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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: January 20, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/1/89

The FINANCE Committee recommends that:

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 [KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK & WILDERNESS PARK]  
"An Act relating to the addition of land to Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park."

be replaced with CS HB 8 (Finance)  the same title  
 a new title

have attached amendment(s)

- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact
- zero fiscal note
- zero with analysis

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

- fiscal note(s) published: \_\_\_\_\_
- zero fiscal notes(s) published: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS:

SIGNING OTHER THAN DO PASS:  
(Do Not Pass, No Recommendation, Amend)

Ronald J. Larson LARSON  
Clarence Swackhammer SWACKHAMMER  
Ken Brown BROWN  
Mike Koponen KOPONEN  
Mark Ullmer ULLMER  
Kenneth Barnes BARNES  
Roll E. Phillips PHILLIPS  
Steve Rieger RIEGER  
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 SHULTZ

Ronald J. Larson  
 Chairman's signature

**FISCAL NOTE**

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: 2/1/89  
Title: Addition to Kachemak Bay  
State Park  
Sponsor: Navarre/Swackhammer  
Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affected: DNR  
BRU: Park Management  
Components: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
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LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS :** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: House Finance Committee Phone: 465-3727  
Division: Co-Chairman Ron Larson *Ronald L. Larson* Date: 2/1/89

Approved by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution (by preparer):  
Legislative Finance  
Legislative Sponsor  
Requestor  
Office of Management and Budget  
Impacted Agency(ies)

Original sponsors: Navarre, Swackhammer,  
and Ellis

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 8 (Finance)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the addition of land to Kachemak  
7 Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness  
8 Park."

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

10 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature, in its designation  
11 of additional land to the Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park, intends that  
12 the land within the park be managed for its recreational values without  
13 preventing reasonable access to inholdings in the Petrof View subdivision.  
14 On Nuka Island, in recognition of planning conducted by the commissioner of  
15 natural resources under AS 38.04.065, the legislature intends that the  
16 island support

- 17 (1) a commercial lodge in a suitable place;
- 18 (2) renovation of existing facilities at Herring Pete's Cove;
- 19 (3) the construction and operation of one or two public use  
20 cabins;
- 21 (4) docks, trails, and moorings necessary to provide for recre-  
22 ational use; and
- 23 (5) maintenance of Berger Bay in an undeveloped state.

24 \* Sec. 2. AS 41.21.131(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) The presently state-owned land and water, and all that  
26 acquired in the future by the state, lying within the parcels describ-  
27 ed in this section are designated as the Kachemak Bay State Park. In  
28 order to protect and preserve this land and water for its unique and  
29 exceptional scenic value, the park is established and shall be managed

1 as a scenic park. The land and water lying within the following  
2 described parcels is reserved from all uses incompatible with its  
3 primary function as a scenic park and is assigned to the department  
4 for control, development and maintenance:

5 (1) Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian  
6 Chugachik Island  
7 Sections 31 - 32

8 (2) Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

9 Section 2: Lot 1, excluding Tract A

10 Section 3: Lots 1 - 8, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4,  
11 N1/2SW1/4

12 Section 4: Lots 1 - 4, S1/2N1/2, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

13 Section 8: E1/2NE1/4, SE1/4

14 Section 9: Lots 1 and 2, NW1/4NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4,  
15 W1/2NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4,  
16 excluding Lot 6

17 Section 10: Lot 1

18 Section 16: Lot 1

19 Section 17: Lots 1, 3, 4, NW1/4SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4

20 Section 18: Lot 4, SE1/4, E1/2NE1/4

21 Section 19: Lots 1-6, NW1/4NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

22 Section 20: Lot 1

23 Sections 24 - 25, excluding tide and submerged land  
24 within the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area

25 Section 26: SE1/4, excluding tide and submerged land  
26 within the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area

27 Sections 35 - 36

28 (3) [(2)] Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

29 (4) [(3)] Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

1 Sections 1 - 4

2 Section 5: N1/2

3 Sections 7 - 36

4 (5) [(4)] Township 7 South, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

