

**Kachemak Bay State Parks Board Meeting**  
**Advisory Board Minutes**  
**November 11, 2015**  
**5:30 pm**

1. **Members Present:** Steve Schultz, Mako Haggerty, Carol Harding and Stan Lefton  
**Staff Present:** Jack Blackwell, Jason Okuly and Pam Russell.
2. **Agenda Changes:** Steve Schultz added Mako Haggerty resolution to urge the State of Alaska to welcome volunteers. The agenda was approved as amended.
3. **Minutes Approval:** The minutes were approved.
4. **Correspondence:** A letter was received by Jake Sprankle thanking Parks for allowing commercial operator Jose DeCreft permission to land at Upper Hazel Lake with his family. The letter stated many reasons why it was important to allow this access; otherwise his family would have never been able to experience the area.  
Jason receives a letter for permission to have the Friends of Kachemak Bay volunteer to tackle the reposting of State Park trail signs (these are the wooden post and junction signs) within Kachemak Bay State Park.
5. **Introduction of Visitors:** Kevin Walker, Glenn Holloway and Malcolm Milne. Jason Herreman gave a presentation on the wildlife harvest and survey data for Kachemak Bay State Park. This report included the Mountain Goat harvest and population trend, Moose, Wolverine, Wolf, Otter, Marten, Lynx, Beaver, Brown Bear, Dall Sheep and Black Bear harvest, the total number of Black Bear bait sites. A copy of the full report is available upon request.
6. **Committee Reports:**

Chief Ranger Jason Okuly provided board members with the following operations report.

Some of the highlights of the report included:

- Two of the three State Park vessels have been removed from the water and are currently being winterized.
- The Moose Valley Cabin window has been replaced.
- Jason had a tour by ATV of the Cottonwood Eastland Recreation Area. It appears that some residents of the area have stored such things as personnel use nets and beached? a boat in the area. Jason would like to propose to have the water trail group take over the maintenance and care of this area as a water trail site. It would be nice to have someone clean up the area, because it has high usage during the silver fishing season. A toilet would be a great addition also.
- Jason has completed the Recreational Trail grants and will be submitting them by Friday November 13, 2015.

Mako Haggerty asked the status of the Halibut Cove Lagoon Dock. Jack Blackwell reported that the final plans have been reviewed and the construction of the project could begin as soon as this spring. The bid process for the project should be out the last week of November. Once the project has been awarded, construction could begin soon after that. There are two contractors in the Homer Harbor currently working on the new dock system. If one of these companies is awarded the bid for the project it could speed up the process to install the pilings. The only hang up may be the presence of sea mammals in the cove, which would prohibit the drilling of pilings.

Friends Report- Mako Haggerty provided board members with the following report:

- Friends had their annual Friends of Kachemak Bay membership meeting on October 29, 2015. There was a great turn out.
- Currently there is almost \$10,000.00 in the Friends account. With 13 new members puts the total closer to \$11,000.00.
- Volunteer sign up was very successful, this included several projects such as carpenters and those willing to learn how to use a chain saw. Mako was asking if a chain saw clinic could be offered. Jeff Lee will give a composting toilet clinic.
- The water trail organization has now become partners with the Friends of Kachemak Bay. This has brought some new energy to the group.
- There were presentations by Janet Klein on the culturally modified trees and Eric Clarke on the conditions of the trails?.

Jason asked if it was possible to have the Friends group carry the insurance for the one day chainsaw training class. Mako said it was discussed at the last meeting and if? is possible the Friends group would sponsor the clinic. Not sure my suggestions here reflect the meeting?

## **7. Old Business:**

- a. Dark Sky: Tabled
- b. Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association Permit Application- Jack Blackwell provided board members with the following report: Currently the commissioner's office for Department of Natural Resources is reviewing the request.
- c. New management Plan update: Nevenka Kitanovski, the new planner is currently out on maternity leave and will be back on a part time basis starting in November. The Kachemak Bay management plan is currently on hold.
- d. Vacating Diamond Creek ROW: Has been tabled and Jason Okuly will be the lead to work with the Kenai Peninsula Borough on this project.
- e. Composting toilets: Currently at this time State Parks is waiting for Jeff Lee to submit an application.  
Mako asked if Eveline Site was considered for a composting toilet. He believes that this site has a lot of visitors and would be a great site. Jack responded that this site was not considered and a cement vaulted toilet is scheduled to be placed there in the summer of 2016.
- f. Trail Maintenance- Jason reported that the RPT grants are ready to be submitted.

## 9. New Business

- a) Eveline Site Plan-Phase I, II and the future phase of Eveline SRS facility improvements have been completed. The site visit consisted of eight participants to help determine the placement upgrades needed. Phase one of the improvements included the placement of the vaulted toilet, define the existing parking area and relocate existing entrance sign, placement of the 24' culvert and some barrier rocks. Phase II consist of some re-vegetation of Spruce trees and plant native wild flowers. The final phase would include hardening of the trail and placing an observation platform with interpretive panels. Plans are available upon request.
- b) Resolution Welcoming Volunteers- Mako Haggerty presented the board with a Resolution to urge the State of Alaska to welcome volunteers into the ranks of trail crews during this time of tight budget. The board will vote on the resolution at January 13, 2015 meeting.

## 10. Comments and Discussion by Visitors:

- Kevin Walker is on the steering committee for the water trails. He commented that the group would like to volunteer to replace the post and signs along many of the trails in Kachemak Bay State Park. He would also like to use nippers to prune vegetation along the trails.
- Malcomb Milner from the CIAA board stated that many commercial operators are in favor of the CIAA net pens. He also stated that with the state budgetary restraints, that fish enhancement may help improve the economy.
- Curt Jackson stated that the mooring buoys would take up to two years to be placed

## 11. Comments and Discussion by board members-The board decided not to have a December meeting.

The board was asked where they would like the 13 mooring buoys placed. It was determined that a map of the placement would be nice to review. Kevin will supply the board with a map of the entire mooring buoys placement.

## 12. Adjournment-Next meeting is January 13, 2015