



Initial Scoping Open House Recreational Use and Facility Suggestions



Between November 2013 and May 2014, the Department of Natural Resources held open houses in Homer, Anchorage, Seldovia, Port Graham, and Nanwalek as part of the initial scoping phase for the Kachemak Bay State Park and State Wilderness Park management plan revision process. The planning team was on site to discuss issues, gather information, and learn more from the public about current or future goals and uses related to the management plan revision. Additionally, the planning team supplied maps of the parks and encouraged the public to put their ideas regarding recreational uses and facilities directly onto the maps.

The planning team would like to thank those that took the time to attend the open house. The following is a summary of what we learned.

Homer Open House – November 13, 2013	
Location	Suggestion/Comment
Inland Bear Cove	Add Land Trails
Below Bear Cove, above SP boundary	More trails, add DNR land
Along SP boundary slightly below Portlock Glacier	Cabin on Portlock Plateau
Inland Mallard Bay, near Humpy Creek	Open trail to motor boat (MB) to Humpy
In K-Bay between Mallard Bay and Glacier Spit	No jet skis
Between Humpy Creek and Grewingk Creek	Snowmachine trails
Between Humpy Creek and Grewingk Creek	No snowmobiles
Between Humpy Creek and Grewingk Creek	Open to bikes
Grewingk Creek area	Back country XC trails
Grewingk Lake	Promote packraft
Grewingk Lake area, diagonal to Glacier Spit	Open to bikes
Grewingk Lake area, diagonal to Glacier Spit	Open to bikes Grewingk to Woz
Lower Glacier Spit	Keep yurts
Beaches below Glacier Spit, within Halibut Cove	Open beaches to bikes
Halibut Cove	Allow for commercial fishing
Beginning of Halibut Cove (upper side)	Mooring buoy
Entire State Wilderness Park	No commercial motorized transport
Below and slightly to the left of Section 15 marker in area by Bluff Point Overlook	Build a tent platform
Within Cottonwood Selected Management Area	Hiking and cycling trails
Along shore of Cottonwood Selected Management Area	Promote fat-bike K-Bay route
Cottonwood Creek Campsite	Public use cabin
Halibut Cove Lagoon	Mooring buoys
Between China Poot Bay and Halibut Cove Lagoon	Keep Yurts
China Poot Lake	Salmon enhancement
Within SWP, diagonal to Sadie Cove	Salmon enhancement
Tutka Bay	Salmon enhancement

Above long portion of Sadie Cove	No helicopters
Above Tutka Bay, near San Juan Island	No helicopters
Above inland Tutka Bay	No helicopters
Point of land between Sadie Cove and Tutka Bay, slightly above Grass Island	Keep yurts
Woz trail	Open Woz trail to bikes
Quiet Creek	Promote packraft
Neptune Bay to spit along China Poot Bay	Create trail (drawn on map)
Spit along China Poot Bay	Open beaches to bikes
China Poot Bay to Wosnesenski Glacier	Finish trail to glacier
China Poot Bay to Wosnesenski Glacier	Snowmobile trail
Tutka Bay	Allow for commercial fishing (x2)
Tutka Bay	Keep yurts
Tutka Bay	Mooring buoy
End of Tutka Bay	Create trail from end of Tutka Bay into SWP
Diagonal to end of Tutka Bay in SWP	No helicopters
Below Tutka Bay	Extend trail into KBSWP
Middle of KBSWP (above Port Dick)	Allow for commercial fishing
Port Dick	Public use cabin
In KBSWP below Tutka Bay	No commercial helicopters
Coast of Eastland Creek Area	Beach trails
Coast of Eastland Creek Area	Beach access
Cottonwood Creek in Eastland Creek Area	Public use cabin
Eastland Creek Area, near border between Section 8 and 9	Open to bikes
Eastland Creek Area, diagonal to Gerald's View Drive	No motorized vehicles
Eastland Creek Area, diagonal to Gerald's View Drive	Open to motorbikes and snowmachines
Section 4 of Eastland Creek Area	Hiking and cycling trails
Diamond Creek SRS	Attach existing trail to beach
Coast of Diamond Creek SRS	Tent platform
Diamond Creek SRS near Sterling Highway	Develop mountain bike trails (x2) (drawn on map)
Diamond Creek SRS (directly above Section 8 label)	Moto dirt bike trail
Diamond Creek SRS near Sterling Highway	Non motorized
Diamond Creek SRS near Sterling Highway	Multiuse narrow trails
Diamond Creek SRS near Sterling Highway	No horses
Diamond Creek SRS near Sterling Highway	No motorized vehicles, except cars to access
Diamond Creek SRS near Sterling Highway	Snowmobile trail
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Regular scheduled shuttle service for predetermined drop-offs should be considered
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Will yurt concept continue or be replaced by more permanent comments, or some combination
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Reference water trail in new plan
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Need more mooring buoys

KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Mooring buoys: Saddle, South Grace, Seastar Cove
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Get better satellite imagery!
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Open trails to bikes, or "route" (Humpy Creek to Haystack Rock)
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Continue Tutka Lake Trail up into KBSWP
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Do not allow mechanized access by commercial entities in KBSWP
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Build cabins: Portlock Plateau and Port Dick
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Re-open Mallard Bay to Humpy Creek trail
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Next time bring current state park trail map with cabins delineated
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Preserve traditional commercial fishing activities within the park- yes
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Support and allow for salmon enhancement for sport and commercial users within park-yes
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Preserve areas within both wilderness and non-wilderness areas that are open to foot traffic only (i.e.: no motorized access via helicopters/fixed wing aircraft/ATV or bicycle)
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Moratorium on heliskiing within the entire park- YES
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Open more areas to snowmobile and ATVS/dirt bikes, make sure park doesn't become one group only play ground
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Open beaches to ATVs
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Logging permits in park for down trees
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Tutka- restrict commercial helicopter access (except HEA- they need helo access) Continue to restrict snow machines, jet skis, motor bikes, ATVS
KBSP and KBSWP- Across Bay	Allow bicycles in park
Homer side	Allow bikes in park
Homer side	Non-motorized except service vehicles
Anchorage Open House – April 7, 2014	
Location	Suggestion/Comment
Grewingk Creek Area	No snowmobile access
Grewingk Valley Area	Open area to biking, but not in the pursuit of hunting

Grewingk Trails	Trail is high use by hikers, very flat and accessible. Bikes are not compatible, especially groups or high speed among hikers of all abilities and children
Halibut Cove/Saddle Trail	The Saddle Trail mooring buoy is heavily used, often with 3+ boats rafted on it. The Saddle Trail is one of the primary access points to the park, and visitation seems to be increasing. A second, perhaps even a third mooring buoy would be well appreciated
Halibut Cove Lagoon	Not an appropriate location for aquaculture. This area already sees plenty of traffic and access is limited. Possible changes to the marine environment would not be beneficial and could be harmful
Halibut Cove Lagoon	Prohibit fisheries enhancement in the lagoon. Not all portions of the park are suitable for fisheries enhancement. Access is already limited and the added traffic in a small area would diminish the recreational and wild maritime character of the area. There are also native species considerations as well as possible changes to the marine biology associated with aquaculture waste
Halibut Cove Lagoon Trail	Lagoon trail is chronically neglected, covered in down timer. Would be great if it got some attention
Halibut Cove/China Poot Bay/ Peterson Bay	No helicopters
Halibut Cove/China Poot	Link trails to make loops
Halibut Cove China Poot (Leisure Lake) Tutka Bay	Fisheries enhancement provides recreational opportunities for fishers and wildlife viewers (the salmon attract other predators). These programs also provide personal use fishing opportunities for Alaskans. Programs are provided by ADF&G and Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery – pink salmon 2. Fisheries enhancement @ Leisure Lake (China Poot) 3. Halibut Cove – Chinook salmon by ADF&G
Wosnesenski River & Glacier Area	Liberalize aviation use. It is ironic that the feds are less restrictive than the