5 Section 12, except N1/2 NE1/4

6 Section 13

7 Sections 19 - 36

8 (6) [(5)] Township 7 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

9 Sections 25 - 26

10 Sections 35 - 36 [25, 26, 35 AND 36]

11 (7) [(6)] Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

12 Sections 1 - 8

13 Section 9: N1/2

14 Section 10: N1/2

15 Section 11: N1/2

16 Section 12: N1/2

17 Sections 17 - 18 [17 AND 18]

18 (8) [(7)] Township 8 South, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

19 (9) [(8)] Township 8 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

20 Sections 1 - 2 [1 AND 2]

21 Sections 10 - 14

22 Section 15: E1/2

23 Section 23: N1/2 and SE1/4

24 Sections 24 - 25 [24 AND 25]

25 Section 26: E1/2

26 Section 35: E1/2

27 Section 36

28 (10) Township 9 South, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian

29 Sections 7 - 10

Sections 15 - 22

Sections 27 - 34

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

Section 13

Sections 24 - 25

Sections 35 - 36

(12) [(9)] Township 9 South, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 6

Section 8: NE1/4

Sections 9 - 12

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: N1/2

(13) [(10)] Township 9 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 2 [1 AND 2]

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

Sections 4 - 8

Sections 17 - 19

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

Sections 1 - 4

Sections 10 - 15

Sections 22 - 24.

\* Sec. 3. AS 41.21.140(a) is amended to read:

(a) The presently state-owned land and water, and all that 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 this land and water for its unique and exceptional wilderness value, the park is established and shall be managed as a wilderness park. The land and water lying within the following described parcels is reserved from all uses

incompatible with its primary function as a wilderness park and is assigned to the department 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 8 West, Seward Meridian

