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State Parks combining Citizen Advisory Boards in Southeast Alaska

Now recruiting for candidates to fill 10 seats

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks is pleased to announce the formation of a Southeast Regional Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) to represent Southeast Alaska communities and provide feedback, recommendations, and discussions to assist State Parks with future management and operational strategies.

Applications for board seats will be accepted until May 15, 2025. The new board will be announced on July 1, 2025.

Alaska State Parks Citizen Advisory Boards assist park staff across the state with management and development issues. An advisory board varies between seven and 15 members. Appointments are made by the Director of Alaska State Parks for up to three-year terms. Parks currently has 11 active advisory boards, commissions or councils across the state. The Southeast board will make 12 CABs in Alaska.

“In Southeast Alaska, the three citizen advisory boards that existed prior to 2020 became increasingly difficult to manage with dwindling time and energy among the members in each community,” **said Director of Alaska State Parks Ricky Gease.** “By combining the CABs, we can add two more communities and find representatives from each local region to maximize our staff resources and streamline the process.”

There will be 10 board members representing the various communities to form the united Southeast Alaska Citizen Advisory Board. Parks is looking for interest from the following communities:

- Ketchikan – 2 members
- Wrangell – 1 member
- Sitka – 2 members
- Juneau – 3 members
- Haines – 2 members

Interested citizens can access the application via the Parks website:

<https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/advisboardapp.pdf>

More information about advisory boards can be found here as well as recordings or minutes of past meetings of all advisory boards: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/boards.htm>

Questions or inquiries by potential applicants can be directed to The Southeast Parks office at: (907) 465-4563 or dnr.pkssoutheast@alaska.gov

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