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## House of Representatives

January 30, 1976

Ms. Jane Cason  
Box 315  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Ms. Cason;

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter written to the editor of the Anchorage Times. Please be assured that I will consider your opposition to HB 626 in my committee.

Very Sincerely,

Nels A. Anderson, Jr.  
NAA/ra  
cc. Rep. Leo Rhode  
Sen. Clem Tillion

Box 315  
Homer, Alaska 99603

January 27, 1976

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820 W. 4th Avenue  
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## House of Representatives

January 30, 1976

Jerry Anderson, Chairman  
Homer Committee to Promote Utilization of Port of Homer  
PO Box 955  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Mr. Anderson;

Thank you for your January 26, 1976 packet regarding Homer's view on development. I appreciate your efforts to keep me informed. I find your goals admirable and I will do what I can to help you achieve those goals.

Very Sincerely,

Nels A. Anderson, Jr.  
NAA/ra

dd. Leo Rhode

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## House of Representatives

February 1, 1976

Edwin W. & Lillian C. Herndon  
Box 262  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Edwin and Lillian:

Thank you for your letter of January 28, 1976, regarding your opposition to HB626. You may be assured that your comments will be given consideration when the bill comes up for hearings.

Very Sincerely,

Nels A. Anderson, Jr.  
NAA/ra

cc. Rep. Leo Rhode  
Sen. Clem Tillion

Edwin W. & Lillian C. Herndon  
Box 262  
Homer, Alaska 99603

January 28, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Proposed Kachemak Bay State Marine Sanctuary  
HB 626

Honorable Sir:

After a very careful study of HB 626 we would like to be on record as very much opposed to the Proposed Kachemak Bay State Marine Sanctuary.

We are not new-comers to Alaska. We have maintained a home in this area for well over 35 years. During those years we have struggled along with others, at times barley existing and eking out a living while awaiting the day of development of this area. We truly believe it possible for marine life and the exploration of gas and oil to be compatible as it has been proven to be so in other areas.

HB 626 could have a very adverse effect on any future sea port expansion within this proposed area. It is our feeling that the residents of Homer are in need of every avenue of commercial expansion available to them. A Marine Sanctuary, in our opinion, would benefit a very small percentage of the local population. It is also our feeling that we do not need another department with the authority to condemn, pay a small fee or simply take privately owned land which we, the people, have sacrificed much to obtain. HB 626 plainly states that the Department of Natural Resources will have that authority.

We strongly feel that far too much of the land that belongs to the people of Alaska is being set aside for parks and et cetera and will very possibly lie dormant for many years to come. It seems that we people have very little, or no opportunity to agree or disagree with our land use.

Again, please make note that we are very much against HB 626.

Sincerely,

*Lillian C. Herndon*  
*Edwin W. Herndon*  
Edwin W. & Lillian C. Herndon

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cc: Senator Clem Tillion  
Representatives' Leo Rhode & Hugh Malone

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PMS REP NELS ANDERSON

JUN

DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT AND LASTING EFFECTS ON THE HOMER  
AND SELDOVIA ECONOMIES THE HOMER CHAMBER REQUESTS THAT  
PPUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD IN HOMER AND SELDOVIA PRIOR TO  
ADOPTIONS OF HB626 OR MODIFIED VERSION  
ANGELO HILLAS HOMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Honorable Nels Anderson

Chairman Natural Resources Homer, Alaska  
Committee, House of  
Representatives

Francis Meil

Box 1091

Dear Sir,

after reading over House Bill 626 I  
find it hard to believe why some one  
would set Homer down the drain  
with a Bill like this one.

I think the thing that upsets me and  
others in Homer the most about  
it is the freedom that would be  
taken away by a Bill that would  
remove the right to vote and choose  
the way we want to live and  
work - and put it in the hands of  
a commissioner that makes up  
the law as he goes along.

this would be like a King ruling  
over the land. I would rather  
have the Oil Co's have their turn it  
over to the State, a commissioner or  
a King to run.

I would like to know where the State is going to come up with the money to do all this, pay off the oil co's for their leases, pay for all the unemployment, and pay for all the new parks and the land the State would steal from us?

