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I strongly oppose SB 62.

- We need to continue to **safeguard our protected lands and waters** if we want wild places, wild salmon, big game, their supporting industries, and our Alaskan way of life. The bills jeopardize Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area, as well as Alaska's State Game Sanctuaries, State Game Refuges, State Parks, and other Critical Habitat Areas.

- SB 62 would be in **direct conflict with Alaska Statute 16.20.500**, which states that the purpose of the Kachemak Bay CHA is to:

“protect and preserve habitat areas especially crucial to the perpetuation of fish and wildlife, and to restrict all other uses not compatible with that primary purpose.”

In all likelihood, it is also in direct conflict with the statutory purpose of every other State Park, Game Refuge or Sanctuary, Critical Habitat Area where it would be applied.

- HB 82 and SB 62 **threaten the livelihood** of commercial, sport and subsistence fishermen, as well as local guides, lodges, B&Bs, and charter boat companies whose businesses depend on protected lands and waters.

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