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*A non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing, preserving and protecting the resources of Kachemak Bay State Park.*

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park strongly supports moving HB 130 and SB 61 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 to Kachemak Bay 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

Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park

Mako Haggerty, President