Section 2: W1/2

Sections 3 - 6

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

Sections 1 - 12

Sections 14 - 23

Sections 26 - 34

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

Sections 1 - 3

Sections 10 - 15

Sections 22 - 27

Sections 34 - 36

(5) [(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

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

Section 11: NE 1/4

Sections 12 - 13

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

Sections 5 - 7

(8) [(5)] Township 10 South, Range 10 West, Seward Meridian

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

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

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

(12) [(9)] Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Seward Meridian

(13) [(10)] Township 11 South, Range 12 West, Seward Merid-

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Sections 1 - 10

Section 11: W 1/2 and E 1/2

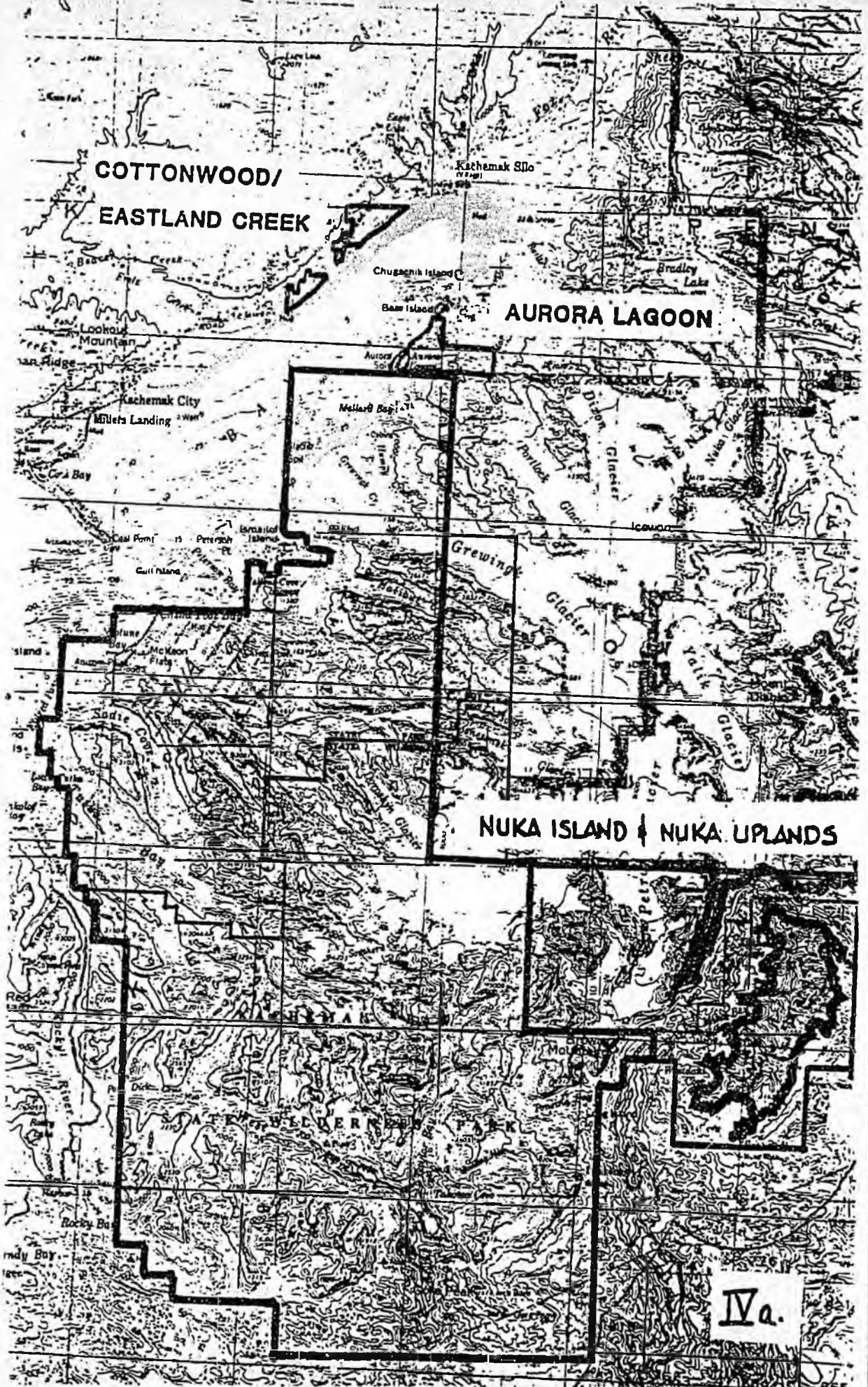
Sections 12 - 17

Sections 21 - 24.

\* Sec. 4. AS 41.21.140 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) The tide and submerged land within the Aurora Lagoon is assigned to the Department of Natural Resources to preserve its value as a scenic park and to the Department of Fish and Game to preserve its value as critical habitat.

\* Sec. 5. This Act does not prohibit the commissioner of natural resources from conveying 50 acres, more or less, on Nuka Island to the University of Alaska in accordance with the final finding of the commissioner of natural resources issued December 4, 1987, or its amendments. This Act does not apply to land conveyed to the University of Alaska under the commissioner's decision dated December 4, 1987.

