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Ketchikan State Parks Citizen Advisory Board recruiting new members

(Ketchikan, AK) – Applications are currently being accepted for three vacancies on the nine-member Ketchikan State Parks Citizen Advisory Board for the term beginning in mid-February.

The board advises the Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation on matters affecting state parks in the Ketchikan area, promotes protection of the area state parks' natural and cultural resources, and facilitates communication between the public and park managers. Board meetings are held monthly, September through May. Members are expected to occasionally serve on board-appointed committees in addition to attending the monthly meetings, and they serve staggered three-year terms so that seats open each year.

To apply for a position on the board, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/boards.htm> to download the application form. Applications are due Feb. 8 and should be sent to Ketchikan District Park Ranger Mary Kowalczyk at mary.kowalczyk@alaska.gov or mailed to her at Alaska State Parks, 9883 N. Tongass Highway, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901.

The board is selected to represent the broad spectrum of public interests involved with or affected by the area parks. The nomination process is designed to ensure that no single viewpoint dominates the board. The bylaws call upon each board member to represent the broad public interest rather than advocate on behalf of one specific group.

State parks in the Ketchikan area include Settlers Cove State Recreation Site, Totem Bight State Historical Site, Refuge Cove State Recreation Site, Grindall Island State Marine Park & public use cabin, Black Sands Beach/Blank Islands, Grant Island/Joe Island, and Betton Island State Marine Parks. Park advisory boards help park managers understand community priorities for these popular destination parks.

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