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SMALL PARCEL NOMINATION

PWS-52 (*Hayward Parcel*)



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4/26/95

Dear Mrs McComron

Thank-you for your support in purchasing the two small parcels on Duck Flats (PLWS)

Our kayaking company uses Duck Flats extensively. We conduct nature tours for cruise ship clients, local residents and others who visit our town. You are probably aware that Duck Flats is the home of numerous marine mammal & birds that were negatively impacted by the Valdez Oil Spill. Included Harbor Seals, sea lions, herring gulls, oystercatchers, Arctic terns, pink salmon, river otters etc..

My concern is the recent proposed development of a R.V. park, mainly on the West Side of Duck Flats. From my observations this area is vital to marine birds. This is where we have observed numerous species of duck congregating during storms. We kayak the area during high tide and bird watch at other times. In my opinion it is important to preserve it and therefore I urge you and the EVOS Council to consider purchasing it.

Sincerely
Hedy Sarney
Owner/manager.

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SMALL PARCEL NOMINATION

KEN- 55 (overlook Park)

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DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

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June 30, 1994

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 401
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Dear Trustee Council Members:

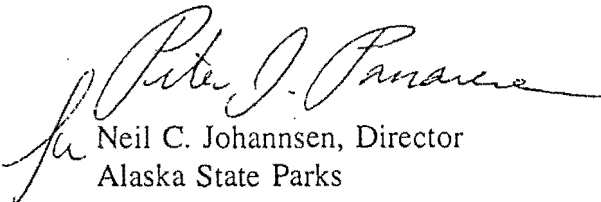
This letter is to accompany the small parcel acquisition request in Homer known as "Overlook Park".

State Park staff and myself have been aware and interested in this parcel for years because of the combination of its habitat, scenic and recreational values. It seems to meet all the threshold criteria you have established for small parcel habitat acquisitions. It is also linked to important resources and services damaged by the spill. The combination of limited public access and extraordinarily rich and varied habitat make this parcel well suited as a refuge for recovery of injured species listed as damaged resources.

Should you choose to acquire this parcel, my Division would be willing to act as the principal managing agency since the parcel is in view of and in close proximity to our existing Homer ranger station and would not create an undue additional burden on our ability to operate and maintain other state parks in the area.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,


Neil C. Johannsen, Director
Alaska State Parks

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Raymond L. Bellamy
60080 Skyline Drive
Homer, AK 99603
February 3, 1995

Trustees Exxon Oil Spill Council
645 G.St. Suite 402
Anchorage, AK 99501

Ken 2/9 Do not buy

I'm writing to let you know my feelings on "Overlook Park" near Homer that you are thinking of buying. I have lived in Alaska 50 years and I'm also a commercial fisherman and feel that there are better projects for this money than the buying of land.

First, 3% of Alaska is in private hands. 97% is already held by Government agencies. This takes away from the tax basis for the Borough causing higher taxes for those who have to pay. Also the cost of running and maintaining this park or whatever-has to come from more taxes be they State and Federal including IRS. We need to cut spending so that taxes can be lowered; if we keep adding, some day taxes will be more than anyone can afford. I know that this is a very small piece, but still we need to start somewhere.

Secondly, Some people feel that this piece of land could be developed creating more of a tax basis, not less. Logistically, it would be very difficult to develop this land. It would be just about impossible to put a road to. Plus, on very high tides and strong S.W. winds, this land is in danger of being damaged including anything built on it; and what if we had another earthquake like in '64? I feel that development would not be a very good idea anyway.

People now go that far with trucks and other types of autos, atv's and etc. for coal or just for a trip to the Anchor Point area. If this land became a State park laws would prohibit this.

I was born in Homer area in 1944, and since then have seen our freedom of movement restricted by state parks and etc. In fact, my Dad's old homestead, known as Winn's, is now in the hands of the Coastal Land Trust. Now no one can even walk on it without a guide with them. But, in 1994, they did not have any tours at all. Why? None of the Coastal members chose to go there-perhaps because their backyards all have everything that this land has. People came up on a federal trails development program in 1993 and made some nice wood walks. The only time we have seen the park open, the only people who showed up were a few members of the Coastal studies program not anyone from the general public. The rest of the time the park is boarded up with NO TRESPASSING signs on it. It's a shame that I would have to break the law to show my son his Grandpa's homestead, especially when it's supposed to be a park. What good is a park that cannot be enjoyed by the public?

