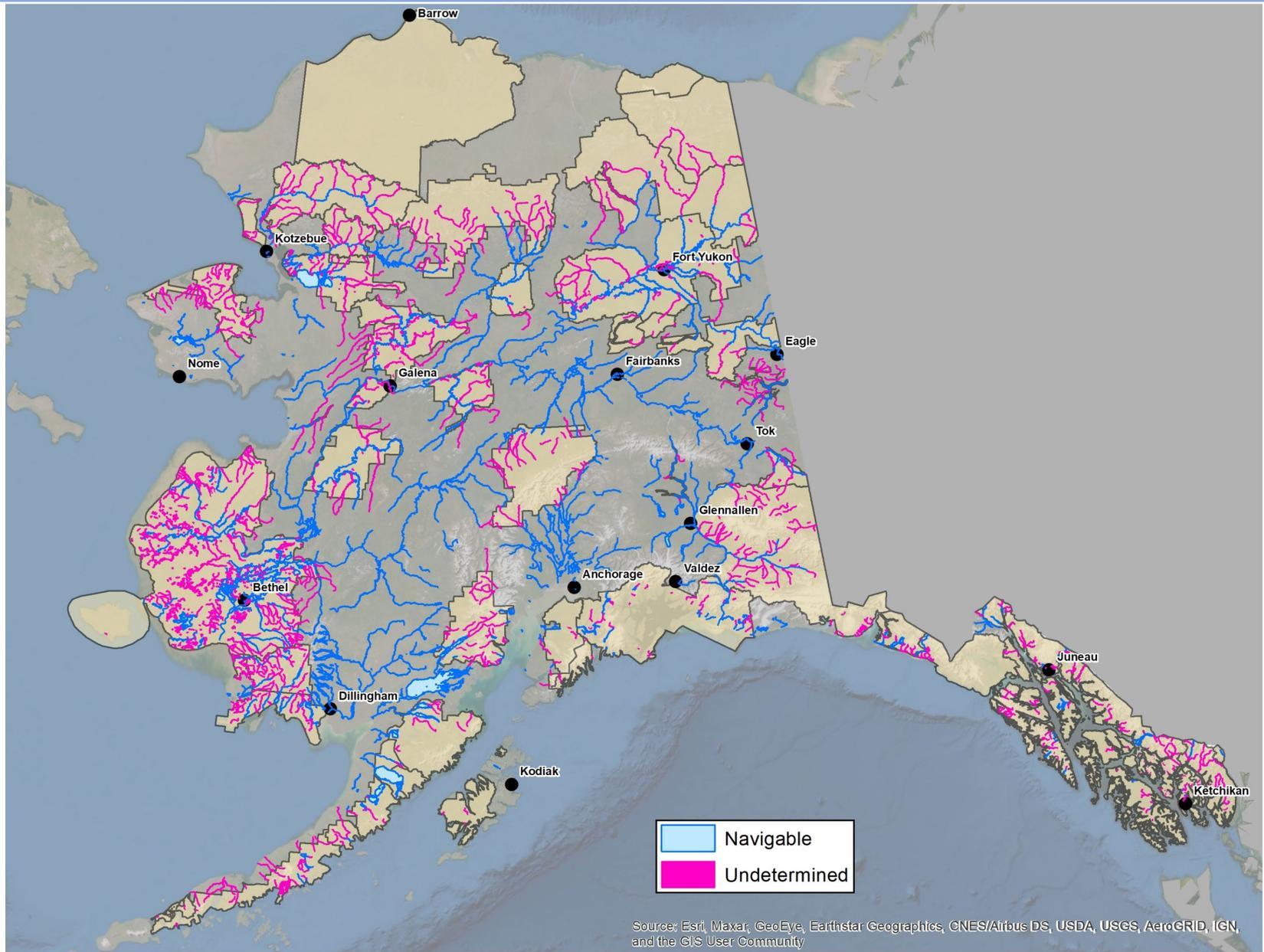


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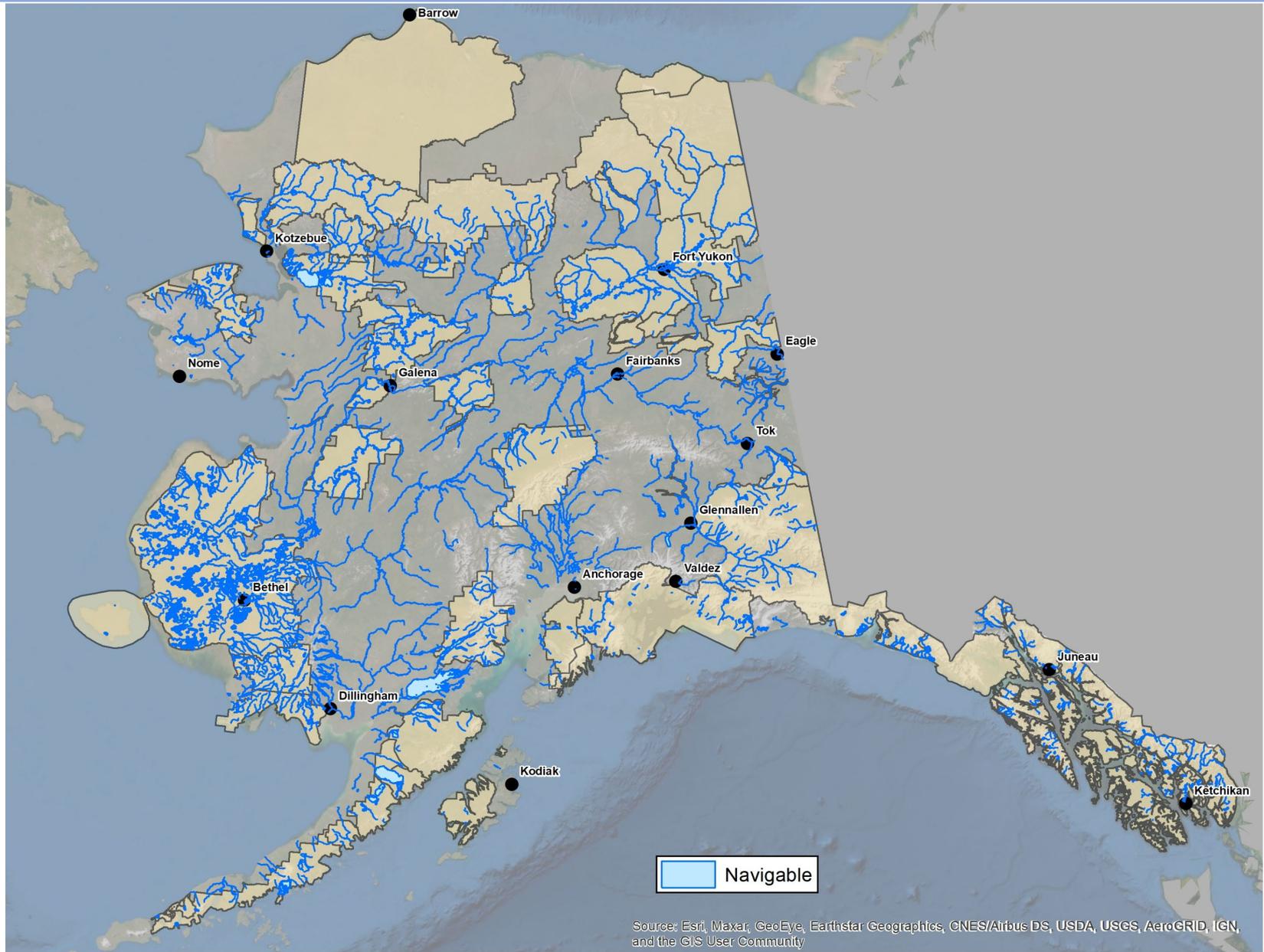
MULCHATNA RIVER, CHILIKADROTNA RIVER,
TURQUOISE LAKE, TWIN LAKES



STATE-OWNED NAVIGABLE WATERS ACKNOWLEDGED FEDERALLY TO DATE



STATE-OWNED NAVIGABLE WATERS AFTER STATE MANAGEMENT ASSERTION



PROGRESS OF EFFORTS TO CLEAR TITLE

The federal government acknowledges Alaska's clear title to:

