



CHUGACH STATE PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Chugach State Park Citizens' Advisory Board (CSPCAB) in support of HB 304. HB 304 will allow for a land swap that will trade the 40-acre Lions Club Park in Eagle River for four other parcels of land owned by the State of Alaska totaling 10,304 acres. The traded parcels will be added to the boundaries of Chugach State Park through this legislative action, and they are of a similar monetary valuation when compared to Lions Club Park.

Lions Club Park has been developed and operated in a manner that differs from the operational characteristics of other Chugach State Park facilities and would require additional staff resources if the park were to take over full management of it. This scenario isn't possible given current staff capacity.

Expanding the park boundaries through this legislative action will lessen the maintenance and management burden placed on Park's staff and will also expand dedicated access opportunities to Chugach State Park. This will benefit park users tremendously by enhancing recreational opportunities to include hiking, hunting, wildlife viewing, berry-picking, etc.

We urge your support of HB 304. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Respectfully,

Ryan Yelle
Chair, CSPCAB