



Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park
Volunteer Citizen's Advisory Board
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To
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A RESOLUTION OF THE KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK AND KACHEMAK BAY
STATE WILDERNESS PARK VOLUNTEER CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
STATING OPPOSITION TO CS HOUSE BILL-52 AS PRESENTLY WRITTEN

- 1.WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature created the Kachemak Bay State Park and the Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park in 1970 and 1972 respectively, to "...protect and preserve [the park's] unique and exceptional scenic value" defined in AS 41.21.990; and
- 2.WHEREAS, Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park were formed and designated as "Special Purpose Sites" under the Alaska Constitution article 8, section 7; and
- 3.WHEREAS, The Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park Volunteer Citizen's Advisory Board was created in 1982 to provide a forum for the collection and expression of opinions and recommendations on matters relating to the Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park to promote thereby the protection of the resources of the Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park including its scenery, vegetation, wildlife, soils, waters, historic features, and wilderness core and outdoor recreational opportunities; and to promote therefore communication between the public, state, and local government and the administrators of the Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park; and
- 4.WHEREAS, Kachemak Bay State Parks and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park provide important recreational and economic opportunities for local residents and attracts tens of thousands of visitors each year who support a broad range of local businesses and jobs; and

5. WHEREAS, CS House Bill-52 as presently written, would legislatively remove the Tutka Bay Lagoon and certain uplands totaling 123.45 acres from Kachemak Bay State Park and place them back into General State Lands classification; and

6. WHEREAS, CS House Bill-52 as presently written, will set an unacceptable precedent by removing lands which are protected under statute as State Park Lands removed from the Public Domain; and

7. WHEREAS, The Kachemak Bay State Park Citizen's Advisory Board supports sustainable commercial, personal use and subsistence harvest, with management of those fisheries informed by ecosystem understanding and monitoring; and

8. WHEREAS, Kachemak Bay is the only area of the state that has overlapping jurisdiction of not only a State Park but designated also as a Critical Habitat Area which deserves better scientific oversight to preserve a healthy, productive ecosystem; and

9. WHEREAS, Conclusive effects of large releases of pink salmon into Tutka Bay and greater Kachemak Bay have not had adequate defensible studies to determine detrimental effects on native aquatic populations including shellfish.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK AND
KACHEMAK BAY STATE WILDERNESS PARK
VOLUNTEER CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

DOES NOT SUPPORT CS HOUSE BILL- 52 AS PRESENTLY WRITTEN, that would remove 123.45 acres from Kachemak Bay State Park or any bill that would remove lands from Kachemak Bay State Parks.

FURTHERMORE, The Kachemak Bay State Parks Citizen's Board supports the wording in the KBSP & KBSWP 2018 Management Plan, intent to adopt.

**PASSED BY THE KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK AND KACHEMAK BAY STATE
WILDERNESS PARK VOLUNTEER CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

ON THIS THE 30th DAY OF December, 2021

Robert Archibald



Chair

Kachemak Bay State Parks and

Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park Volunteer Citizen's Advisory Board

VOTE on CAB Resolution 2021 - 4

Yes – 9

No - 1

Absent – 5

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