- **Only 9 percent** of submerged lands under 800,000 miles of state-owned navigable rivers
- **Only 16 percent** of submerged lands under 30 million acres of state-owned navigable lakes

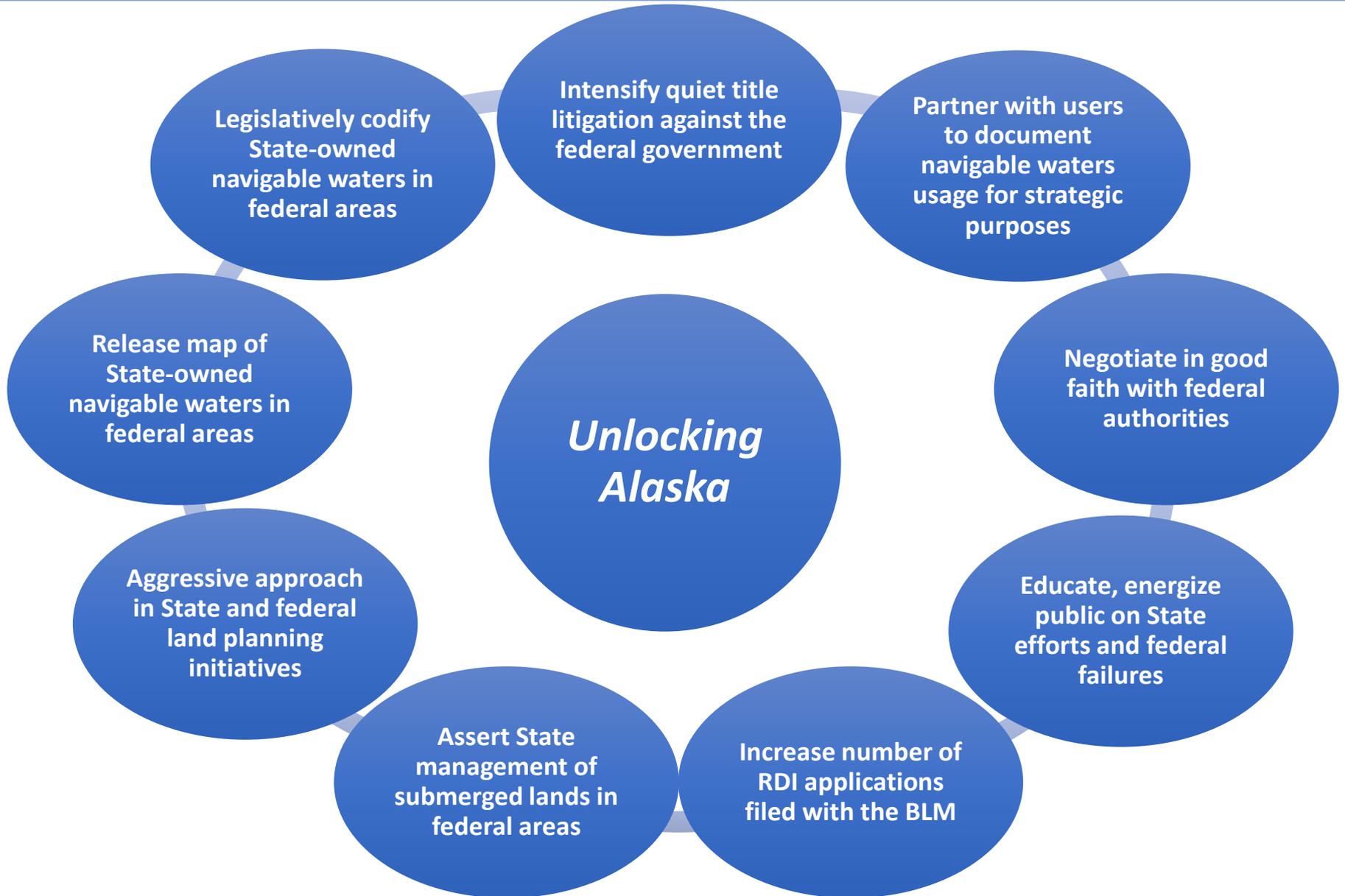
In first year of Unlocking Alaska, asserted state ownership of additional:

