

1 IN THE HOUSE BY NAVARRE AND SWACKHAMMER
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 Supporting a land trade between the
6 Seldovia Native Association and the
7 state.
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 WHEREAS Kachemak Bay is recognized by marine experts as having one of
10 the most varied and productive marine ecosystems in the world; and
11 WHEREAS Kachemak Bay State Park is recognized as one of the most
12 beautiful scenic parks in Alaska; and
13 WHEREAS the accessibility of Kachemak Bay State Park makes it one of
14 the most valuable of state parks in terms of affording scenic viewing and
15 recreational opportunities; and
16 WHEREAS certain types of development possible on private land within
17 the boundary of the park are inconsistent with the purposes of the scenic
18 park status of Kachemak Bay State Park land; and
19 WHEREAS Seldovia Native Association holds title to some 23,000 acres
20 of land as inholdings within the confines of the park; and
21 WHEREAS negotiations to accomplish a land trade for these inholdings
22 between the Seldovia Native Association and the state have been attempted
23 intermittently for over a decade; and
24 WHEREAS recently renewed negotiations have been undertaken with an air
25 of optimism and the hope for real progress; and
26 WHEREAS the success of these negotiations will assure that the scenic
27 and recreational values of Kachemak Bay State Park will remain intact for
28 generations to come;
29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature finds that it is in

1 the public interest for the state to secure title to significant private
2 holdings within the boundaries of the Kachemak Bay State Park; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that a negotiated trade between the state and the
4 Seldovia Native Association would secure for the public Seldovia Native
5 Association's landholdings within Kachemak Bay State Park; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports such a
7 trade between the state and the Seldovia Native Association; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges
9 the commissioner of natural resources to continue to maintain and support
10 these negotiations until an agreement satisfactory to all parties involved
11 is reached.

12 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Lennie Boston-Gorsuch,
13 commissioner of natural resources; Fred Elvsaaas, president of Seldovia
14 Native Association; and Roberta Highland and Janice Schofield, co-chairper-
15 sons of the Kachemak Bay Citizens Coalition.