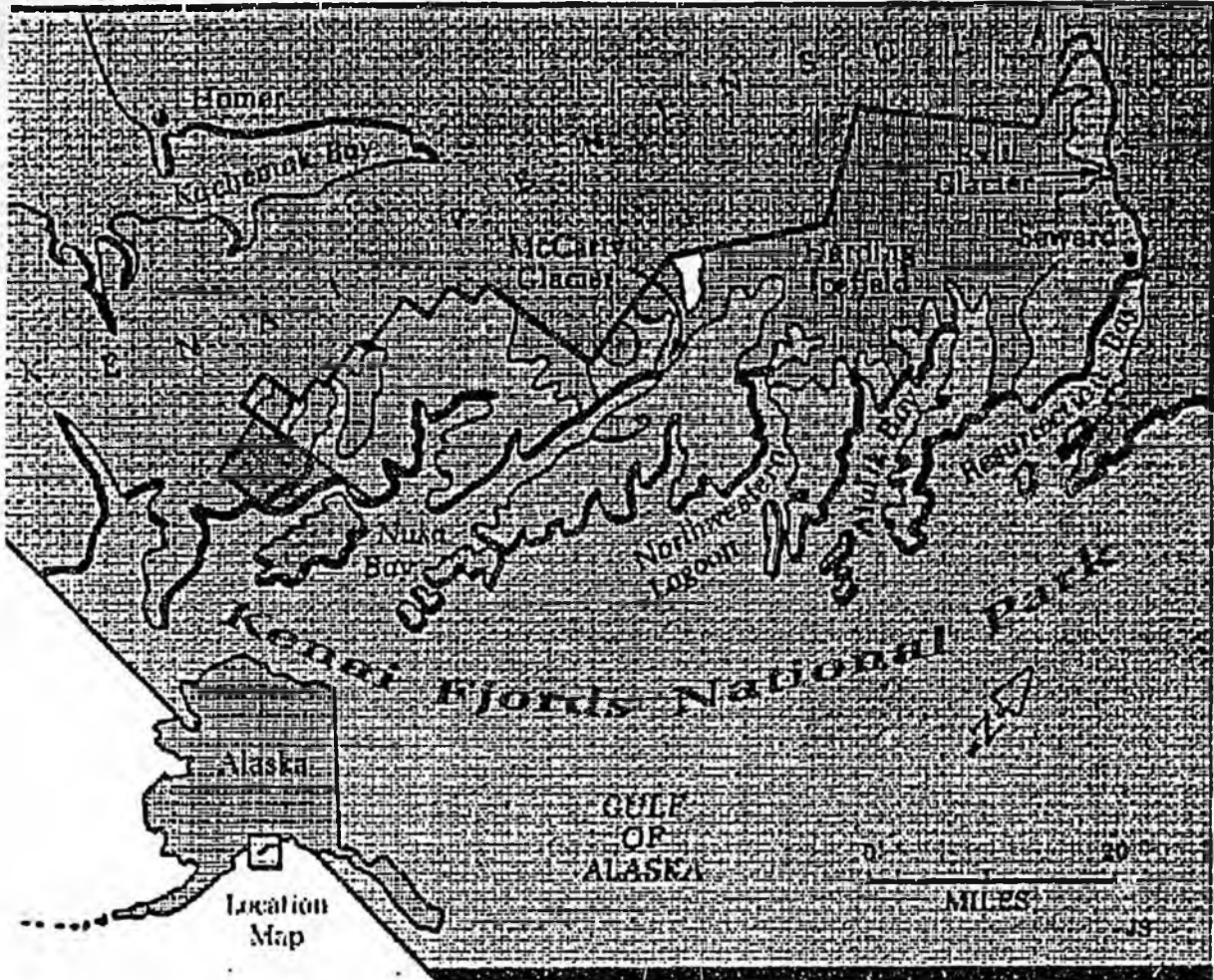


COTTONWOOD/  
EASTLAND CREEK

AURORA LAGOON

NUKA ISLAND & NUKA UPLANDS

IVa.



Reprinted from Alaska Magazine February 1988

IV b.



# CITY OF HOMER

## CITY HALL

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January 25, 1989

Representative Mike Navarre  
P. O. Box V  
Mail Stop 3100  
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: Additions to Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State  
Wilderness Park

Dear Representative Navarre:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution 89-13 as unanimously adopted by the Homer City Council at their regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 1989 supporting Senate Bill No. 2 and House Bill No. 8 relating to the addition of land to Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park.

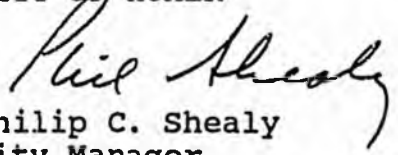
As you are undoubtedly aware, the City of Homer has consistently supported the addition of lands to the Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park with the intent to protect and preserve these lands within the Kachemak Bay area for the recreational and scenic uses of both residents and the thousands of visitors which are attracted to the area annually.

The City Council would therefore respectfully request that you continue your efforts to support the passage of SB-2 and HB-8 relating to the addition of land to Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park.

If we may provide any further assistance in this matter, please advise at your convenience.

Sincerely,

CITY OF HOMER

  
Philip C. Shealy  
City Manager

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Enclosure

cc: RCS & Finance  
CRA, RCS & Finance

CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 89-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING SENATE BILL No. 2 AND HOUSE BILL No. 8, RELATING TO THE ADDITION OF LAND TO KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK AND KACHEMAK BAY STATE WILDERNESS PARK.

