



**Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness
Park Volunteer Citizen's Advisory Board
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Resolution 2022 - 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK AND KACHEMAK BAY
STATE WILDERNESS PARK VOLUNTEER CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
STATING OPPOSITION TO HOUSE CSHB 52 (RES)

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature created the Kachemak Bay State Park and the Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park in 1970 to "...protect and preserve [the park's] unique and exceptional scenic value"; and

WHEREAS, Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay Wilderness Park were formed and designated as a special purpose site under the Alaska Constitution article 8, section 7; and

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

WHEREAS, Kachemak Bay State Park 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

WHEREAS, CS House Bill 52 (RES) As 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 allowing DNR and ADF&G to lease these lands to Cook Inlet Aquaculture Assoc. to continue operation of the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery; and

WHEREAS, The Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens Advisory Board supports sustainable commercial and subsistence harvest, with management of those fisheries informed by ecosystem understanding and monitoring; and

WHEREAS, To accommodate a larger production the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery will have to engage in remote release of fry outside of the Tutka Bay Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Assoc. has not shared it's plans for the future operation of the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery; and

WHEREAS, Conclusive effects of large releases of pink salmon into Tutka Bay and greater Kachemak Bay have not had studies to determine detrimental effects on native aquatic populations; and

WHEREAS, Citizens deserve a Cost- Benefit Analysis which would provide answers as to who and how the citizens of Alaska benefit from the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery; and

WHEREAS, CS House Bill 52 (RES) As Written, will set an unacceptable precedent by removing lands that are protected under statute as "State Park Lands removed from the Public Domain."

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 (RES) As Written that would remove 123.45 acres of Kachemak Bay State Park Land to provide for the operation of the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery,

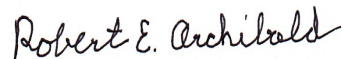
FURTHERMORE, The Kachemak Bay State Park Citizen's Board supports the wording in the KBSP & KBSWP 2018 Management Plan, intent to adopt, which gives Cook Inlet Aquaculture Assoc. until 2031 to relocate this hatchery operation.

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

ON THIS THE 9th DAY OF February 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Archibald



Chair

Kachemak Bay State Park and

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VOTE

Yes – 11

No - 2

Absent - 1

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