The State Gov. can't even come up with the money to man the oil new fire Sta at the Homer air port  
after reading House Bill 626, I would vote for the Oil Co's

I would rather have the oil than have Big Brother or a King telling us how to run our lives

James Neil  
Homer, Alaska

Homer, Alaska  
Jan. 28, 1976

Honorable Clem Tillion  
Alaska State Senate  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: House Bill 626 - Marine Sanctuaries and Recreation Areas.

Dear Senator Tillion:

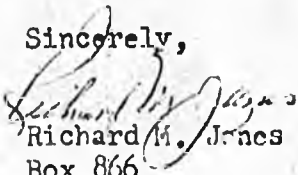
I am a relatively new resident of the area, having purchased property in Homer and established my retirement residence a year and one-half ago, after residing in the Matanuska Valley twenty-three years. My interest and love of this area originated in 1943 as a hand on the cannery tender Chacon, which I note is still plying local waters.

The attitude and actions of the present administration, and your apparent concurrence, as to "Lock Up" of our natural resources, of which our personal god given liberties are a part, deeply concern me. News releases generally indicate local support of these programs, but my general and off-hand inquiries indicate local opposition to be at least two to one.

As far as the local area is concerned, House Bill 626, submitted at the request of the governor, is the "Pay-Off". While the tenor of the act is to make a beautiful Marine Sanctuary in Kachemak Bay and extended to Anchor Point and outward to the three mile limit, it would appear to be the back door approach allowing confiscation of any properties, including oil leases and privately owned properties, which would be in conflict with the intent of the Act. The Commissioner of Natural Resources is to carry out the provisions of the Act, with, in my opinion, "Commissar" authority. Any uses of the designated area "incompatible with their primary function as a State Marine Sanctuary" would be prohibited. Perhaps this would answer Homers' problem in subsidizing present dock operations, as they surely would not conform. Just close the facility! How will freight and tanker traffic proceed through the area to the upper inlet? Of course the "Commissar", after consulting with the Fish and Game department can make a ruling on this.

I believe it is time to relate to our forefather Patrick Henry, who said, "Give me liberty, or give me death".

Sincerely,

  
Richard M. Jones  
Box 866  
Homer, Alaska 99603

P.S. Another letter is being sent to Representative Malone in this regard.

CC - News media  
- Gov. Hammond  
- Rep. Malone  
✓ - Hon. N. Anderson, Chair. Nat'l. Resources. Comm.

Box 43  
Seldovia, AK 99663

January 28, 1976

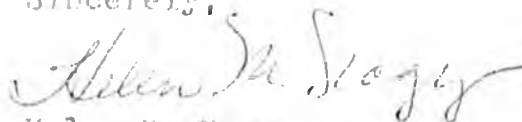
Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I'm writing in reference to HB 626 as a private property owner within the described boundaries on Kachemak Bay. I object to the State being able to acquire my property for scenic purposes through this bill, if they see fit.

Also, as a member of the community of Seldovia, I fear that at a later date this bill can be used as a lever by the Commissioner or other organizations to eliminate our bottom fisheries, forestry development and other prospects which all and may be our only means of support for our vicinity.

Sincerely,



Helen M. Nass

cc: Senator Clem Tillion  
Representative Hugh Malone  
Representative Leo Rhode

Box 60  
Seldovia, AK 99663

January 28, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chrm.  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: HB 626

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Upon hearing of HB 626, Mt. St. Augustine (speaking for the people of Kachemak Bay areas) blew her stack several times in utter disapproval.

She sits there boldly, watching and protecting the fishermen as they struggle through stormy seas to support their families with catches of crab, shrimp, and salmon.

She knows how the livelihood of the villages and towns on the Kachemak would be destroyed if it were made a Marine Sanctuary. In fact, she laughingly says, "Who knows better than the local Kachemak residents what is best for the area.....certainly not the members of the "House", as the majority of them haven't even been here"!!