I feel that we have gone too far with State parks. There are more parks in Alaska than people need or can afford. Remember, 97% of Alaska is owned by something other than private citizens. I can not see how another park will benefit the people of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Raymond L. Bellamy

2-3-95

Trustees
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 402
Anchorage, AK 99501

February 5, 1995

Dear Trustees,

We are writing in support of the proposal for the Trustee Council to purchase the Overlook Park land in Homer. We are very familiar with this property as we live a couple miles down the beach and visit there often. The location of this parcel, so near to so many people yet effectively isolated from the road system, combined with some rather unique features make this a very attractive candidate for habitat protection.

One of the reasons we like to hike down to Overlook Park so often is the great diversity of birds and intertidal life in this area. The fresh water lakes support large stands of cottonwood trees that are favorite perching and nesting sites for Bald Eagles. Last year there were two active nests within one half mile of each other in this area, an unusually high density that indicates the high quality of this habitat. The woods there also support more songbirds than any other area near here, including several pairs of Yellow Warblers which have been rare in Homer lately. The tide pool life in front of the parcel is also more diverse than the beaches closer to our house.

One of our concerns about this area is the effect of erosion and silt deposition on intertidal life. We have been involved in a volunteer project to survey changes in intertidal life around Homer the past few years and have had several of our "permanent" plots just west of Overlook Park destroyed by siltation. While the Homer bluffs are subjected to a high rate of natural erosion, road cuts and land clearing in the silty soil along the bluffs has caused some very substantial additions in erosional runoff. A case in point is the "road" bulldozed down the side of nearby Diamond Creek by a developer who included no culverts and inadequate ditching. Diamond Creek is choked with the dirt from that road every spring. The same thing will happen to the fragile soils in the Overlook Park area if it is developed. The tide pools and all the sea ducks and otters that feed there will undoubtedly suffer if that happens.

Overlook Park is one of those "magical" places to which people and other creatures are attracted. We think it would be a wonderful use of the Oil Spill funds to protect this important habitat for the future. We encourage you and thank you for your efforts to do so.

Sincerely,

Rich Kleinfelder

Peg Kleinfelder

Rich and Peg Kleinfelder
P.O. Box 367
Homer, AK 99603

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RICHARD W. TYLER
February 6, 1995
PO Box 1281
Homer, Alaska 99601

EXXON Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council
645 G Street Suite 104
Anchorage, AK 99501

Ken 2/9

Dear Trustees:

Thank you for all your wonderful work so far. I am writing in favor of the small parcel acquisition property known here in Homer as Overlook Park. We have been hoping to get this magnificent foreground land set aside for years and are heartened by its high priority with you folks at the present time.

Every visitor to Homer is welcomed by this overwhelming view out across the inlet and across Kachemak Bay to the parklands already made whole ^{with} your major help. The AK DOT already has plans to landscape this overlook and we will work to have them include a series of descriptive panels in which I would expect the spill and the trustees parts in this area's development to be included.

It is also not being too facetious to suggest that it is from this prominent point that we will be viewing the next big spill (But let us hope not!) Thank you
R. W. Tyler

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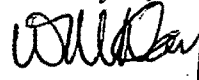
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reg.: Overlook Park land acquisition.