	state
Wosnesenski Trail	Bikes are not a good idea here because the Woz trail is a very dense black bear area
Gore Point	Continue clean up of marine debris
KBSP	Concerned about opening many trails to bikes, especially beaches which are vulnerable to trampling and crushing of marine life - trails can also change the drainage patterns. Many trails are not suitable for bikes and it would take a lot to bring them up to standard and maintain them with the additional wear and tear. Bikes can also cause conflicts with hikers seeking solitude and quiet, especially in large groups or going at high rates of speed
KBSP & KBSWP	Opposed to helicopters and jet ski access to the park – anywhere in the park
Seldovia Open House – April 29, 2014	
Location	Suggestion/Comment
Bear Cove	Add state park land and trails to this area
Halibut Cove	Allow packrafting, climbing, skiing, skating, mountain biking, sailing, etc.
McKeon Flats/Hazelle Lake Area	Helis or planes, private and never commercial, can land on or near summits
Wosnesenski Lake	Should be open on both ends to float plane use
Tutka Bay	More red salmon, less pinks
Tutka Bay	We do not need more farmed salmon We can't sell the pinks we catch now We do not need more rotting pinks
Tutka Lake Trail	Extend trail into KBSWP
KBSP	Lakes or certain limited snowfields should be open to private planes, no commercial
KBSP	Restricted plane use in the park – to land/pick up hiking/skiing parties is okay
KBSP	Keep helicopters out
KBSP	Continue trail work adding and maintaining trails
KBSP	No motorized machines

KBSP	State park (where lots of residents live?) should also mean limited motors. Except maybe some personal motors like planes? Snowmachines? Maybe? Could be used keeping in mind people's recreational enjoyment
KBSP	Continue lack of motorized vehicles
KBSP	In regard to heli skiing versus personal plane parties: if there have to be landing areas they could be limited, far from mountain summits so mountaineers can continue the long tradition of climbing
KBSP	Establish cross country ski trails
KBSP	Add a PUC and Patrol Cabin on the north side of Nuka Passage and PUCs on the north side of Nuka Island
KBSP	Establish a ranger in the park
KBSP	Only allow bike trails in areas not subject to high erosion
KBSP	Fat tire or other bikes should not be prohibited to beaches or cross country – establishing bike trails is not a good idea – high maintenance and liability issues
KBSWP	Wilderness park should mean no motors, so wind powered, solar, mountain bikes, kayaks, packrafters, skiers, climbers, mountaineers, and kites can enjoy the wilderness
KBSWP	Extend access routes into the wilderness park, there is a limit to how much wriggling through devil's club and down timber that can be done before they become a barrier to the interior of the park
KBSP & KBSWP	Very limited (if at all) use of motorized vehicles in the park and none in the wilderness area
KBSP & KBSWP	Helicopter use forbidden in the park and wilderness park except for emergencies
KBSP & KBSWP	No commercial use (ex. heliski, etc.)
Outside of KBSP & KBSWP	Add Elizabeth Island and Perl Island to the park
Port Graham Open House – May 9, 2014	
Location	Suggestion/Comment

China Poot Bay (and surrounding areas)	Port Graham primary traditional use area - subsistence
KBSP (Bear Cove, Chugachik Island, China Poot Bay, Sadie Cove, and Tutka Bay)	Subsistence hunting in these areas for seals, sea lions, and sea otters. Tourists need to be educated on subsistence practice and taught to respect these activities.
KBSP & KBSWP	No floating lodges
KBSWP (Port Dick)	No commercial fishing – keep remote and pristine
KBSWP (Port Dick, Taylor Bay, Gore Point, Tonsina, Nuka Passage, and Nuka Island)	
KBSWP (Rocky Bay & Port Dick areas)	No motorized access
KBSWP (Rocky Bay & Port Dick areas)	Keep area undeveloped, no cabins, yurts, etc.
KBSWP (Gore Point)	Traditional fish camp areas for Port Graham and Nanwalek
Outside KBSWP – Rocky River and adjoining lands	Partner with adjoin land owners for oversight of park land
Outside of KBSP & KBSWP	Do not add Elizabeth Isladn or Perl Island to the park. Port Graham Village Corp. has land on Perl Island
Pancake Breakfast – Homer – May 10, 2014	
Location	Suggestion/Comment
Diamond Creek	Connect Diamond Creek state park parcel to the City of Homer (Homer Demo Forest) parcel – need highway crossing - under or over
Diamond Creek	Develop multi use ski, snowshoe, and fat tire bike trail
Diamond Creek	Reroute and redesign existing trail (beach trail) so that it can be used safely all year
Diamond Creek	No motorized bikes or ATVs, and if allowed maintain a wide separation between motorized and non motorized trails
Diamond Creek	Develop cross country ski trails
Diamond Creek	
Cottonwood Eastland – Cottonwood Creek	Primitive campsite, tent platform
Cottonwood Eastland – Eastland Creek outside of private inholding	Primitive campsite
Cottonwood Eastland – Falls Creek	Primitive campsite