Mt. St. Augustine further stated she would be discussing this matter with Mt. Illianna, Mt. Shishaldin and Mt. Katmai if HB 626 gets off the ground.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mt. St. Augustine Reporter

P.S. "It's not nice to fool with Mother Nature!"

cc: Senator Clem Tillion  
Representative Hugh Malone  
Representative Leo Rhode  
Newspapers  
Mt. Illianna, Mt. Shishaldin, Mt. Katmai

SELDOVIA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

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P. O. Box 197  
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234-7890

January 28, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK. 99801

Re: HB 626

Dear Sir:

House Bill 626 would be disastrous to the economy of the lower Kenai Peninsula. Although parks, recreational areas, and marine sanctuaries are nice to have, they do not have the tax base to support themselves.

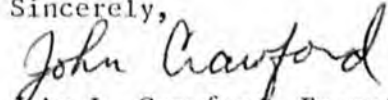
We are attempting to create more employment in this area, by developing our forestry and seafood resources. The natural resources of the State are its best source of income. HB 626 would seem to restrict or eliminate development of these resources -- timber, oil, fisheries and other support systems.

I believe that with the proper impact and environmental studies required, that the resources can be developed in a manner which would not destroy or harm the area.

I feel that HB 626 is a large step toward socialism, and control of private rights, and business development.

We recommend that this bill not be passed now, or in the future.

Sincerely,



John L. Crawford, Executive Director  
Seldovia Development Company, Inc.

cc: Sen. Clem Tillion  
Rep. Leo Rhodes  
Rep. Hugh Malone

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REF HB 626 URGE YOU TO DEFEAT THIS BILL.

AS NOT BEING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR BEST

INTEREST RESIDENTS KACHEMAK BAY. HB 626 APPEARS TO BE

NEGATIVE LEGISLATION OF DISCRIMINATORY NATURE REFLECTING

DISCREDIT ON U.S. CONGRESS STATE OF ALASKA IN THEIR

ENDEAVORS TO ALLEVIATE AND ELIMINATE ENERGY SHORTAGE

USA

HOMER S THOMPSON

Box 847

Homer, AK. 99603

Jan. 27, 1976

Lee -

Please do all you can to  
kill H.B. 626. We can not  
live with a bill that can  
strangle Homer as this one is  
designed to do.

Thank you -

Bob Gambelle

copy to:

House Resources Committee - 1/30/76

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1/26/76  
Anchor Point

Dear Les:

Thank you for sending a copy of the bill creating a marine sanctuary of Kachemak Bay and its environs.

It is Jans feeling that a ~~such~~ marine sanctuary should be just that and if created should exclude all intrusions, including fishing men.

I offer the following comments observations & opinions

1. To curtail the search for oil at this time is dangerous and not in the national interest - it endangers national security.

2. I have seen nothing of substance to indicate that oil development would endanger the marine biota if properly conducted according to natural law.

3. There is plenty of evidence to indicate serious damage to a fishery by overuse and by use of bottom destroying dragnets.

4. The state cannot afford it (sanctuary) if it is to be properly policed and should not proceed if it cannot be done properly.

5. I feel there is improper use of government domain.

6. The act is discriminatory

7. Bureaucrats will formulate regulations to conform with pressure groups.

8. No one at this time knows enough about the marine habitat to make decisions witness the decline of the moose - a practical demonstration in our lack of knowledge regarding natural law.

9. The best government is the least government.

10. If you folks keep on with your laws & regulations, we will shortly be regulated right out of Alaska.

Thanks again for keeping us informed - Keep voting no and you will be right 98% of the time

Regards  
Bill

William Kahlert  
Box 21  
Anchorage Point  
Alaska

P.S. If you'd care to give Mr. Rule Anderson or anyone else a copy of this letter, please feel free to do so. Joe Kahlert

P. O. Box 315  
Homer, Alaska

*File with  
bill*

January 27, 1976

The Editor  
Homer Weekly News  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Sir:

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In my opinion, this proposed legislation would effectively strangle the TOTAL economic development of the place where we now live and work and would make it virtually impossible for the generation now coming into adulthood to find enough employment to make this area their permanent home.