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to support your choice of including the Overlook Park lands on the north side of Kachemak Bay as a part of the small parcel selection process. I have spent a great deal of time along the shoreline of that parcel which adjoins the only rocky tidal pools on this side of Kachemak Bay. I am well aware of the potential threat to the sea life which inhabit the intertidal and subtidal zones of this area due to future development of this parcel. I have explored the wetlands of the parcel and have observed extensive activity of bird life along the shores of the three ponds which exist on the center portion of the west end of the parcel. I have witnessed moose feeding with their young in the willows thick along the north edge of the parcel and have had the pleasure of flushing out a young black bear resting in the spruce groves along the bluffs above the beach. This parcel of land is unique to the north side of the bay and is of great value in its present natural state. Development in this area would not only damage critical habitat for the birds, sea creatures, and moose which already inhabit the parcel but would ruin the rare opportunity for we as humans to observe these animals in a natural setting. By making this parcel park land, we will be preserving a valuable resource for educational, recreational and tourism opportunities for generations to come. I strongly urge you to continue to support the acquisition of Overlook Park as a part of the small parcel selections.

Thank you,



William M. Day
P.O.B. 3036
Homer, Ak 99603



Dear Trustees,

February 7, 1995

I was very glad to hear that Overlook Park in Homer is being considered as one of the parcels of land in your acquisition program. This special piece of land has narrowly missed being sold for development purposes and will likely face this threat again if it isn't protected. I have spent a few pleasant days walking through this land, and think it is definitely worthy of protection. Though access is rough, it offers a variety of delights to those who would spend the time and effort to get there. During my visits I have seen tide pools bursting with life, eagles, muskrat, moose, bear signs and a myriad of ducks and birds. It is a little piece of heaven containing several ecosystems that a person can walk through in an afternoon, reminiscent of Alice walking through her looking glass.

Overlook Park is the only place on a very long stretch of beach that is actually accessible from the beach. Gone are the vertical bluffs which are eroding into the sea, replaced by rocks, plants and trees. Here is a haven where the land and the sea can take refuge. It may sound poetic, but it's also true.

Seeing this land protected from development would bring a sigh of relief from many individuals, myself included. I hope you will consider Overlook

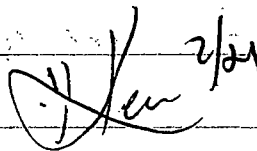
Park as a worthy selection, and that this jewel
will continue to house its original inhabitants and
allow people to enjoy its wonders for time to come.
Thank you.

Sincerely,


Valerie Connor

PO Box RDO

Homestead AK 99603-899

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February 7, 1995
Trustees, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Council
645 G Street, Suite 402
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Trustees,

Please acquire Overlook Park for
habitat protection. Overlook Park is
an important part of the terrific
views enjoyed from the Sterling
Highway Overlook.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George E. Hallward III
George E. Smallwood III
P.O. Box 3371
Homer, AK 99603-3371

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*Barbara Beeman
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Trustees,
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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Anchorage, AK 99501

Ladies and Gentlemen:

When you discuss land acquisition on February 13th, please include the Overlook Park area near Homer for purchase by the Council.

This small parcel is the gateway to Kachemak Bay and the Homer area; please provide protection from development there. The tide pools of the area are in danger of damage if they are not safeguarded. This area does fall under the guidelines of restoration property that can be purchased by the Council.

The Overlook Park area is so beautiful and relatively untouched. Please help preserve this special place for future generations.

Sincerely,

Barbara Beeman

Barbara Beeman

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re: Overlook Park in Homer

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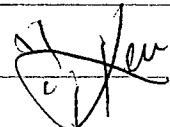
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I'm writing to request your acquisition of Overlook Park this month, when you finalize choices from the top 15 parcels. This fragile parkland would erode quickly with development, and its value intact is clear, given the one rocky tidal pools with walking access from Homer. As one of a group who sought to protect the land from development in '85, when the governor vetoed a legislative appropriation that ^{would have} created a state park based on community petitions & lobbying - I would be saddened to now see the land sold for development. We the "owners" can no longer carry this land into the future as private citizens; we applaud state parks' selection of the land as top priority for acquisition, and we hope you too will see its value as a protected public access. The community has continued to rally support for its preservation, and I hope you will respond by making Overlook Park one of your final selections.

