

**Kachemak Bay State Parks Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 10th, 2018**

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Roll Call: Board Members; Aron Peterson, Lindsay Wolter, Glenn Green, Robert Ostrom, Carol Harding, Sera Baxter, Beaver Nelson, Nancy Hillstrand and Jeff Lee. State Park staff – Jack Blackwell, Jason Okuly, and Rys Miranda.
 - b. Public Members: Janet Klein, Bob Shavelson, Randy Weist and John Allardice.
2. Minutes: Under 6A, number 9 bullet, Dave Brand should be Dave Brann. Under number 54 million chum should be 54 million pink salmon. The minutes were approved as amended.
3. Agenda Changes/Approval: The agenda was approved.
4. Public Comment/Presentation: None.
5. Correspondence: None.
6. A. Committee Reports- Staff gave the following update:

Jack Blackwell reported to the board the following:

Rys Miranda is the chief of the Design and Construction department of Alaska State Parks. This department consists of the engineers that work on designing projects in the State Parks and applying for all necessary permits. In 2015 there was an event that caused considerable damage to the Diamond Creek trail. This area was declared a disaster by the state and Federal assistance was requested. Request for assistance from FEMA takes time, but FEMA has agreed to help with addressing the damage that occurred on the Diamond Creek Trail.

The February board meeting falls in Wednesday the 14th, Jack asked if the board would be willing to change the date to the February 13th, 2018. On that date Jack and Jason will be giving a presentation to the Homer Chamber and would like to be able to have the two meetings on the same date. The board agreed to the change.

Randy Weist presented Parks with a description of the proposed project that would provide tools at trail heads for volunteers to use for maintenance when hiking. One recommendation is a sack with the tools in the bag and one person walks one way using the tools, leaves them on the trail and another person can use them going the other way. Randy is just in the planning phase of the project.

Rys Miranda reported to the board the following;

The 2015 flooding event had a major impact to the Diamond Creek Trail. The trail receives heavy damage and erosion and is unusable now. The damage was submitted to FEMA for disaster funding and received approximately 1 million dollars for repair. Design and Construction Department wanted to look at either repairing the trail back to original state or if there were other alternatives out there. State Parks hired DOWL Engineers to look at the area and to create a feasibility study for the area. The final report offered four alternatives for the area:

1. Abandon the existing trail and create an alternative route that comes out above the highlands and comes out on the beach on the west side of the site. Requires construction of structures and stairways.

2. Abandons the existing trail and creates an alternative route that comes out above the highlands and comes down to a series of switchbacks down to the beach that ties back into the existing trail on the beach.
3. Abandon the existing trail and create an alternative route that ends at a look out or scenic lookout on the top of the slope.
4. Repairing the existing alignment and add stabilizations.

The recommendation was to use the existing trail with some new stabilization methods and techniques.

Nancy made a motion for the board to approve the alternative 4 that is to repair and add stabilization to the existing trail.

Sera seconds the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Jack reported that the Governor announced the State's budget for next year. State Park budget did not see any changes and will remain the same as last year's budget.

We are looking forward to putting in some automatic fee stations as several of our parks on the peninsula. It has been determined that there is more compliance with these fee stations in place.

Jason Okuly reported to the board the following:

- B-Permits – GTT – monitoring of the slopes above Grewingk Glacier Lake for movement.
Adventure trail – sponsored a bike and pack raft trip.
NOAA is intending on doing current monitoring in Kachemak Bay, possibly Tutka bay.
- Pallet fires at diamond, closed the road for about a week during a warm up and rain event.
- Meeting movement, February 14 and April 11 meeting.
- CIAA moving forward with net pen movement, intending on 20% in Tutka instead of 80%.
- Fish and game Critical Habitat Planning Team had a meeting this month.
- Annual friend meeting – 50 people, good turnout, wholesome fun.
- K-Bay Watershed Stake holders meeting – again questioning when the management plan is coming out.
- VIP crew hiring has started.
- Rotary Talk on park status
- Replaced windows at bunk house.
- Agency assist with fish and game to see the China Poot dock site.
- Winterized small landing craft.
- Removed wood pile from bunkhouse, moved to Bill's? house.
- Naiad back from Soldotna, engine issues persist.
- Volunteer work party to patch dry wall at overlook cabin, raise HCL Ranger station ramp, and remove old dock section.
- Complaints: Wanton waste of water fowl in Sadie Cove. Witness observed duck splashing in the water and hunter not retrieving.
- Drug use at diamond creek.
- Regulations for park are unknown to the public and not posted.
- A regulation is being proposed in this legislative session allowing horses on Glacier Lake Trail

B. Friend's Report-No Report

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

- a. Election of Officers-Lindsay asked if anyone would like to put their name forward for chair or co-chair. No names were put forth. Carol Harding recommended that Nancy Hillstrand be chair and Carol Harding will be co-chair. Lindsay will continue helping with letter writing. Sera made the motion that Nancy Hillstrand will chair and Carol Harding will co-chair.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Cottonwood Eastland Access Road-Aron Peterson is promoting the development of Cottonwood Eastland Access Road in accordance to the Kachemak Bay management plan on page 108. Aron received quotes form East End Road Service for a 20-foot-wide 400 feet long road with an estimated cost of 30,000.00 dollars. This is only for the road, with no clearing or culverts. The parking area at the end of the road that is 20 feet by 50 feet is approximately 6,000.00 dollars. This also does not include any grubbing or clearing. There is one permit fee from the State of Alaska of \$100.00 dollars. The total for the project is approximately 36,100.00.

Jason commented that Design and Construction will need to review the plan to make sure it meets State Parks standards.

Aron comment that the RTP grant may be the way to go if the board approves the plan. The board is in favor of this project. It is recommended that Aron keep moving forward.

- c. Jack Blackwell reported that new recruitment opens for the Kachemak Bay board in January 10th, 2018 until the end of January. Hopefully interviews can be completed in February and approval of members by March. Terms that expire in January 2018 are Nancy Hillstrand, Steve Schultz and Mako Haggerty. Steve Schultz announced that he will not be re-applying.
- d. Jack asked if the March Advisory Board meeting can be changed to Tuesday February 13th, 2018, and the board agreed. Jason asked if the April Advisory meeting can be changed do to a conflict. It was determined that the date would stay the same but will have a change of venue.

9. Comments and Discussion by Visitors - None

10. Comments and Discussion by Board Members - None