I urge every person who hopes to live and work here (or who has children who may hope to settle here) to write your legislators and voice opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

*Jane Cason*

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Very truly yours,

*Jane Cason*

Jane Cason

# Alaska State Legislature

REP. LEO RHODE

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LEGISLATIVE ADDRESS  
POUCH V  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801



COMMITTEES:  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMERCE

## House of Representatives

January 28, 1976

Nels Anderson  
Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Nels:

Since I am aware of your interest in the Kachemak Bay area I am enclosing HB 626 for your review and comments, if any.

Personally I have no objection to Marine Sanctuaries per se, if established for the protection of marine life, wildlife and recreational uses.

Your attention is invited to Sections 44.20.425 and 41.20.430 on page 6 of HB 626.

These sections could have a vital effect on Kachemak Bay Sea Ports. Also private property within the described boundaries would be subject to acquisition through exercise of the power of eminent domain by the state. In addition it is conceivable that the bottom fishery could be wholly eliminated.

Your comments, if any, should be directed to:

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

If convenient, copies of your comments should be mailed to Senator Clem Tillion, Representative Hugh Malone and myself.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leo Rhode".

Leo Rhode  
State Representative

LR/jp  
Enclosures

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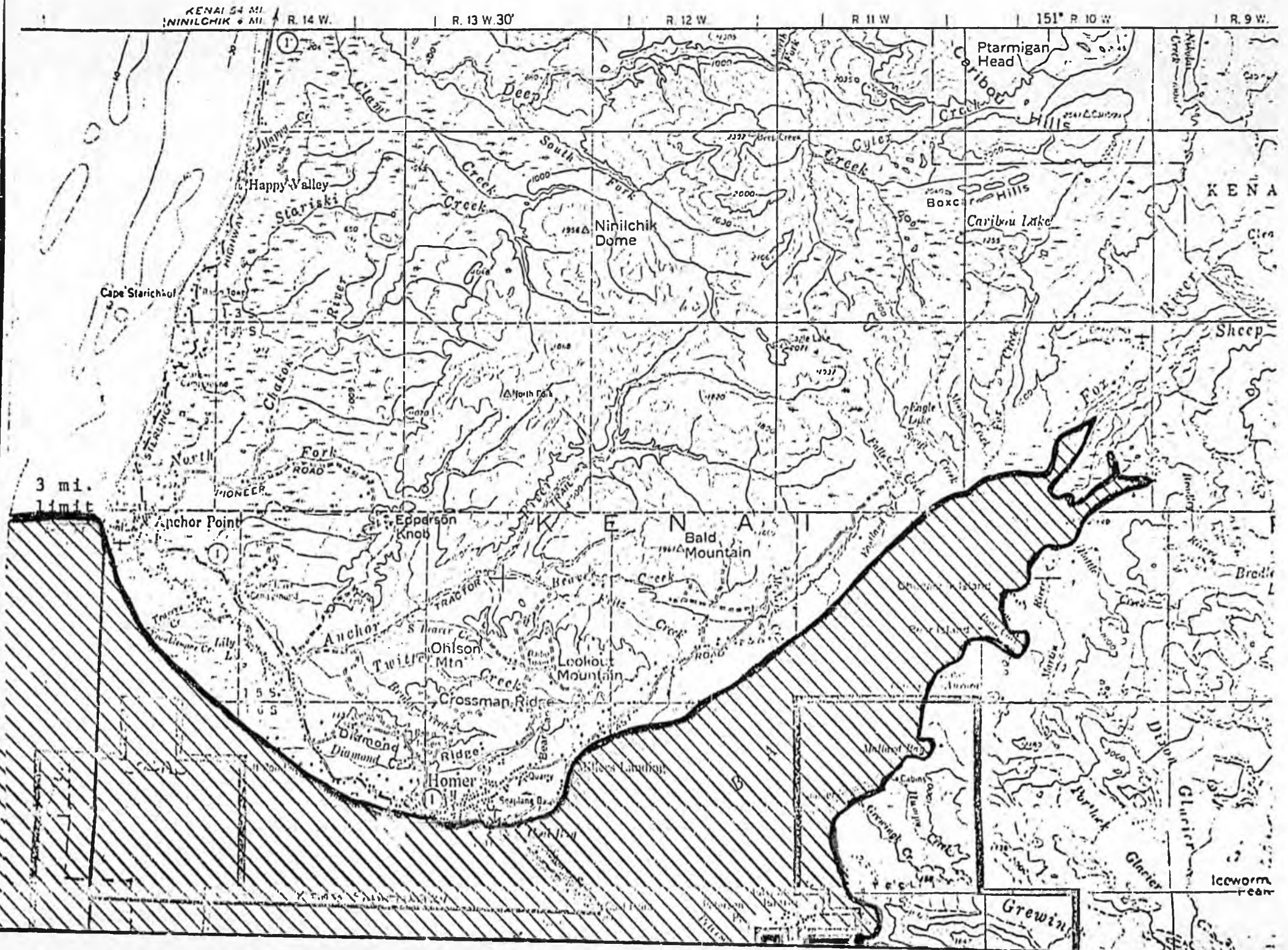
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# Proposed Kachemak Bay State Marine Sanctuary