Sincerely,

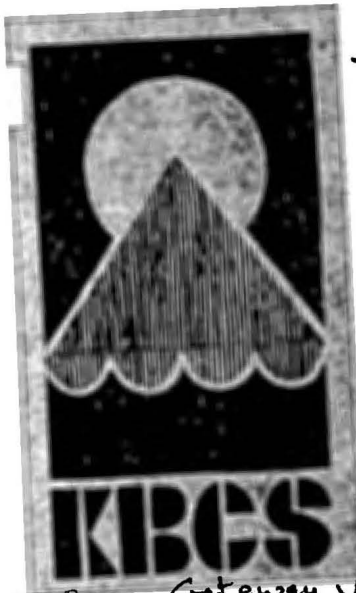
Sharon Whyte

Box 1529, Homer, AK 99603

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Feb 8, 1995

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Dear Trustees,

The Kachemak Bay Conservation Society has actively supported the Overlook Park acquisition for many years. This unique area, really the Gateway view for visitors and residents arriving in Homer and Kachemak Bay, is right below the current visitor center for Kachemak Bay State Park. The land is adjacent to tide pools which represent the only habitat of this type on the north side of Kachemak Bay. It has very fragile soils that are exceptional prone to erosion and solifluction when disturbed. Erosion will increase silty deposits on the delicate tidal pools located beneath this bluff land.

Since this land meets the Trustee's criteria for restoration of habitat and wildlife damaged by the oil spill, we hope it will be given serious consideration. I personally have visited all the lakes in the area and walked most of the terrain. It is valuable habitat for moose, black bears, muskrats, waterfowl and eagles.

This Overlook Park would enhance the Kachemak Bay State Park visitor facility on the Sterling Highway and would preserve a valuable marine ecosystem on Kachemak Bay's north shore. The KBCS urges you to purchase this important small parcel to mitigate for damage to the outside coast of KB State Park.
Thank you.

Sincerely, M. J. + Friends +

KACHEMAK BAY CONSERVATION SOCIETY
BOX 846
HOMER ALASKA 99603



February 9, 1995

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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Dear Trustee Council members,

We are very pleased to hear that both the Overlook Park property and the Bullock property adjacent to it have made the first cut in your selection process for small parcel acquisition.

This letter is to reiterate Kachemak Heritage Land Trust's position that each of these parcels is of great habitat value and when combined are especially valuable. The Overlook Park parcel is important because of the upland wildlife habitat and the unusually rich marine intertidal ecosystem adjacent to it. Mr. Bullock's land is the only potential upland access to Overlook Park and is in immediate danger of development which will erode the bluffs and damage both the bench and the tide pools below.

Purchasing these lands together would eliminate potential threats to key habitats of injured species, create enhancement opportunities for resources and services, improve management of lands that contain linked habitats, and facilitate access to public lands and resources. If it is not possible to acquire both properties, KHLT recommends pursuing Overlook Park first.

As we stated in an April 1994 letter to the EVOS Trustee Council, KHLT would be willing to hold and/or manage small parcel acquisitions in our area. KHLT is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving for public benefit: land with significant natural, recreational, or cultural values by working with willing private landowners. Neil Johannsen, Director of Alaska State Parks has also offered to manage the Overlook Park property if you acquire it (copy of letter enclosed).

We appreciate your time and care in this process and wish you well.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Barbara Seaman]

Barbara Seaman
President

February 10, 1995

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Trustees,
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G street, Suite 402
Anchorage, AK 99501

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Re: Acquisition of Overlook Park, Homer, Alaska


Please be advised that I strongly support the acquisition of the Overlook Park, located off the Sterling Highway on the approach to Homer.

Every newcomer to Homer stops to admire the view that includes the Overlook Park. We did in the 1960's -- and thrill to its beauty to this day. Our boys explored that area in their teen years, we have explored it too. It is a little gem that needs to be preserved, not only for the wildlife that call it home, but for all of us.

Please give the Overlook Park permanent protection by acquiring this parcel.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Mildred M. Martin
P.O. Box 2652
Homer, AK 99603



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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
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Anchorage, AK 99501

February 10, 1995

Dear Trustees:

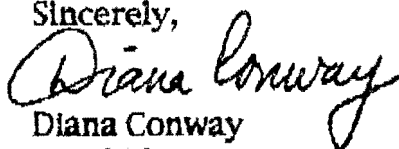
I understand that small parcel acquisition is on your agenda for February 13. Please consider this a voice in favor of Overlook Park on the north shore of Kachemak Bay near Homer.

