

**Kachemak Bay State Parks Board Meeting**  
**Advisory Board Minutes**  
**March 11, 2015**  
**5:30 pm**

1. **Members Present:** Steve Schultz, Dave Taylor, Beaver Nelson, Mako Haggerty, Stan Lefton and Glenn Green.

**Staff Present:** Chief Ranger Roger MacCampbell, Kachemak Bay Park Ranger Jason Okuly and Natural Resource Specialist Pam Russell and Eric Clarke

2. **Changes to Agenda:** Dave Taylor added Board Election under new business.

3. **Adoption of the Agenda:**

- a. Motioned – Mako Haggerty
- b. Second – Beaver Nelson.
- c. Agenda was approved

4. **Adoption of Minutes:**

- a. Motioned –Beaver Nelson
- b. Second – Steve Schultz.
- c. Minutes were approved.

5. **Correspondence: None.**

6. **Introduction of Visitors:**

- a. Janet Klein

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Operations Report:

Chief Ranger Roger MacCampbell provided board members with the following operations report.  
Some of the highlights of the report included:

1. State Park Specialist Eric Clarke returned to work on March 1, 2015
2. Hazard at Halibut Lagoon doc has currently closed the dock for use until the rusting on one main piling that holds the ramp has been repaired.
3. Still patrolling Diamond Creek and other state park units.
4. Four Volunteers have been hired and one crew leader ACC.
5. Budget – The budget Governor Walker presented to the legislature did not include any cuts for Parks, however, the division was asked by the Commissioner’s office at the request of the DNR House Finance Subcommittee to submit proposed cuts totaling approximately \$500,000. Parks leadership has evaluated possible funding cuts and proposed three actions to address the cuts and they include:
  - Eliminating Park Ranger II position at Wood-Tikchik State Park
  - Eliminating Park Ranger position in Valdez
  - Eliminating Park Specialist position in Sitka

The Sitka and Valdez units would be placed in passive management. The budget has moved to the House Finance Committee

A copy of the report is available upon request.

- b. Friends Report- Mako Haggerty reported that the friends have a little over \$6800.00 dollars in the friends account. The meetings are held the first Monday of every month at the Cook Inlet Keepers office.

#### **8. Old Business:**

- a. Dark Sky: No Report
- b. Staff funding: Mako Haggerty reported that at this time with major cuts in the state budget that a request for additional funding the Alaska State Parks is not recommended at this time.
- c. Kachemak Crack: Roger MacCampbell is currently working with HOWL in moving the bulletin board that is current on the beach to a new location.
- d. Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association Permit Application: Has been put on hold until further notice.
- e. New management Plan update: The plan is currently being delayed.
- f. Board of Game proposal 183: No report at this time.
- g. Trail Plan working group/committee: No Report
- h. Hunting numbers: No report.
- i. Vacating Diamond Creek ROW: Roger MacCampbell was able to determine that vacating the easement at this time will not be possible

#### **9. New Business:**

- a. Budget Update-Roger reported on this under his staff report.
- b. Geographic place names-Janet Klein is currently working with staff and members of the public to create a list of names that have been given to geographic places in within the Kachemak Bay State and Wilderness Park. Once the names have been established Janet will present these to the board for consideration. The end result would be to have these areas placed on maps as references to each location.
- c. Trails Day Plans-Mako reported that trails day is currently scheduled for one day, the first Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mako, Eric Clarke and Jason Okuly would like to make this a tow day event. Mako made the motion and Stan Lefton second the motion. It passed unanimously.
- d. Pancake Breakfast-Mako reported that the pancake breakfast is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mako is working on submitting the application for reserving the church kitchen for the event. The total cost for the application is \$300.00 dollars. Steve made the motion to approve the application and funds for the pancake breakfast. Mako seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Electing of board officer's-Dave Taylor reported that the board will be having the election of officers at the April 8, 2015 meeting.

Adjournment.