

**Kachemak Bay State Park  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Members Present:** Steve Schultz, Paul Hueper, Mike Flora, Glenn Green, David Taylor, Roger MacCampbell.  
**Guest:** Jack Sinclair (Kenai/Prince-William Sound Area Superintendent), Pam Russell, State Parks Permitting Officer and Pam Brodie from the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society
- B. The Minutes** from the January 11, 2012 were approved as written.
- C. Agenda** was amended to add under new business, the brochure review and the Cook Inlet Aquaculture submitted an application to install a 300 foot by 100 foot broad pen in Halibut Cove Lagoon. The agenda was approved as amended.
- D. Correspondence-** Alaskan Yurt Rental Company submitted by Jessica for the 2011 year end report. The report outlines what they accomplished in upgrades, improvements and any problems that may have occurred. Halibut Cove Lagoon Yurt was not installed in 2011 but will be installed in 2012. The current site is a popular kayak beach. Some recommended improvements suggested are bear proof containers for food and the bucket pulley system needs to be addressed for improvements.
- E. Introduction of Visitors-**Pam Brodie from the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society. The society is interested in all proposed improvements and roads in the Kachemak Bay State Park. The society would like to be notified and that all notification goes out to the public.
- F. Committee Reports**

- a. **Operations Reports-**Roger explained the blocking of the heating vent and the freezing of pipes due to the water not being shut off correctly. The pipes broke and flooded the bunk house basement. Bobby Hickman has been hired to conduct the repairs on the pipes, walls and insulation for the last 2 weeks. The bunkhouse will be ready for the 2012 season.  
Roger has made a few minor patrols and Jacque Erion the Ranger in Ninilchik came back on duty February 1, 2012. Lots of snow removal in all areas.  
Once a week, Roger checks on the boat in the Homer Harbor that is frozen in place at this time.  
Roger talked about the invention of the wag bags that are being introduced. They are used for packing out your own waste. Roger would like to look at a floating outhouse or latrine with a tank system at some of the state parks public use cabins, in areas that are sensitive. Composting and sawdust systems are high maintenance, someone there every two or three days. Paul asked about the high cost of the emptying of the latrines. This is due to the cost of transportation.

Brad Nichol John of the Alaska unit of the Conservation Fund and the unit was the recipient of the Dale Bondurant fund of 240,000 dollars. Brad has been working closely with the Luzadder and have come to an agreement on the purchase price. At this time they are working to complete the transaction and the property still needs to go through a class one inspection for hazardous material before the state can accept the agreement. After the purchase of the land there will be approximately 80,000 dollars in surplus that may be used for youth programs in the Kachemak Bay area.

Commercial user numbers are becoming available for the 2011 season. For the public use cabins there was 2000 visitors, 402 non-residents and 1600 residents.

Eric Clarke is back to work on March 1, and a few volunteer trail crew applications are being submitted for the 2012 season. One person has been hired.

Jack Sinclair discussed the list of deferred maintenance items that is sent to the legislature. This year's list contains the public use dock at Halibut Cove Lagoon and also the latrines for the Kachemak Bay area. Hopefully the funding will be granted. As of today the dock is probably sunk, frozen in and has had a large amount of snow.

- b. **Friends Report-No report**

## II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Halibut Cove Dock Application, Jordon Hess Dock has been approved and issued by all agencies at this time. Jordon's intention is to allow State Parks use of the dock for patrols, emergencies or other State Park business.
- b. Shafford Heights-Public notice was sent out for extension for comments to March 12, 2012. Jack has received a request for the extension for the comment period and we have received 3 comments from the effective land owner.

Pam Brodie asked if there was any public comment and if so what comments had been submitted. At this time, not until the public comment is closed can we release the comments that had been submitted. Pam would like to see the minimum amount of impact to the park resources and all public interested be considered not just the immediate land owner of the area. Pam also suggested that instead of developing a road to suggest alternatives such as limiting access to just snow machine use. Jack also recommended that all comment be submitted in writing. An alternative suggestion is to encourage land owners to access the area through private property, which is a possible solution.

- c. Board Members Application-No new board member applications have been received at this time. Board members are asked to acquire a minimum of 1 or a maximum of 3 more member applications. Two active seats need to be filled and one more would be great. 11 board members would be great. Jack is currently working on establishing three year term for all board members.
- d. Board Priorities: Nothing to Report.
  - i. Ranger I position
  - ii. Convert ACC to Tech position
  - iii. Convert Eric Clarke from 8 to 10 month position
  - iv. Diamond creek: mgt plan and capital
- e. Letters to Paul Seaton-Recommend the board create a briefing paper explaining the operation of the Kachemak Bay State Park area. This briefing paper would give examples about possibly adding a Ranger and how the duties would change it. It would change the operations of the every day park operations. Roger is looking into the future to possibly have an economic study completed in the Kachemak Bay area by a grad student from UAA.
- f. Proposed Jet Ski race –At this time this race is not proposed to use Alaska State Park and will not require a permit.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Pancake Breakfast-** The application for the pancake breakfast needs to be submitted to Shorebird Festival committee by Friday, February 10, 2012. The breakfast is scheduled for the weekend of Saturday, May 12, 2012. Jack recommended that it be part of the annual schedule that list all upcoming events. It was recommended to have more visual displays at the booth. The board voted to submit the application for the shorebird festival.
- b. **Brochure for Kachemak Bay-**Board members were asked to take a look at the brochure and pass any changes or suggestions to Roger MacCampbell or Jack Sinclair. Parks would like to have it available for the 2012 summer.
- c. **CIAA Net Pen in Halibut Cove Lagoon-**Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association is proposing to put a 105' by 256' net pen in the middle of Halibut Cove Lagoon. CIAA would release 100 million pink salmon and anticipate 10 million pink returns. This is a cost recovery project. There is concern for the fish they don't catch and the damage to the eco-system. Steve Schultz presented a motion to deny this permit and Paul Hueper second. The board denies this permit based on AS42.21.990 and 42.21.131 of the Kachemak Bay State Park plan. The motion passes by majority of the board votes.

## IV. COMMENT and discussion by Board Members

## V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Date/Agenda of Next Meeting March 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.