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to designate additional parcels of land to the Kachemak Bay State Park & Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park with the primary intent that the land within the parks be managed for its primitive recreational values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Homer strongly supports the addition of lands to the Kachemak Bay State Park & Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park with the intent to protect and preserve these lands within the Kachemak Bay area for the recreational and scenic uses of both residents and the thousands of visitors which are attracted to the area annually; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2 and House Bill No. 8, designate that all presently state-owned land and water, and all that is acquired in the future by the state, lying with the parcels described within these bills as the Kachemak Bay State Park; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2 and House Bill No. 8, state that the Kachemak Bay State Park is established to protect and preserve the land and water for their unique and exceptional scenic value and shall be managed as such;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council supports Senate Bill No. 2 and House Bill No. 8 relating to the addition of land to Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is directed to send copies of this resolution of support to Governor Steve Cowper and respective delegates of the Sixteenth Session of the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urging their support of the bills.

DATED at Homer, Alaska this 23rd day of January, 1989.

CITY OF HOMER



*John P. Calhoun*  
JOHN P. CALHOUN, MAYOR

*Patti J. Whalin*  
PATTI J. WHALIN, CITY CLERK

## JUSTIFICATION SUMMARY

COTTONWOOD CREEK & EASTLAND CREEK: 2,310 ACRES +/-

The Cottonwood-Eastland Creek parcels have been under consideration as potential park for over a decade. In 1979, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation completed a recreational development feasibility study on these parcels.

While these lands are not contiguous to the balance of Kachemak Bay State Park, they will meet a strong need for recreational park land near Homer that can be readily developed. The nearest developed state park facility is the Anchor River State Recreational Area (approximately 16 miles north of Homer, on the Sterling Highway), which is primarily used for fishing and camping. The Homer Spit is the only other area with public recreational facilities (operated by the City of Homer), and the summer impact to the Spit will be relieved somewhat by development of Cottonwood-Eastland.

There are also identified archaeological sites in the area. The 1979 feasibility study noted this, and recommended investigation, evaluation and excavation, if necessary, to preserve and protect these sites. Transfer to park status would help assure this protection.

Other justification for inclusion of these parcels in this legislation include:

- \* High scenic and wildlife values.
- \* Developed road to area.
- \* Strong possibility of year-round public use, once facilities are developed.

AURORA LAGOON: 2,553 ACRES +/-

This is a logical adjustment to the boundary of the park. In discussion with former legislators, it seems apparent that the omission of Aurora Lagoon from the original legislation creating Kachemak Bay State Park was an oversight. Currently, the lagoon is heavily utilized for recreational pursuits.

Aurora Lagoon itself offers not only high scenic and recreational values, but is one of the few areas of safe high tide moorage in this area of Kachemak Bay that is unaffected by inclement weather. In addition, there are good beach landing sites for small craft.

Other justifications include:

- \* Excellent camping and hiking potential.

JUSTIFICATION SUMMARY

- \* Strong potential as a public use cabin site.
- \* Good recreational fishing in area - salmon, crab, clams.
- \* The Kachemak Bay State Park Citizen's Advisory Board has identified Aurora Lagoon for inclusion in the park since 1984.
- \* Commercial development (a wilderness lodge) is taking place on private land at nearby Bear Cove, and state park status of these public lands would enhance and encourage recreation in the Aurora Lagoon/Bear Cove area. This is an excellent area for trail development, with high scenic and recreational use.

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

400 WILLOUGHBY AVE.  
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PHONE: (907) 465-2400

January 18, 1989

The Honorable Curt Menard, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Cliff Davidson, Co-Chair  
House Resources Committee  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representatives Menard and Davidson:

Subject: House Bill 8 adds two parcels totaling 4,800 acres to Kachemak Bay State Park and one parcel of 42,000 acres to Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park.

Position: The Department of Natural Resources supports HB 8. The completion of the University of Alaska land settlement and the Mental Health lands agreement removed any actively competing interests in these lands.

Background: HB 8 has enjoyed wide support from the community of Homer with resolutions of support from the City of Homer, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Homer Businessmen's Association, Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Association, and from Commercial Fishing Groups.

Lands included in HB 8 include,

Aurora Lagoon: A 2,500 acre marine tidal estuary and rich habitat with associated uplands immediately adjacent to Kachemak Bay State Park. The lagoon is the site of several nesting eagles, and an important inter-tidal area. The area has a significant cultural history and is the location of the DeLaguna early man discovery. The lagoon is a major access point to the park and one of the very few safe boat anchorages along the parks' coastline.