Cottonwood Eastland – center state managed parcel	Add to park
Cottonwood Eastland	Improve access to the park from East End Rd
Cottonwood Eastland	Access should be made to the beach
Outside of KBSP – Bradley Lake	Add to park and develop area for recreation
Outside of KBSP – Martin River	Develop campsite at mouth of the river
Chugachik Island	Tent platform, latrine, and picnic tables in progress
Portlock Plateau	Establish backcountry ski access
Halibut Cove	Improve and regularly maintain Lagoon Trail
Tutka Bay	Prohibit fish enhancement, net pens
KBSP	Add another ranger to get trails opened sooner and more staff to run seasonal/volunteer trail crews
KBSWP	Add trail to access outer coast for fishing/hiking – multimodal experience
KBSWP – Tonsina Bay	Add mooring buoy
KBSP & KBSWP	Ensure adequate funding for rangers and trail/facility maintenance
KBSP & KBSWP	Add more staff
Website	Add info on ski opportunities on Alpine Ridge, etc
Homer Open House – May 13, 2014	
Location	Suggestion/Comment
Diamond Creek	Keep existing trail to the beach non motorized
Diamond Creek	Maintain existing trail
Diamond Creek	New mountain bike trails are a good edition
Diamond Creek	Keep improvements to trail/area minimal
Diamond Creek	Keep area non motorized – child safety
Diamond Creek	Keep area non motorized and undeveloped
Diamond Creek	Add trash cans
Diamond Creek	Permit bikes, horses, motorcycles, and ATVs on beach only
Diamond Creek	Extend bike trail to beach
Diamond Creek	Equal access to all user groups

Diamond Creek	No tent platform – will cause increase in garbage, fires, graffiti, etc
Diamond Creek	Addition of bike trails is great
Diamond Creek	Allow motorized use – ATVs, snowmobiles
Diamond Creek	More trails
Diamond Creek	No camping
Diamond Creek	Add family snow trails – kids need a safe place to ride
Diamond Creek	Add separate horse trails – horse trail could go bridge across Diamond Creek and onto property from below green timbers – different origin than footpath
Diamond Creek	Add trash cans
Diamond Creek	Build and maintain outhouses
Diamond Creek	Tent camping only
Overlook Park	Important habitat area – great for wildlife and bird viewing
Overlook Park	No tent platform camping
	Overlook Park is managed by the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society under a Memorandum of Understand with Alaska State Parks. It has its own management plan separate from KBSP/KBSWP that maintains the undeveloped character of the park.
Overlook Park	Protect wildlife
Overlook Park	A few foot trails are okay
Overlook Park	Motorcycles, Horses, and bikes at sea level only
	No hunting or access for hunters
Cottonwood Eastland	Bike trails are a good
Cottonwood Eastland	Add some motorized use areas
Cottonwood Eastland	Protect and interpret archeological and historic sites
Cottonwood Eastland	Biking and hiking trails are good but should be kept separate
Cottonwood Eastland	Dark sky park - no luminaries, no light trespass
Cottonwood Eastland	Viewing opportunities for wildlife and bird habitat
Eveline SRS	Eveline is wonderful
Eveline SRS	Awesome trail system especially for walking, berry picking, and good views