I've personally walked to this area more than once. So much of South Central Alaska is mountainous and inaccessible to older persons, that it's a wonderful change to be able to walk on flat beaches. I'm 52 and my companion is 75.

Of course, you don't protect habitat just for the convenience of humans, but for the many land and sea creatures whose very survival depends on open space. I know that the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust has presented you with data on the importance of this tidepool area for marine invertebrates, fish, sea mammals and birds.

Because land for the proposed Overlook Park is now in private hands, the danger of development is both real and imminent. I can think of no better parcel in this area so deserving of your purchase.

Sincerely,



Diana Conway
Box 6461
Halibut Cove, AK 99603-6461

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Dear Trustee Council Member:

I am delighted to know that Overlook Park, a 97 acre parcel just west of the Homer City limits and owned by Cronland, Geisler, Lloyd, McNiven, and Whytal, has met the criteria for selection for small parcel habitat protection. Public acquisition could do much to protect the rocky tidal pools adjacent to this land with their unusually rich intertidal and subtidal marine life. The wildlife habitat on the land and below the land includes Harbor Seal haulout areas, Bald Eagle nests, Harlequin duck feeding areas, and intertidal and subtidal habitat for hundreds of invertebrate species. I request that this parcel be placed at the top of your priority list for small parcel acquisition.

I have hiked to Overlook Park twice this year, once by walking the approximately three miles from Bishop's Beach (just off of Main Street in Homer) and once by hiking a trail on other private property from Mt. Augustine Drive. On the beach hike, I was dismayed to note the slides and heavy erosion that surrounded every road and well-used trail to the beach on the entire hike from Bishop's Beach to Overlook Park. Local biologists have documented a decline of invertebrate marine life in test sites on the beach near Overlook Park since 1989 which they think is related to erosion and silt.

I also request that you acquire the adjacent property east of Overlook Park, owned by Michael Bullock and known as Country Club Estates 1, 2, and 4. The reasons I hope you acquire Bullock's land are that (1) the rocky tidal pools extend beyond the boundaries of Overlook Park west and east, including the water frontage of Bullock's land, (2) his land meets the criteria for small parcels, (3) it would provide access from Mt Augustine Drive to Overlook Park which is quicker than the beach access (4) if you don't acquire his land, he is planning a large residential subdivision which would certainly add to erosion.

Because of the actual and potential erosion to the steep bluffs in Overlook Park and on Bullock's land, I think both parcels should be acquired, combined, and used for habitat protection and habitat viewing from the Sterling Highway Scenic Overlook and State Park Headquarters. Another possible use would be a low impact park for hikers only, which most residents and visitors to Homer probably would prefer. Of the two parcels, Overlook Park is the most important because of its extensive beach frontage which includes and is adjacent to more of the delicate marine ecosystem.

Sincerely yours,

Amy Bollenbach

Amy Bollenbach

**Gregory S. McIntosh
The Narrows
Box 6404 Halibut Cove, AK 99603**

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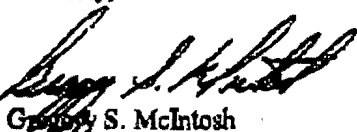
Dear Trustees:

We understand the Trustees have "short-listed" the Overlook Park Site, Homer, for acquisition. As a residents of Halibut Cove, my wife and I strongly urge the Council to acquire this piece of property as it contains habitat, unique to the north side of Kachemak Bay. Of particular value are rocky tide pools which provide habitat to a number of important marine species. Loss of this habitat through development would degrade land values of adjacent property.