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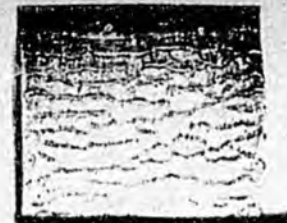
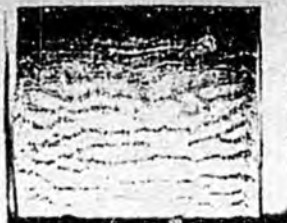
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SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL

31 January, 1976  
Box 548  
Homer, Alaska, 99603

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska, 99811

Dear Chairman Anderson:

Today, I received a copy of HB 626, with attached map of the proposed Marine Sanctuary, which I have briefly reviewed but understandingly comprehended as a proposed Legislative action that could close off development of this part of Alaska indefinitely should it be favorably considered.

Homer, Alaska, has been, and is our home of the past 22-1/2 years. We have raised our family here, and been active in all phases of community life. My wife served over 7 years as the local Magistrate, while I served 8-1/2 years as Manager of the local Utility District.

During this period of time, I was instrumental in securing the designation of the Yukon Island site as a National Historic Landmark, formation of the local Historical Society, and a charter member in the reformed State Historical Society and Director for 3 years. I mention these facts as evidence that I espouse the principles for the conservation and maximum use in the public interest of the scenic, historic, archeologic, scientific, biological and recreational resources of Kachemak Bay and the State of Alaska.

The proposed legislation does, to all appearances be negative legislation to prevent development of oil and gas resources, as well as the construction of the proposed Bradley Lake hydroelectric project. I have personally worked for this hydroelectric development for more than 20 years. It was authorized by the United States Congress back in 1960 or 1961, and has been under restudy ever since to develop the most economical means of generation and transmission by the Corps of Engineers.

It also looks like the proposed legislation could prevent any type of Port Development at Homer, Alaska, eliminate the bottom fishery from these waters, and be highly restrictive for just about anything one may choose to name, all of which I do not believe to be in the public interest.

The Legislature of Alaska has, in prior years passed several resolutions urging the construction of the Bradley Lake hydroelectric project. This proposal is not compatible with these designations.

Section 41. 20.430, Purchase Authorized; does have the sound of a confiscatory procedure and would leave property owners at the mercy of the Department of Natural Resources. This too, doesn't sound like its in the general interest of all the residents of this area.

House Bill 626 is, in my opinion a dangerous piece of legislation and should be quietly and quickly voted "do not pass".

The Homer area has been designated by Federal agencies as an area of high unemployment and high underemployment. Its been that way for many years. Now comes the opportunity there will be some regular employment on an annual basis, and this proposed legislation would not only prevent the work from happening, but could easily eliminate what few small sources we currently have for employment.

There us an old adage in Homer, that bears repeating, The scenery is great but we can't eat the view !

May I urge you to defeat this legislation at the earliest possible date.

cc: Hon Leo Rhode, Repr.  
Hon Hugh Malone, Repr.