Eveline SRS	Need separate winter trails available for walking and snowshoeing to avoid people post holing on the groomed ski trails
Eveline SRS	Keep ski trails as is
Eveline SRS	Continue to allow dogs on the trail system
Eveline SRS	Awesome hiking and wildflower viewing
Eveline SRS	Keep area non motorized
Eveline SRS	Allow hiking and biking
Mallard Bay	No jet skis (PWC)
Grewingk Creek Area	No motorized vehicles in the park, especially in the Grewingk Creek area
Grewingk Creek Area	Do not spend money on developing nordic ski trails
Glacier Spit	Adopt a no wake zone from July to August to protect feeding birds in the area
Glacier Spit/Glacier Lake Trail	Keep areas closed to bikes and motorized access
Right brach/Saddle	Add mooring buoys
Hailbut Cove/Saddle Trail	Add more than one mooring buoy
Halibut Cove	Sea duck sanctuary – no commercial hunting
Halibut Cove	Bikes at sea level only
Halibut Cove Lagoon	Sea duck sanctuary – no commercial hunting
China Poot Bay	Sea duck sanctuary – no commercial hunting
China Poot Bay	Keep yurts
China Poot Lake	No fisheries enhancement
China Poot Bay to Wosnesenski Glacier	No snowmobile trail
Wosnesenski River Corridor	No wheel planes, helicopters, or runways
Wosnesenski River Area	No hunting – personal or commercial
Wosnesenski River Area	No planes, helicopters, aircraft landing, or airstrips except for emergency rescues
Wosnesenski River Area	Maintain large wildlife areas
Wosnesenski River	No trails south of river – too dangerous to cross
Wosnesenski River	No commercial river trips
Wosnesenski River Trail	No snowmobiles

Wosnesenski Lake	Do not liberalize aviation access/use
Wosnesenski Lake	Open all of Woz lake to float planes
Wosnesenski Lake	No hardened campsites, outhouses, or other structures
Wosnesenski Lake	No heliski business
Wosnesenski Lake	Floatplane access by permit only
Wosnesenski Lake	Do not open lake to planes, etc
Doroshin Glacier	No helicopters or restrict activity to limited areas
Doroshin Glacier	No heliskiing
Doroshin Glacier	Allow helicopters
McKeon Flats	Haystack needs a running line
McKeon Flats	Limit planes
McKeon Flats/Neptune Bay	No touch and go's should be allowed – some days there are hours of this activity
McKeon Flats/Hazelle Lake	No helicopters
McKeon Flats/Hazelle Lake	No wheeled planes; or helicopters landing in the park, mountain tops or river corridors
McKeon Flats/Hazelle Lake Area	No motorized machines public or private
Neptune Bay	No bikes, private property to the east
Neptune Bay	No Packrafting – the Woz River changed course due to 1964 quake and river now exits by private property
Neptune Bay	No water trail – private property
Neptune Bay/Anisom Point	No helicopters or restrict activity to limited areas
Neptune Bay, Mermaid Island	No trails in this area – private property & open to entry lots on south side of the slough
Eldred Passage	Sea duck sanctuary – no commercial hunting – allow population to grow back
Eldred Passage	No commercial duck hunting
Eldred Passage	Slow boat areas for birds rearing, wintering, and foraging – young birds cannot get our of the way
Sadie Cove	Sea duck sanctuary – no commercial hunting
Sadie Cove	Outstanding goat viewing area – wildlife need protection in areas of prime viewing
Sadie Cove	Add yurt
Tutka Bay	No salmon enhancement
Tutka Bay	Encourage fisheries enhancement