- 8,971 miles of rivers in within NPS areas and the Tongass National Forest – a 76% increase
- 488,992 acres of lakes within NPS areas and the Tongass National Forest – a 219% increase

\$118,000,000 appropriated to BLM for Alaska Land and Conveyance program since 2018

- 1 recordable disclaimer of interest cleared with 7 currently pending

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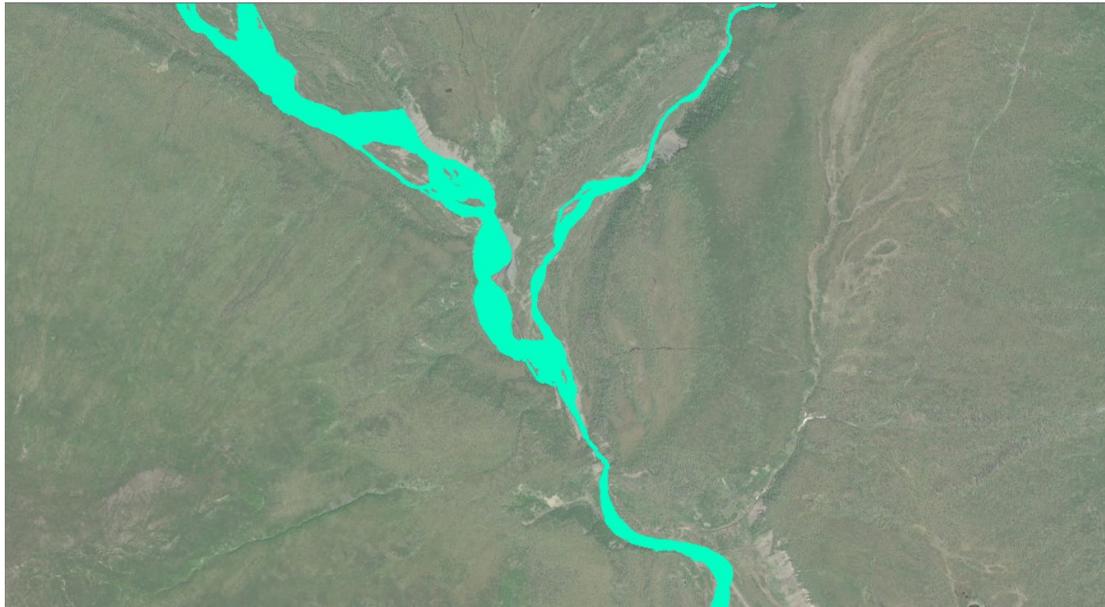
MENDENHALL LAKE AND RIVER

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST



RESTITUTION PROJECT

CARIBOU CREEK



NATION RIVER

NAVIGABLE WATERWAY IN YUKON CHARLEY PRESERVE



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/politics/courts_law/a-moose-hunter-and-his-hovercraft-tell-the-supreme-court-alaska-is-different/2016/01/18/f9a2e9ee-bb10-11e5-b682-4bb4dd403c7d_story.html

Courts & Law

A moose-hunter and his hovercraft tell the Supreme Court Alaska is different



A hearing is set for Wednesday at the Supreme Court in John Sturgeon's lawsuit. He says federal regulations didn't apply to a wilderness area in Alaska where he was cited for using a hovercraft during a moose hunt. (Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post)

By Robert Barnes

January 18, 2016

John Sturgeon's path to the Supreme Court began in a broken-down hovercraft on a gravel shoal in middle-of-nowhere Alaska.

He was on his way to hunt moose.

Instead, Sturgeon became the target of three officers of the National Park Service. Hunting wasn't the

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

COURTS & LAW

An Alaskan moose hunter beat the odds at the Supreme Court. It cost \$1.5 million.

By Robert Barnes

November 3, 2019



John Sturgeon attends a cocktail party before the Victory Cruise in his honor in Fairbanks, Alaska. (Kate Wool/for The Washington Post)

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Moose hunter John Sturgeon serves as both inspiration and warning for anyone who has ever gotten worked up over a perceived injustice and vowed to fight it "all the way to the Supreme Court."

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