Sincerely,  
*Homer S. Thompson*  
Homer S. Thompson III

(Mrs.) Barbara C. Manley  
P.O. Box 955  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
January 29, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson  
Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: HB 626

Dear Mr. Anderson:

As a 12 year legal resident of the State of Alaska and ten year resident of Homer, I am strongly opposed the HB 626 for these reasons:

1. The power vested in one political appointee, namely the Commissioner of Natural Resources, who will have the authority to determine the compatible or incompatible uses to be permitted within KACHEMAK BAY STATE MARINE SANCTUARY.

2. The authority given to the Commissioner of Natural Resources to exercise the power of eminent domain in the name of the state.

3. Discrimination against one industry, petroleum; there is no guarantee against the future prohibition of other industries, i.e., timber, mining and commercial fisheries.

4. The strangulation of the City of Homer in denying her the opportunity to derive revenue through the Port of Homer.

5. Destruction of years of planning by the City of Homer in projecting a long range plan for growth and development which has great emphasis on port developments and port activities.

6. Nominations for SANCTUARIES by individuals, groups and/or organizations without a public hearing in the community effected prior to acceptance of the nomination.

7. Passage of HB 626 will establish a precedent that may well economically destroy other communities in the State of Alaska.

In reference to Section 41.20.415: "Primary among the uses which require a high degree of protection are fisheries, recreation and scientific research."

Fisheries: A critical habitat has been designated within Kachemak Bay. The area was selected on the recommendations and concurrence of the Legislative Fisheries Committee (then

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Senator, Bob Palmer, Chairman), the State Department of Fish and Game, National Marine Fisheries Research, Kasitsna Bay and the input from individuals from the fishing industry. There was no mention of the need for protection that required the establishment of a MARINE SANCTUARY.

Recreation: Kachemak Bay has been used for recreation since its discovery. There has been no indication that protection of a KACHEMAK BAY STATE MARINE SANCTUARY is needed for the pursuit of recreation.

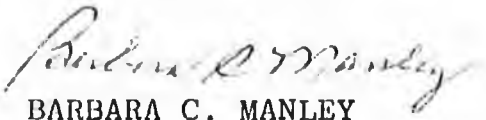
Scientific Research: The National Marine Fisheries Research Field Station, Kasitsna Bay, was constructed about 20 years ago and operated as a research station, originally, under the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Both Fish and Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries have conducted scientific research without benefit of the protection of a MARINE SANCTUARY, and I believe that scientific research can continue effectively under the current circumstances without establishing a KACHEMAK BAY STATE MARINE SANCTUARY to protect it.

I have faith in you and the members of your committee that you will recognize the vital economic importance of the Port of Homer to this community; also that you will be aware of the power of HB 626 for the destruction of communities and the denial of livelihood to many residents of the Lower Kenai Peninsula.

I respectfully request that before HB 626 is reported out of Committee that you give consideration to holding Public Hearings on the bill, one at least in Homer as this is the Community that will be most directly effected.

I sincerely appreciate your giving consideration to my objections to HB 626, and to my request for a Public Hearing. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

  
BARBARA C. MANLEY

cc: Honorable Theodore C. Smith, Vice Chm  
Honorable Alvin Osterback  
Honorable Fred Brown  
Honorable Richard I. Eliason  
Honorable H.M. Hershberger  
Honorable Leo Rhode  
Honorable James H. Huntington  
Honorable Leslie E. Swanson

Honorable Hugh Malone  
Representative  
Honorable Clem V. Tillion  
Senator

Box 173  
Seldovia, Alaska 99663  
February 2, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson  
Chairman, Natural Resources Commission  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We are opposed to Bill #626.

We believe that this proposed law would be, in the future, disastrous for the fishing industry in this area, and would be the death of our town.

Fishing is our only industry and no number of tourists or sport fishermen could compensate for the loss of it.

We would much rather see the oil drillers.

Very truly yours,

*Daisy Lindstedt*  
Carl G. Lindstedt

cc: Leo Rhode  
Hugh Malone



**Homer Electric Association, Inc.**

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January 26, 1976

The Hon. Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a copy of the proposed House Bill #326, which, if enacted, will make a playground for a few of the people in Southwestern Alaska, by locking up the potentially petroleum productive Kachemak Bay.

