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Public comment period lengthened for Kachemak Bay management plan

(Anchorage, AK) – The Department of Natural Resources has extended the comment period for the public to provide input on a draft revision of the Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park Management Plan. The department also has scheduled a public meeting in Homer to discuss the draft plan.

The comment period previously set to end on October 19 will now end on November 16, and an open house meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, located at 95 Sterling Highway in Homer.

The draft plan includes management guidance and facility recommendations for the state park and wilderness park, as well as guidance for Diamond Creek State Recreation Site, Eveline State Recreation Site, and Overlook Park State Recreation Site.

Since the last management plan was adopted in 1995, park uses have increased and changed as the result of changes to the economy, area infrastructure, and tourism trends. The goal of this plan revision is to address these changes, address management challenges, and update recommendations for long-term facility development. Additionally, the draft plan includes a trail management plan that provides trail sustainability recommendations, trail design and management criteria within the park units.

Written comments are encouraged during the public comment period. To facilitate the public's review of the public review draft, reference copies in print format are available at the Homer public library and the Islands and Oceans Visitor Center. The public review draft is also available on DVD by request and online at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/kbay/kbayplan.htm>.

To receive full consideration, comments must be received no later than November 16, 2018. Comments can be submitted by mail, fax or email to: Kachemak Bay State Planning, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1050, Anchorage, AK 99501, Fax: (907)269-8915, Email: monica.alvarez@alaska.gov.

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