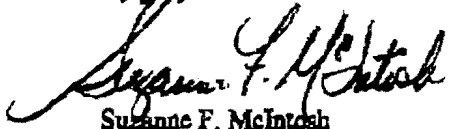
Mrs. McIntosh and I moved to Alaska from south Florida because of such development. Little by little, coastal parcel after coastal parcel was developed. Development of one parcel fostered development of the remaining bits of land. Soon, the very attributes which had attracted thousands of visitors to become residents were destroyed by the very people who had come to enjoy those attributes. We would not like to see the same sort of thing happen here.

Therefore, by means of this letter we urge the Trustees to purchase "Overlook Park" in order that its environmental uniqueness may be preserved so that the residents and visitors to the lower Kenai may enjoy them in the future.

Sincerely,



Gregory S. McIntosh



Suzanne F. McIntosh



PO Box 1281
Homer, AK 99603
February 27, 1995

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 402
Anchorage, AK 99501

Subject: OVERLOOK PARK, HOMER

The other day I was up at Bay Crest hill here in Homer, and as always, I stopped at the Sterling highway overlook to walk over and take in that wonderful panorama of Kachemak Bay and lower Cook Inlet. Is there anyone who has not been impressed by this magnificent view? The tide was low and so off of the line of spruce trees far below the dark rocks of the tide flats were silhouetted against the sun-glinting pools and mud flats which make this such an important intertidal area on this side of the water. The four small lakes on what is locally called the 'slide area' were frozen and I could readily imagine the tracks of moose, possibly a bear, and a variety of canines and birds criss-crossing back and forth as I have seen them on winter hikes down there.

It is possible to clamber down the steep cliffs of Borough land, starting more or less directly from the overlook -a group of us did it once- but I would not wish to try to return by the same route!

Back in the 60's there was a little talk of using this site for a college campus -but, of course, nothing came of it (Access would have been impractical). There have been other schemes, including those of the present owners to develop a remote-access only retreat of some sort. You may recall that there was even an earlier strong attempt to encourage the State to acquire this important site. Now it is before you, the Trustees and, for myself as a longtime resident here, I can think of no more appropriate solution to guarantee that this pristine area will always remain as everyone remembers it and enjoys it still.

After one last fond gaze down past the two bald eagles slowly circling below me in the updraft, I vowed to write one more letter in support of this unique and ever-popular piece of our natural scenic Alaskan wonderland.

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Sincerely,


Richard W. Tyler

March 5, 1995

Dear Trustee Council,

I've lived to the east of the
"Country Club Estates" for 2 years.

My cabin overlooks this area,
which adjoins the Overlook Park below
Bay Crest Hill at the "gates of Homer."

A year or two following the oil spill,
I heard from two long time residents
Richard "Bumppo" Bremicker and
Jane Middleton, (biologist), that there
had been a dramatic decline in the
tide pool life, in the past few years,
along the Overlook park shoreline.

Jane & Bumppo had both been
visiting the area for 20 years. In
that time they reflected that the

difference in the tide pool life went from "very rich" to "nearly dead."

I urge you to protect this very special zone, the most awesome area near Homer in my opinion.

I am very concerned about the road that has been started to access the beach on the Country Club Estates property. If this switch back road is ever successfully completed, there would be many motorized vehicles accessing the beach by this route. The wildlife would no doubt be affected.

Last year I saw several moose as well as a sow and 3 cubs in this area. The bears were black with brown noses.

Also last year, I saw a pair of coyotes bounding along the beach, and then later saw ^{them} on my property.

There are many, many soaring eagles in this area, as well as swarms of smaller birds.

There is one Key favored eagle's roost in a huge spruce tree over the beach on the Country Club Estate land. For awhile I thought there was a nest in it. I'm sure ~~there~~ ^{there are} nests in the area.

The beach in this zone is different than I've seen anywhere; it is mainly ^(or wholly) composed of huge rock slabs that have varied depressions. Large boulders sit upon the hard beach floor. They have tiny barnacles + mussels.

Two years ^(in the summer) ago ~~there~~ were more others in the area. I believe that this area has declined in sealife and I urge your support in helping it recover.

What an opportunity to protect such a place — for the wildlife, local residents and visitors from

around the world to marvel at.

