

**Kachemak Bay State Parks Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2016**

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Roll Call: Board Members - Lindsay Wolter, Beaver Nelson, Willy Dunne, Aron Peterson, Stan Lefton ; Staff – Jack Blackwell, Pam Russell, Brad Garasky; Public – Janet Klein, Kevin Walker, Eric Clarke, Jeff Lee, Lance Haggerty and Brentwood “Hig” Higman.
 - b. Minutes: Approved with corrections
 - c. Agenda Changes/Approval: Approved
 - d. Public Comment/Presentation: Hig from Ground Truth Trekking gave a presentation on the progress of the Sea to Sea trail.
2. Correspondence – None
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Operations: Staff gave the following update. Eric Clarke is currently on seasonal leave. Brad Garasky has been signed off for boat operation and can now operate the boat solo. Brad’s seasonal leave begins in December. Brad, Jack, Jason, Eric and Pam conducted some water line surveys in Kachemak Bay State Park. An outhouse and fire rings have been installed at Diamond Creek SRA. State Parks is currently working with the Homer Cycle Club on an agreement to adopt Diamond Creek SRA. Some illegal tree harvesting has occurred at Diamond Creek SRA. Location approval has been requested at Cottonwood-Eastland for the placement of a picnic table, information sign, and outhouse by archeology office. Volunteer removed trash at Cottonwood-Eastland. State Parks is currently working on moving the Yurt from Halibut Cove Lagoon to Eveline. State Park staff is currently working on a list of projects for the summer 2017 season. Jack Blackwell added that the Governor’s budget will be released by the December 15. An update will be available at January’s meeting. The Bondurant Estate had left some funding for purchase of some land for additions to the Kachemak State Park. This funding was used to purchase 75 acres referred to as the Mathisen/Hopkins property located out East End Road. The board currently has five openings for recruitment by the end of December 2016. A public notice was released to solicit applications.
 - b. Friends: Willy reported that the annual membership meeting will be on December 1, 2016 at the Research Reserve.
4. Old Business
 - a. Dark Sky Proposal – The City Council of Homer is currently working on replacing the lightbulbs at the seven towers with LED lights at the Homer boat harbor to meet dark sky standards. Kevin will send the board a letter of support for approval.
 - b. CIAA Permit Appeal – This appeal is still at the DNR Commissioner’s office. The office is currently working through 90 appeals that have been received.
 - c. Management Plan Update – Jack said that the team continues to work on the plan and hopes to have a draft later this winter for public comment. The committee is currently meeting approximately twice a month. The Diamond Creek right-of-way location will be included in the recommendation of the plan.
 - d. Diamond Creek trail-FEMA funding is available for repairs to the trail. Design and Construction is working with FEMA on the process.
 - e. Naming the New Tutka-Taylor trail-It was determined that three different names would be submitted to State Parks for consideration. The Director will make the final decision and names of people are discouraged. The list would rank the names in the order of preference. Lindsay is currently contacting the Seldovia Native Association and SVT to

get their input before moving the names forward, Janet was also looking at some Native names that may be considered, she is gathering further information at this time.

- f. Revision of Critical Habitat Management Plan-A public scoping period will open September 26, 2016 and continue through November 4, 2016. Willy Dunne commented that it was recommended that someone from Alaska State Parks be on the planning team and not just a point of contact.
5. New Business
 6. Comments and Discussion by Visitors
 7. Comments and Discussion by Board Members – Willy Dunne announced the New Year’s Day first Day Hike at Eveline State Recreation Area. You can hike, ski or snowshoe. This is Willy Dunn last meeting on the Kachemak Bay advisory board. With other commitments he is not reapplying for a seat on the board.
 8. Next Meeting is January 11, 2017.