The premise upon which the Bill is drawn seems to be that oil and gas exploration and production is harmful to the marine life. Over a long period the reverse is true, in that added bottom obstructions add to the marine life productivity as evidenced by the Gulf of Mexico.

Reports coming from the Gulf of Mexico area indicate that all types of marine life have been more prolific since oil and gas production became extensive in that area.

If the future industrial expansion of Alaska does not enter into the plans of the existing Legislature, then we are sure that this Bill will pass and become law.

We sincerely hope that you and your Committee will not be a part of the very vocal minority that is leading our otherwise great nation down the paths of industrial suicide by slowly choking off all of its available petroleum production.

Sincerely yours,

HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

W. C. Rhodes  
General Manager

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cc: The Hon. Clem Tillion  
cc: The Hon. Hugh Malone  
cc: The Hon. Leo Rhode

SELDOVIA NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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January 27, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK. 99811

Dear Sir:

If HB 626 is passed, it would be disastrous for the people of the southern Kenai Peninsula, and the people of the State of Alaska.

With the passage of this bill, the efforts of the petroleum industry would be stopped before it even has a chance to begin operating in the area. In view of the present and projected economic future for Kachemak Bay, the State legislature and the Governor should be pushing for a safe and orderly oil development program for Lower Cook Inlet, not throwing roadblocks in the way of what may well be the future economic base of the area.

Because of "concerned citizens" and State Fish and Game opposition, based on lack of environmental studies, there has been a lengthy delay in exploratory work in the Bay. It would seem that if the concerned Fish & Game personnel were serious about their studies, the needed reports should be finalized by now.

Simply by nomination, any activity within the area can be designated as incompatible with the marine sanctuary. This means that all the conservationists, or any of the butterfly clubs would immediately start nominating the various commercial fishing activities in the Bay as incompatible.

The logging operations would be a prime area for nomination of incompatibility and undue harassment shortly after passage of this act.

Shrimp trawls and crab pots have to be on the sea-bed of the Bay in order to fish. As this is common knowledge, it would be a very short time after passage of any bill, such as HB 626, that some "expert" will nominate commercial fishing in the Bay as incompatible. This would be complete disaster to the local shellfish industry and the Kachemak Bay communities.

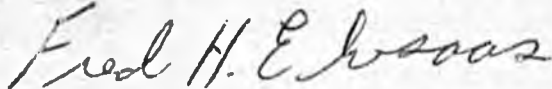
If HB 626 or any similar bill is passed, the very existence of the Seldovia Native Association, Inc. will be threatened. This corporation has selected 69,120 acres of land in the Kachemak Bay area. All this land would be subject to nomination as incompatible to the sanctuary in one form or another.

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With so much of the State of Alaska being non-revenue producing, the legislature and the Governor should be working toward the continued productivity of any areas such as Kachemak Bay. Where would the Kenai Peninsula and the State of Alaska be today, if the Cook Inlet and Swanson River Oil Fields were not allowed to go into production?

For these stated reasons and comments, the Seldovia Native Association, Inc. must ask that HB 626, or any similar bill, not be passed.

Sincerely,



Fred H. Elvsaa, President  
Seldovia Native Association, Inc.

cc: Governor J. Hammond  
Senator Clem Tillion  
Representative Leo Rhodes  
Representative Hugh Malone  
President, Cook Inlet Region, Inc.  
Boro Mayor, Donald Gilman

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Michael P. Lockwood  
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Homer, Alaska-99603  
Feb. 24, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson  
Chairman House Resource Committee

Dear Sirs

I am a Fourteen year  
resident of Alaska - a ten year  
property owner and an 8 year  
resident of the Kenai Peninsula.

I attended the February  
public hearing here in Homer.  
After hearing all the evidence  
presented I want to voice a very  
strong opinion, to condemn the  
Kachemak Bay Oil leases. This Kachemak  
Bay represents only 2% of the Cook  
Inlet area and accounts for 66% of  
the fisheries production of Cook Inlet.  
This is far too valuable a renewable



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CRITICAL HABITAT OK SANCTUARY NO CONDEMNATION NO

VOTE NO ON HB 626

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