

# Juneau Area State Parks Advisory Board

**Date:** March 5, 2019

**Time:** 5:30- 7:00 pm

**Place:** Whitehead Conference Room, UAS

## Agenda

I. Southeast CAB Discussion (5:30--6:00)

II. Juneau CAB Business:

A. Debrief on Delegation Meeting

B. Funter Bay - status on distribution list for ad hoc status committee invite

RFP - ? see below

VII. Adjournment

## Regional Mtg 5:30 - 6:30

Sitka - Annemarie, Brownie

Haines, Jan Hill

Ketchikan - Teri , Shelly, Erin

Preston, Ric, Forest, Deb, Mareta, Christy

4 cuts statewide from Parks, admin, potential programs will be cut, LWCF will lose \$, rec trails may get cut

locally, admin staff Lin resigned and went back to Haines; new Director on job for 3 weeks, he'd like to be more in touch with boards, suggested one set of bi-laws statewide

haines - can CBEP have same bi-laws as CABs? it's legislatively designated, she appreciates being included in these meetings regardless

juneau - funter bay update

sitka - they're getting back up and running; how do we get more recruitees? Director would like to see more recruitment and full boards; regional schedule could be in evening and accommodate everyone

ketchikan - getting ready for busy tourist season, breakfast with the birds at Totem Bite, 40+ people, ACTUAL BREAKFAST; internment at Ward Lake, may be local interest in having a sign there as well and get contacts from us; breakfast with birds is part of a month long event with SE Discovery

friends of groups - KTN already has one; the Director likes this idea; may come up for future discussion; one central FO group (statewide) and small groups per each area; even if large one doesn't pan out; future fees with this admin will be a thing; day use fee program will be implemented in SE, day-use fee program was implemented in 1998; Sitka day use program will be implemented this year

rec trails program - how will it function if the program is disbanded? Preston explained it won't be disbanded, but Parks lost two positions that manage program; program will still be there but work would be spread out amongst staff in Anchorage

board bi-law standardized by State Parks, they would look at all current bi-laws and consolidate; will likely be a discussion items in a few weeks; before implementation, boards would be able to take a look

will new Director travel to meet Boards? he would like to meet Boards; State Parks travel budget cut 50%; TBD

are there other rec opportunities in Sitka that don't charge fees? yes, State Parks would be only fee site; bill it as support State Parks - get people to buy in to it, compliance will be hard b.c no one there to enforce; Nick will be starting in April; fees will be implemented in following order: Sitka - Haines - Juneau; KTN charges \$5 and has highest income per year (even higher than Chugach) b.c tourism and cruise ship industry; hard to sell fees to public when other park areas (fed/city/etc.) don't charge; public cabin fees were increased; camping cost at EB was increased from \$15 to \$20; Preston and other superintendents want to see crack down on commercial rec

operators & client fees, idea is not only public is tasked with fees but also com rec operators; this will be a topic at the manager meeting; log books or account monthly are ideas to ensure this happens

day use fee pass is \$50 and year-round; luke stations, Halibut Pt and Old Sitka will get first ones in SE, Parks is getting 10 of these; it's one or the other when it comes to camping and boat launches and parking fee would not be required, lower fees are inclusive; decals valid Statewide

AK On the Go - presence in SE? Must be Anchorage thing; volunteer ambassador with someone who runs outreach for families about getting into Parks- Erin Kirkland; events scheduled; State Parks has not really promoted in past years; idea is to find ways to promote and get more well-known

meetings: bi-annually, May and November; today's will count as spring region wide meeting

roster or phone tree with contact names; meet up if we are traveling with other board members

### **Juneau CAB Mtg 6:30**

Any discussion of fee pass hangar so that families with a few cars can move it from car to car; current regulation says it has to be affixed to be valid

Juneau grant apps were denied; Jeff Budd is SE ORTAB member

Legislature debrief - Jesse Kiehl was really on top of it, overall consensus was that we were impressed; RFP out for contractor - Ethan pushed this b.c Parks doesn't have expertise in merchandising; AIR auction scrapped this year, too much going on - goal is for First Friday December 2019; State Parks only has 130 people; sense that Governor isn't interested in helping Region; soft money loss

camping cove - no sign for trailhead; management agreement for area and people have a hard time finding it; 3/4 of trail is CBJ; Preston can work with CBJ on making better signage

Kodiak - AHS conference