	projects – CIAA has a long history of providing fish for all user groups – bays and rivers full of salmon is a good thing
Tutka Bay	No further fish enhancement
Tutka Bay	No kayaks
KBSP – Bear Cove, Mallard Bay, Halibut Cove, Peterson Bay, China Poot Bay, and Eldred Passage	Slow boat/no wake zone
KBSP – Halibut Cove, Tutka Bay	Create a dark sky park – no light trespass
KBSP	No water trails – promotes development – keep it wild, disturbs wildlife and nesting birds, safety issues, want quiet
KBSP	Allow certain coves to have PWC access – equal access
KBSP	No snowmachines or ATVs
KBSP	No water trail permitted
KBSP	No motorized machines in park
KBSP	Respect the critical habitat designation
KBSP	No sound pollution – no jetskis or helicopters
KBSP	Park belongs to the public - it is very elitist to deny uses that one may not like that does no harm
KBSP	Park is a big part of Homer’s economy and should be kept open for all users as long as the activity does no harm
KBSP	Permit managed heliskiing and aircraft landings
KBSP	Need more rangers
KBSP - Nuka Passage/Petrof View	Add public use cabin
KBSP – Nuka Passage	History of site should be interpreted
KBSWP – Port Dick	Are has always been a prime provider of pink & chum salmon to the local fleet and should continue to be available for commercial fishing
KBSWP - Gore Point	Continue clean up of marine debris
KBSWP - Gore Point	Need safe marine passase through VHS “dead zone” to weather or radio contact – repeater would help
KBSWP	Do not extend trails or develop new trails
KBSWP	KBSWP should be managed to maintain its natural character
KBSWP	No huts/hut to hut system in wilderness
KBSWP	No campsites
KBSWP	No temporary or long term facilities to aid visitors where visitor has the ability to experience wild lands and solitude if desired

KBSWP	Mechanized recreation of all types should be prohibited
KBSWP	Trails and other improvements should be limited—classified as “primitive” with only minimal width or surface treatment
KBSWP	Maintain large wildlife areas
KBSWP	Management plan needs to reflect that wilderness park is protected as such – no flyovers (less than 4000 ft), no landings, no motorized vehicles (i.e. snowmobiles, jet ski, others not invented)
KBSP & KBSWP	Wilderness park should be managed as wilderness and differently than park lands – concessions and yurts in park lands – wild land and specific aspects of wilderness experience protected in wilderness sections
KBSP & KBSWP	No heliskiing
KBSP & KBSWP	No motorized vehicles
KBSP & KBSWP	No jet skis
KBSP & KBSWP	Need a power sports park for snowmobiles and ATVs
KBSP & KBSWP	Keep parks non motorized and focus on quiet sports and human powered recreation
KBSP & KBSWP	Keep wildlife and wildlife habitat intact and not fragmented – unimpacted by sound/noise pollution from motorized vehicles
KBSP - Critical Habitat Area	Bay is a critical habitat area, actively protect habitat for wildlife in addition to accommodating human user groups
KBSP, KBSWP & Critical Habitat Area	Do not rollback critical habitat rules – public notice and comment on special area permits
KBSWP & Critical Habitat Area	If the park was created for its “exceptional wilderness value” then let’s keep it exceptionally wild. Minimal use, minimal development, minimal recreation facilities, or developed trails. There are other areas where trails/heavier use/more motorized access makes sense, but in a critical habitat area, we should keep to low impact activities
Outside of KBSP – Bear Cove, Martin River, Bradley Lake	Do not add land or expand park to include Bear Cove, Martin River, or Bradley Lake Rec areas – areas have

	been traditionally used by hunters, fisherman, and trappers
Outside of KBSP – Rocky River	No improvement to trail/bridge – keep it rural not a highway
Outside of KBSP – Homer Spit	Park is accessed via the Homer Harbor which is on the spit. The spit is being washed away so the Sadie Cove Rock Quarry should be open for 1 year to save the spit and thus access to the park
Outside of KBSP & KBSWP	Open Jakolof to Rocky Bay trail
Kachemak Bay (General)	Allow jet skis in certain areas only, encourage clean boating and responsible motorized use
Kachemak Bay (General)	Need area for PWC in bay, clean 4 stroke only
Kachemak Bay (General)	Equal access to all user groups motorized and not – there is enough land and water to designate areas for all parties
Kachemak Bay (General)	No motorized vehicles or PWC
Nanwalek Open House – May 14, 2014	
Location	Suggestion/Comment
Peterson Bay	Subsistence use area
Gull Island	Subsistence use - eggs
Yukon Island/Tutka Bay	Subsistence use area for seal hunting – clean out in Tutka
Kasitsna Bay	Subsistence use area - clams
Dogfish Bay	Sugt’stun spelling – Qugyugtuliq
General	Noticeable erosion – wider rivers, noticeable impacts from four wheelers