

## Kachemak Bay State Parks Board Meeting

### Agenda May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

1. Call to Order
  - a. Members Present: David Taylor, Paul Heuper, Mako Haggerty, Glenn Green, Mike Flora, Steve Schultz. And Nancy Hillstrand

Staff Present: Roger MacCampbell
2. Changes to the Agenda: Glenn Green requested an addition to new business to have a discussion about the fat bicycle tire on the trails. Nancy Hillstrand requested an addition to new business to discuss the proposed heli-skiing business in the state park
3. Adoption of the Agenda: Mako proposed to accept the amended agenda and Paul Heuper second. The agenda was approved by consent.
4. Approval of Minutes-Mako moved to approve the minutes, Nancy second. Minutes were approved.
5. Correspondence-none
6. Introduction of Visitors
  - a. Visitor Comments- none
7. Committee Reports
  - a. Operations Report- Roger MacCampbell spent the day with Eric Clarke, Libby Bushnell and Bob Hickman at Kachemak Crack. It was determine that they will be closing the climbing area at Kachemak Crack and will be reestablishing 1 group camp site and 2 other regular camp sites on left beach. Libby Bushnell from HOWL will be doing the work. They are plan on starting phase one the weekend of May 12.

A field inspection was conducted in establishing the new location for the Halibut Cove Net Pens. A the new landing craft there were 2 representatives from Cook Inlet Aquaculture, 2 from Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and State Park representatives Jack Sinclair, Pam Russell and Roger MacCampbell. The location of interest was between Hawaii Beach and the darlings. The depth in this area is approximately 60 feet and is located away from the oyster farms. The team also looked at sites outside the park between two oyster farms, the only objection to this was that it was considered a mixing zone for native and wild fish. We are currently waiting for the director's determination and the permit approval. The permit will only be issued for 1 year.

Roger had two meeting with the water trails group at Island and Oceans. There was also a public meeting at Seldovia. The community is in full support of developing the trails and also working on the trail from Rocky River Road to the Tutka Bay hatchery. The trail is established, it just needs some signage and possible brush clearing work.

All ACC staff and paid staff are all on board for the summer. Roger has had several staff meeting.

Roger attending the Homer Cycling club meeting. The organization is gaining support for developing trails in the park. There is support of trail development for fat tires use seasonally on specifically on certain trails. They are also working on developing a trail at Cottonwood Eastland is favored for seasonally use.

Eric Clarke has been doing site inspections of public use cabins and yurts.

The latrine in the Halibut Lagoon has been pumped out. The ramp is in the lagoon. The crew helps with hazard tree removal at Ninilchik SRA and Bob Hickman was in Boat operator training. He is now a certified boat operator after the training.

The Tutka Bay campsite is currently closed due to a tree hazard. There are sign posted. Eric went to a two day trails and all the boats are in the water and operational. Dimond creek borrough hazard trees and mitigation and this is the last year of funding. Surveying north boundary 100 or 150 of all spruce bark beetle kill. Will some be left for wildlife and Roger said yes. Give the firewood away for free.

Eric Clarke sent out a trail report, trails that are open at this time are, Saddle and Grewingk

- b. Friend's Report-Mako sent letters to the local grocery stores for donation for the Shorebird pancake break. Both Safeway and Save U More will be donating items. Mako ordered the sausage for the breakfast. Tickets have been made, cut and number and ready for sale by all the board members. Presale of the tickets if the key to success for this breakfast.

#### 8. Old Business

- a. Shafford Heights: No action
- b. Board Member applications: There is someone in Seldovia that may be interested joining the board. Nancy Hilstrand will follow up.
- c. Board Priorities:- A resolution needs to be drafted to the Governor and Commissioners in regards to the Kachemak Bay state Park priorities for the 2014 season. Letters of support should also be obtained from other organizations such as the City Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and B&B Association, etc. A sub committee was formed and the members are David Taylor, Paul Heuper and Nancy Hilstrand. It was recommended that a proposal be ready by July 2012.
- d. Pancake Breakfast- A report was given by Mako under the Friends report.
- e. Trails Day-Flyers has been posted for trails day. This is a full day event. Signup for volunteers will be available at the shorebird festival Booth. There are several events offered, such as Friendship walk, Family hike on the Grewingk trail and work on a number of trails with the help of State Park trail crews. Water taxi service will be provided by Allison O'Hara, Carl Stolfus and Mako Haggerty. In the past there have been as many as 140 volunteers.
- f. Reboot Friends membership
- g. Fat bicycle tires on the trail-There is interest by the cycling club to develop a few trails for fat bicycle use. There will further discussion in the future.
- h. Proposed heli-sking business in the park- At this time there is one person interested in offering heli-sking tours in Kachemak Bay State Park and Wilderness Area. An application has not yet been received.

#### 9. New Business-none

10. Comments and Discussion by Board Members- Roger commented that the board members are encourage to join Director Ben Ellis and Deputy Director Ed Fogels and the Sea Cove cabin for an overnight meet and greet on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

11. Adjournment