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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

IM No. 98-100

SUBJECT: Seasonal Park Usage

PREPARED BY: Administration

DATE: 09/04/98

FOR AGENDA OF: September 14, 1998

SUMMARY:

During the summer season of 1998 we required the public to reserve pavilions and parks for group outings of more than 20 people. Following is a breakdown of park permits issued and number of permitted users for each park:

	<u>Total Permits Issued</u>	<u>Wonderland</u>	<u>Wasilla Lake</u>	<u>Other</u>
May	21	1,102 people	170 people	53 – Nunley
June	16	955	460	0
July	9	205	165	0
August	20	567	390	0
	66	2,829	1,185	53

A total of 66 permits were issued for a total of 4,067 users, with an average group size of 61 people. These are only permitted users, with parties of less than 20 people not required to obtain permits. In May, 12 schools held their end of the year picnics in our parks, and the majority of these schools are located outside the city limits.

We do not have a system to track daily individual usage of our parks, but this permit system has allowed us to track group usage, and is a valuable tool for maintenance needs during the summer seasons. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 373-9053.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Yes, amount requested: \$ Fund:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None



Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Attachments: Memo from The Nature Conservancy