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To Whom It May Concern:

The Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, which represents approximately 60 members, strongly supports moving HB130 and SB61 forward through committees and on to the House and Senate Floor. These bills have no fiscal note so there will no hardship to the state's budget.

This legislation will correct the boundaries of 8 refuges & critical habitat areas as they were laid out in the original enabling legislation and add acreage to Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area with land acquired from the Nature Conservancy.

The Homer area residents and visitors greatly appreciate and enjoy the Critical Habitat Areas in our vicinity and throughout the state of Alaska. It is important to establish the true boundaries of these areas and ensure they are protected for future generations.

Thank you for your service in this challenging time and we hope that these bills can be moved forward this session.

Respectfully,

Kachemak Bay Conservation Society

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