

Kachemak Bay State Parks Board Meeting
Advisory Board Minutes
May 11th, 2016
5:30 pm

1. **Members Present:** Stan Lefton, Nancy Hilstrand, Mako Haggerty, Lindsay Wolter, Glenn Green, Beaver Nelson, Steve Schultz, Nancy Hilstrand and Aron Peterson.

Staff Present: Park Ranger Jason Okuly

2. **Agenda Changes:** Aron Peterson added access and development to State Park lands on the South side of Kachemak Bay. Mako added to change under old business the sea to sea discussion to be tabled until new information becomes available. The agenda was adopted as amended.
3. **Minutes Approval:** Minutes were approved as amended.
4. **Correspondence:** None
5. **Introduction of Visitors:** Toby Wheeler, Chris Perry, Gary Fandrei, Brent Johnson.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Operations Report:** Chief Ranger Jason Okuly provided board members with the following operations report.

Some of the highlights of the report included:

- State Park staff has completed the Director Determination for Helicopter use in Kachemak Bay. This current permit allows helicopters to land only at Grewingk Glacier.
- Homer Electric has submitted an application to conduct line maintenance to the existing electrical line in the Tutka Bay area.
- The ACC trail crew has been hired. The crew just completed chain saw training.
- The ACC volunteer Coordinator has been hired and will start work next week. The first task on hand is coordinating trails day in Kachemak Bay.
- The volunteer trails crew has been arriving. Currently only four out of the eight have been selected. Jason is currently looking for a volunteer to man the ranger station at Halibut Cove.
- Eric Clarke went on a scouting trip for the Sea to Sea trail with Hig and Aron. We are currently looking at the special stipulations and requirement for the trail.
- Compositing Toilet at Halibut cove is still in the planning stages. The goal is to have it built the last week of June or first week of July.

- The Halibut Cove lagoon dock should be completed in the next day or so.
- The Public Use Cabin restoration work after the fire in the Halibut Lagoon West cabin is almost completed and is currently available to the public for renting.
- There was a mooring buoy scouting mission with Kevin Walker. They went out at a negative five tide with glass bottom buckets to see if they could locate the concrete bases from the previous placed mooring buoys. One is somewhere around the head of Saddle trail.
- Jason conducted a few volunteer trips that included fixing the outhouse at Halibut Cove that upheaved during the last earthquake. Fix stairs at the east cabin and just some routine repairs that included cleaning chimneys, fixing railings and other miscellaneous repairs.
- Inspection reports of trail camps and recreation areas have been half completed. These reports reflect such repairs as broken kiosk, new outhouses, block trails and any other maintenance requirements. Jason hopes the volunteer coordinator will be able to put together some volunteer crews to complete the repairs.
- The sign register book is missing at the Grewingk Lake trail head. Also missing are the trail signs.

b. Friends Report- Mako Haggerty provided board members with the following friends report.

- The friendship walk currently has eight people signed up which will occur on Sunday May 15.
- Trail Day sign up is ongoing. Forms will be available at the Pancake breakfast and also at the Island and Ocean Visitor Center.
- The Otter Eye Trail event only has one person signed up. This event includes kayaking and birding together.
- The pancake breakfast will have the supplies will be available Friday night at the church. Mako expressed interest that the event is truly an advisory and State Park event and hoped that State Park staff will be available to help with serving coffee and serving pancakes. Please show up at five at the church to help with set up on Friday and at 7am on Saturday.
- A new water trail brochure is being printed for Kachemak Bay.

7. Old Business:

- a. Dark Sky Park Proposal (tabled)
- b. CIAA permits application- There are no updates at this time. The project at the Leisure Lake smolt enhancement project is currently in its last year. Staff is currently staying at the tent platform site on Leisure Lake.

- c. New Management Plan update-Jason, Jack and other park work on clarifying the definition of Wilderness Park. Next is the permitting matrix section is being reviewed. This group is currently meeting weekly. The draft plan will hopefully be available by fall of 2016.
Mako recommended that the planning group have a meeting with the commercial fishing group.
- d. Vacating Diamond Creek ROW (tabled)
- e. Composting toilets (tabled)
- f. Sea to Sea trail (tabled)

8. New Business:

1. Cook Inlet Aquaculture Tutka Creek Weir. Gary Fandrie gave a report to address the letter that was sent reflecting that the advisory board stated that State Parks should deny the permit request to put a weir in Tutka Creek. CIAA has currently drafted a letter in response. Copies were supplied to the board. CIAA was disappointed that the board had taken action prior to allowing CIAA to explain the application. Gary stated that CIAA has been trying to work more cooperatively with State Parks in getting a better working relationship. This project involved an egg take in the fresh water of Tutka Creek which is better for the fish. After going through the channels of CIAA board and presented the project to the various agencies at the Gilman River Center to discuss if this project is allowable. Gary passed out the permit application to all board members to review the project. This process may help in the quality and amount of eggs that may need to be taken. CIAA will be required to pass a certain number of fish through the weir and to allow any other species such as Dolly's through the weir.

A motion was made by Mako that the letter that was sent to CIAA be rescinded. Lindsay will write a letter in favor of the project with recommendations. Seven were in favor and one is against.

2. Access and development to State Park Land. Aron Peterson gave information concerning land on East End road that has approximately 640 Acres of land that is currently undeveloped. He would like to see trails, a road and possibly a parking area on this parcels for future visitor use. Some of the questions are: Is there an allowable access to the area? Is there an organization that may be interested to not only develop but help maintain the area?
Mako asked if this suggestion been submitted to the management plan, Lindsay said yes it has been submitted and trails were identified.

9. Comments and Discussion by Visitors

10. Comments and Discussion by Board Members-Mako asked that everyone show up for the pancake breakfast on Saturday.

11. Adjournment – Next meeting is September 14, 2016.