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File: CSU-NPS-KEFS

15 December 1982

Bill Welch  
National Park Service  
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Dear Bill:

The Kenai Fjords National Park General Management Plan Questionnaire was distributed to the State agencies. Attached are the responses received from the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program Director. The comments below were provided by several of the State agencies to supplement comments provided in prior transmittals.

Question 1: There is adequate moorage for small recreational vessels at the present time and moorage buoys are not necessary. If buoys are placed in the area, they may interfere with the purse seine commercial fishing activities. Visitor needs should be considered in light of traditional commercial fishing activities.

Question 4: Doesn't the U. S. Coast Guard have responsibility for determining and satisfying needs for navigational aids?

Safety is an important consideration; however, it is believed that anyone using a marine map of Harris Bay should have no problems getting through the Lagoon entrance.

Buoys could interfere with commercial fishing activities, according to Commercial Fisheries Division of Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

- Question 5: Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land and Water Management (DLWM), Water Management Section, notes that water needs versus water availability should be considered during the planning process. DLWM records indicate there are no existing water rights in this area. Water rights should be obtained from DLWM.
- Question 6: National Park Service should attempt to work cooperatively with the village corporations, as well as other private and public land managers. The Service should be seriously considering any land exchanges with inholders or adjacent owners that would assist land management or boundary clarification (ANILCA Sec. 103(b)). NPS should work with other land managers to provide continued public use and access.
- Question 7: Wheeled/ski planes, helicopter, and any traditional access methods and means should not be restricted (see Question 9 answers). Traditional access includes planes, helicopters, snowmachines and other ATV's. Removal of equipment may be a unit-wide regulation, but permits should not be required.
- Question 8: The State has previous and ongoing studies, surveys or responsibilities that require continued "activities" within the Park.
- Question 9: Limitations on access, including zoning for snow-mobles/skiing, should only be considered when conflicts arise. Implementation of limitation must follow the administrative requirements of public notice and hearing per ANILCA.

Many of the topics in Questions 1-9 are also addressed in the State's Resource Management Recommendations, such as access, facilities, uses and land exchanges.

FRED Division of ADF&G provided the following comments: The management and research required to maintain or increase salmon production of the Park should be encouraged. Commercial salmon fishery should continue in the Park area. In addition, fishery rehabilitation and enhancement projects such as fish hatcheries, lake stocking and fertilization, and stream habitat improvement should be allowed. Side benefits of fishery facilities may be emergency communications, shelter or visitor sites.

December 15, 1982

Prior issues and concerns of the State were provided in the State's General Issues List for Conservation System Unit Planning dated 29 January 1982, the Resource Management Recommendations of 13 September 1982, and the attached issues scoping response transmitted to you on 6 October 1982. The agencies express a desire to work with the planning team to provide further detail on these items.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. We would appreciate continued participation in Kenai Fjords National Park planning to provide additional information and assist in developing management alternatives. Please do not hesitate to call if we can facilitate the desired further involvement.

Sincerely,

  
Tina Cuning  
State CSU Assistant

Attachment

cc: State CSU Contacts (w/o att.)

Rec'd 11/9/82

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### DIVISION OF PARKS

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October 28, 1982

Re: 1130-9-4

State CSU Contracts  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Subject: Kenai Fjords Park Development Concept Plan

Dear Ms. Cunning:

We have reviewed the subject proposal and would like to offer the following comments:

#### STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

We strongly recommend that site specific archaeological surveys be conducted prior to construction in the Exit Glacier area.



Ty L. Dilliplane  
State Historic Preservation Officer

#### STATE PARK PLANNING

Planning activity has been coordinated with the Division of Parks and further regional cooperative planning efforts are encouraged.

#### LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM

No comment.

Sincerely,



Judith E. Marquez  
Director

DR:clk

# MEMORANDUM

# State of Alaska

TO: State CSU Contacts  
(see distribution)

DATE: 6 October 1982

FILE NO: CSU-NPS-KEFJ

TELEPHONE NO: 267-2202

FROM: Tina Cunningham  
State CSU Assistant  
Department of Fish and Game  
Anchorage

SUBJECT: Issues Scoping  
Kenai Kjords Park

National Park Service has provided the attached issues scoping document for the State's comments. Please respond to us by 10 November 1982. Your agency's response should include any issues, comments and information which your agency desires the Service to address in the General Management Plan beyond what is required by Title XIII of ANILCA.

Attachment

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KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

PURPOSE OF THE PARK as stated in Public Law 96-487--December 2, 1980. "Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act" . . . . .

"Kenai Fjords National Park, containing approximately five hundred and sixty-seven thousand acres of public lands, as generally depicted on map numbered KEFJ-90,007, and dated October 1978. The park shall be managed for the following purposes, among others: To maintain unimpaired the scenic and environmental integrity of the Harding Icefield, its outflowing glaciers, and coastal fjords and islands in their natural state; and to protect seals, sea lions, other marine mammals, and marine and other birds and to maintain their hauling and breeding areas in their natural state, free of human activity which is disruptive to their natural processes. In a manner consistent with the foregoing, the Secretary is authorized to develop access to the Harding Icefield and to allow use of mechanized equipment on the icefield for recreation."

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The General Management Planning Team is seeking input to issues important to the future of Kenai Fjords National Park. Some of the issues are represented by the questions below, and others we have not even thought of yet. These issues are not ranked in order of importance. Space is provided after each issue for your comments. Use additional paper if needed to fully address each issue. Please submit any other ideas and/or comments that you feel are valuable for inclusion in the General Management Plan. Together we can produce the teamwork necessary to prepare a good plan.

1. Good anchorages are scarce along the coastline of the Kenai Fjords. Do you think public-use moorage buoys should be provided in some locations? Where? By whom? Reservation system?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Do you feel public-use shelters/cabins or lodges should be constructed at some locations in the park? Where? By whome? Fee?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Getting into the Kenai Fjords by charter boat or aircraft can be fairly expensive. The state ferry passes along the shoreline on the Seward to Kodiak route. What actiti do you feel would be appropriate for the park to coordinate with the state ferry?

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How should snowmobile/crosscountry ski use be managed in the Exit Glacier area?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Kenai Fjords National Park shall be managed to protect the resources in their natural state, and at the same time provide for the enjoyment and safety of park visitors. Many of the above questions deal with development issues, but the resources (plants, animals, glaciers, water, minerals, air and cultural) that are present in the area are the reason the area was set aside as a national park. Please provide us with any other ideas you may have for the management, use or development of Kenai Fjords National Park.

Please enclose this questionnaire in the self-addressed envelope and mail it by November 15, 1982. Thank you for your time, ideas, and concern for Kenai Fjords National Park.