

ALASKA STATE PARKS DIRECTOR APPOINTED CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD PURPOSE AND INTENT

"The Division of Parks and Outdoor recreation provides outdoor recreation opportunities and conserves and interprets natural, cultural and historic resources for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people."

I. INTENT

These By-laws/Operating Procedures are effective immediately upon approval and signature by the Director for all Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) volunteer citizen's advisory boards with nine or less currently appointed members. For any Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) that has a previously established number of members, and the seats are currently occupied over nine members set by these new by-laws/procedures – All current members shall continue to service until their current term expires, if they so desire. Once the nine-seat board is achieved, all the below procedures will be followed in accordance with these by-laws. In the meantime, all other Board procedures established below are effective immediately.

II. OVERVIEW

CABs are independent and self-sustaining organizations that provide advice, feedback, suggestions, and public guidance to the Alaska State Park system. Each CAB will function as a self-reliant board with a separate leadership apart from the DPOR staff to avoid the possibility of DPOR having undue influence over the CAB's goals, responsibilities, or tasks. CAB and public feedback/input is vital to the DPOR's operation and future.

DPOR will remain active and support the CABs by participating, informing, supporting, and reviewing the CAB feedback and recommendations. While DPOR staff is in a supportive role, DPOR staff will NOT be a voting member of a CAB.

III. CAB PURPOSES

The purposes for which a CAB is organized are:

- A.** To provide a forum for public insight, opinions, comments, and recommendations on matters relating to the facilities, uses, concerns, programs, and management of local State Parks.
- B.** To encourage and promote communication and cooperation between DPOR and other federal, state, borough and municipal governments, community organizations,

agencies and services, businesses, Tribes and Native corporations, adjacent residents/landowners, park users and the public.

C. To inquire into matters of community interest relating to the community or regional State Parks; to bring matters of interest to the attention of the public; to appear and testify at public and legislative hearings or meetings as representatives of State Park users, visitors and concerned citizens.

D. To make recommendations to the Director of DPOR (Director) concerning the following matters:

- 1) Assist to identify diverse public recreation uses and promote outdoor recreational opportunities and access.
- 2) Assist mitigating conflicts between user groups.
- 3) Assist and promote the protection and interpretation of the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the park(s), including the scenery, vegetation, soils, waters, features, and outdoor recreational opportunities.
- 4) Assist to increase the public awareness of human impacts on the park(s) and possible solutions.
- 5) Recommending cooperative agreements, land use acquisitions or exchanges and prudent state and municipal management policies regarding in-holdings and adjacent lands.
- 6) Commenting and promoting orderly and consistent State Park management plans, issues, topics, and development project planning.
- 7) Recommending statutory and regulatory changes which would enhance the conservation, protection, maintenance or administration of the Park(s) or any resources.
- 8) Permits, concessions, & commercial activities in State Parks.

E. To enlist public and legislative support for the local or regional State Park policies, programs, facilities, and operations.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2021.

Reviewed and approved as to form and content. These operational procedures are effective immediately upon the date of the signature and supersede any previous Alaska State Park Voluntary Citizen Advisory Board Operational Procedures:

Date: October 4, 2021

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