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## AN ACT

Relating to state parks; and providing for an effective date.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 41.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 41.20.261. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER RESTRICTED TO USE AS A STATE PARK FOR WILDERNESS PURPOSES. (a) The presently state-owned lands and waters, and all those acquired in the future by the state, lying within the parcels described in this section are designated as the Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park. In order to protect and preserve these lands and waters for their unique and exceptional wilderness value, the park is established and shall be managed as a wilderness park. The lands and waters lying within the following described parcels are reserved from all uses incompatible with their primary function as a wilderness park and are assigned to the Department of Natural Resources for control and maintenance:

(1) Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

Section 9: S 1/2  
Section 10: S 1/2  
Section 11: S 1/2  
Section 12: S 1/2  
Sections 13 - 16  
Sections 19 - 36

(2) Township 9 South, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Section 7

Section 8: S 1/2 and NW 1/4  
Section 13: S 1/2  
Section 14: S 1/2  
Sections 15 - 36

Meridian (3) Township 9 South, Range 13 West, Seward

Section 11: NE 1/4  
Sections 12 - 13

Meridian (4) Township 10 South, Range 9 West, Seward

Sections 5 - 7

Meridian (5) Township 10 South, Range 10 West, Seward

Meridian (6) Township 10 South, Range 11 West, Seward

Meridian (7) Township 10 South, Range 12 West, Seward

Meridian (8) Township 11 South, Range 10 West, Seward

Meridian (9) Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Seward

Meridian (10) Township 11 South, Range 12 West, Seward

Sections 1 - 10  
Section 11: W 1/2 and E 1/2  
Sections 12 - 17  
Sections 21 - 24

(b) The following public domain lands shall be selected by the state, and classified as wilderness park lands and designated as part of Kachemak Bay State Park immediately upon receipt of management authority by the state:

Meridian (1) Township 8 South, Range 10 West, Seward

Sections 4 - 5  
Section 7: S 1/2  
Sections 8 - 9  
Sections 16 - 21  
Sections 28 - 33

Meridian; (2) Township 9 South, Range 10 West, Seward  
W 1/2

Meridian (3) Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Seward

(c) Lands lying within the parcels described in (a) and (b) of this section, upon which there are valid entri

or upon which there are valid applications for leases filed under AS 38.05 before March 9, 1972 or which are withdrawn for or selected by Native village or regional corporations under secs. 11, 12 and 14 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (P.L. 92-203), are excepted from (a) and (b) of this section; however, if any lands excepted under this subsection are subsequently relinquished to the state, they shall be included as part of Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park.

(d) Nothing in this section prohibits the Department of Fish and Game from engaging in stream rehabilitation enhancement and development under AS 16.05.092 on lands lying within the parcels described in (a) and (b) of this section.

(e) Discharge of a firearm in Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park, when authorized by the Department of Natural Resources by lawful regulation, is permitted.

Sec. 41.20.450. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter

(1) "scenic park" means relatively spacious areas of outstanding natural significance, where major values are in their natural geological, faunal or floral characteristics, the purpose of which is directed primarily toward the preservation of its outstanding natural features and where development is minimal and only for the purpose of making the areas available for public enjoyment in a manner consistent with the preservation of the natural values such as camping, picnicking, sightseeing, nature study, hiking, riding and related activities which involve no major modification of the lands, forests or waters, and without extensive introduction of artificial features or forms of recreational development that are primarily of urban character;

(2) "wilderness park" means an area whose predominant character is the result of the interplay of natural processes, large enough and so situated as to be unaffected, except in minor ways, by what takes place in the nonwilderness around it, a physical condition which activates the innermost emotions of the observer and where development of man-made objects will be strictly limited and depend entirely on good taste and judgment so that the wilderness values are not lost.

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.