Cottonwood/Eastland Creek: This 2,300 acre coastal bluff uplands on the Homer side of Kachemak Bay is the only public land along the entire coastline from Homer to the head of the bay. The area is accessible by East End Road and offers excellent potential for outstanding scenic vistas, trails, camping, and natural history interpretation. There is no other comparable parcel of land near Homer which offers such recreational opportunities for the local community and visitors.

Representative Menard  
Representative Davidson

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January 18, 1989

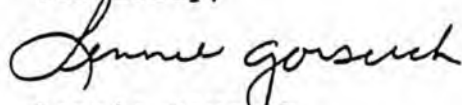
Nuka Island and Uplands: Nuka Island and uplands associated with Petrof glacier will become part of Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park. Nuka island, located along the outer Gulf Coast, has a rugged landscape and high energy beaches exposed to wind and waves. The island is largely mountainous, but the west side has a number of attractive bays which offer good opportunities for recreational boat anchorages. The University land settlement provides the University with two 25 acre parcels in two bays for development of a wilderness lodge and recreational facilities associated with glacier trips, sealife tours, flight seeing, and excursions. The island is home to several nesting bald eagles and is a haul out area for the Stellar sea lion. Large concentrations of harbor seals and otters are common to the area. The island is an important seabird rookery with concentrations of kittiwakes, tufted and horned puffins, comorants, murrees, murrelets and petrels. A survey conducted by the USFWS found Nuka Island to be one of the most heavily used bald eagle nesting areas along the entire south Kenai coast.

Timber resources on the island are marginal due to the exposed coast, rugged terrain, and a tree line ending at 500 feet elevation. The primary commercial tree stands are located on the mainland and are not included in this legislation.

Mineral potential on Nuka Island is considered poor for either minerals or sand, gravel, or construction materials. The geologic formation consists primarily of slates, greywacke, and easily eroded thinly bedded phyllites which are not known for their mineral potential. The island is unusual in that it is not a granite rock island like others in the region which contain gold in lode deposits. There are no mining claims on the island.

The department looks forward to working with the sponsor and the committee on this legislation.

Sincerely,



Lennie Gorsuch  
Commissioner

cc: Bill Sponsor  
Committee Members  
Bob Evans

Packet Index:

- I. Memo from Rep. Navarre to Resources Committee
- II. Copy of HB 8
- III. Justification Summary
- IV.
  - (a). Map of additions
  - (b). Reproduction of map from Feb 1988 Alaska Magazine article about Kenai Fjords National Park.
- V. Resolutions of Support (for HB 244 from last year).

# Alaska State Legislature



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## Representative Mike Navarre

January 17, 1989

### MEMORANDUM

TO: All members, House Resources Committee  
FROM: Representative Mike Navarre

SUBJECT: House Bill 8, "An Act relating to the addition of land to Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park"

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Attached is back-up material for the above legislation. The measure was originally introduced last session at the request of the Kachemak Bay State Park Advisory Board (as HB 244), and passed the House by a wide margin. Unfortunately, the measure died in the Senate Rules Committee during the final hours of the Fifteenth Legislature.

The bill has been endorsed (as HB 244) by the City Council of Homer, by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly, and by numerous citizen's groups and individuals. They feel, as I do, that due to the high recreational and/or wilderness value of these lands, it is in the best public interest for them not only to be maintained as public lands, but to be managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

There is one change from last year's bill - the McDonald Spit lands (some 16 acres) within HB 244 are not contained in this measure. Due to the recently revived land exchange negotiations between the State and Seldovia Native Association (SNA) for SNA's inholdings within Kachemak Bay State Park, these lands have been dropped from the bill. McDonald Spit has potential for inclusion as part of a pool of lands offered to SNA as part of the exchange.

I respectfully urge the House Resources Committee's favorable consideration of House Bill 8.

## JUSTIFICATION SUMMARY

NUKA ISLAND AND NUKA UPLANDS: 42,092 ACRES +/-

Nuka Island has been identified in the U.S. Congressional Record for inclusion within the boundary of the Kenai Fjords National Park. As state land, it obviously cannot be part of Kenai Fjords, but this is a good illustration of the nationally significant values this island area possesses.

(As a matter of fact, the February 1988 edition of Alaska Magazine contains an article on the Kenai Fjords National Park. The article and its accompanying illustrations still indicate Nuka Island and a portion of the Nuka uplands as part of the national park.)

Some of the significant values are:

- \* The area has some of the most varied life representation of littoral and sub-littoral marine ecosystem along the Kenai Fjord area.
- \* The outstanding scenic beauty complements hiking, fishing, boating and other similar recreational opportunities.
- \* Management of a commercial lease for facility development on the west side of the island corresponds with the current Nuka Island Management Plan. Development of recreational and tourism use by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation make Nuka Island the logical "jumping off" point for enjoyment of Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park, Kenai Fjords National Park, and the island itself.
- \* It is the only potential development link between Seward and Homer, via cruise ship and state ferry system, and is the only sheltered potential development site from Gore Point to Cape Resurrection that is also safe from earthquake and tsunami waves.
- \* Nuka Island has been identified by the Kachemak Bay State Park Citizen's Advisory Board for inclusion into the park since 1982. The Nuka Island Management Plan, completed in December of 1986, cites the island's high recreational potential.

NOTE: The State of Alaska's settlement with the University of Alaska has been reached, and certain Nuka Island lands are a part of this settlement. Two sites, which are available for commercial lodge development under the Department of Natural Resources' Nuka Island Management Plan, will be transferred to the University. These consist of approximately 25 acres at Herring Pete's Cove, and 25 acres at either Mike's Bay or Home Cove. The sites were to be selected by January 1, 1989, with conveyance subject to the conditions set forth in the management plan. At this writing, staff is making inquiries to ascertain if the University has finalized its selection of those sites. In any event, provisions are made in HB 8 for the tentative sites.



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BILL ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT Fish and Game	DIVISION Habitat	BILL NUMBER HB8	SPONSOR Navarre, Swackhammer, & Ellis
SHORT TITLE OF BILL Kachemak Bay State Park and Wilderness Park			
DEPARTMENT POSITION Qualified Support			
PREPARED BY Frank Rue, Dir., Habitat Div.	DATE 1/18/89	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE <i>William W. Miller</i>	DATE 1/19/89

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL Department of Natural Resources	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL Recreational & commercial fishermen Home and Southcentral Area Residents
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL Unknown	ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL None known

FISCAL IMPACT:  NONE  FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The intent of this bill is to expand the Kachemak Bay State Park and Kachemak Bay State Wilderness Park to include more lands along Kachemak Bay, Nuka Island, sections of the outer/southern Kenai coast, and Cottonwood Creek/Eastland Creek area on the north shore of Kachemak Bay. It is also the intent of this bill to provide for the management of Aurora Lagoon as both a scenic park and as a critical habitat area.

ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

The bill has the effect of establishing joint management of Aurora Lagoon as both a state critical habitat area (which it already is under AS 16.20.590) and as a scenic park. It assigns management of Aurora Lagoon to both the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Game. It is the understanding of this department that commercial fishing activities and freedom of navigation shall in no way be limited in Aurora Lagoon as a result of this legislation and that mariculture may be allowed in Aurora Lagoon.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR ANALYSIS.

**FISCAL NOTE**

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: 4/20/88  
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 Requestor: House Resource Committee  
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EQUIPMENT		1.0				
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		<b>20.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND		20.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME		1	1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)**

HB 8 provides for additions to Kachemak Bay State Park and Wilderness Park of important public access points, scenic and recreational values, marine and upland habitat and areas which will enhance the tourism potential of the area.

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Position Title Park Ranger I		No. of Positions	Range/Step 14A	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 5	Location Homer		Election District D, 5-A
Type of Expenditure		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	12.2			
Benefits	4.3			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		16.5		
Travel		.5		
Contractual		1.0		
Commodities		1.0		
Equipment		1.0		
Other				
Total Cost		20.0		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	20.0		
I-A Receipts	1006			
CIP Receipts	1061			
Other				

**Justification**

HB 8 - Funding for a five-month seasonal Park Ranger I to be stationed in Homer. The ranger will be responsible for visitor services, resource protection, recruiting and supervising volunteers, park development and emergency services. Access to the park is primarily by water and visitors often encounter difficult tidal and weather conditions. The ranger provides essential public safety services and visitor information.

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