Sincerely,
Linda Redman

Linda Redman
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Hello:

I'm writing with regard to the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council's consideration of the purchase of the Overlook and Country Club Estates parcels, located on the north side of Kachemak Bay, near Homer, AK. My reasons for acquiring these lands are simple. The Overlook parcel offers unique access to marine intertidal life and marine mammals on the North side of Kachemak Bay. The adjacent Country Club Estates parcel, which is threatened with development, offers wildlife habitat for moose and bear and provides upland access to the Overlook parcel. These two parcels offer marine and terrestrial wildlife habitat that is easily accessible to the public from the Sterling highway (the public does not have to hire a water taxi to access the area). For these reasons I urge the council to purchase these two parcels with restoration funds.

Thank-you for the opportunity to express my desire to see these lands acquired for habitat protection.

Sincerely,


Mark Schollenberger

3/8/95

**KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

P.O. Box 3248
Homer, Alaska 99603

DAVE STUTZER, CHAIRMAN

Resolution 95-2

Resolution in support of small parcel acquisition of Overlook Park (KEN 55 and Baycrest (KEN 12)

Whereas, the Kachemak Bay State Park Citizen's Advisory Board whose membership includes citizens appointed by the Director of Alaska State Parks to advise the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation regarding management issues and make recommendations, and

Whereas, this board has a long standing history of support for the management of properties important for the health and welfare of the people, and

Whereas, this board has the same long history of support for the inclusion of properties important for habitat and resource protection into the State Park system, and

Whereas, the Overlook Park and Baycrest properties meet all criteria for small parcel acquisition, are a logical inclusion into the State Park system and have a wide public support in the Homer area for such inclusion,

We resolve, by unanimous vote, that the acquisition and protection of these parcels is important to the people of Alaska and for the management of the habitat and resources therein.

Resolution approved:



Dave Stutzer, Chairman, KBSP Citizens' Advisory Board

Approved March 8, 1995

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Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens Advisory Board

March 8, 1995

Resolution

regarding: Overlook Park (ID KEN 55) and Baycrest (ID KEN 12)

Whereas Overlook Park was ranked of Moderate importance and in the first fourteen of your ranking for parcels that merit acquisition, and

whereas the 97 acre Overlook Park is valuable for habitat protection because of extensive tidal pools, intertidal habitat, and a bench with open meadows, bogs, freshwater ponds, and a variety of birds and mammals including moose and bear, and

whereas the intertidal habitat contains an especially diverse flora and fauna, and

whereas Overlook Park is situated below the Sterling Highway scenic overlook west of Homer and is part of the magnificent view of Kachemak Bay and Cook Inlet that is enjoyed by residents of and visitors to Homer, and

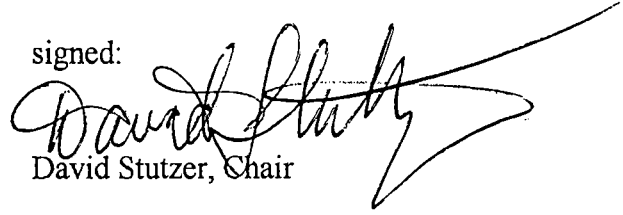
whereas Neil Johannsen, Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, has stated that the Division would willingly act as the principal managing agency "since the parcel is in view of and in close proximity to our existing Homer ranger station and would not create an undue burden on our ability to operate and maintain other state parks in the area", and

whereas Baycrest is a 90 acre parcel east of Overlook Park which would provide upland access to it, and

whereas Baycrest is in imminent danger of development which would erode the bluffs and damage both the bench and the tidal pools, therefore

be it resolved that the Kachemak Bay State Park Citizens Advisory Board request the Exxon Valdez Trustee Council purchase these properties due to their importance to the spill affected area and their contribution towards the restoration of lost values and services. If a choice must be made between the two, Overlook Park is the higher priority.

signed:


David Stutzer, Chair

RESOLUTION 95-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER,
ALASKA SUPPORTING THE ACQUISITION AND
PROTECTION OF OVERLOOK PARK AND BAYCREST
WHICH ARE IMPORTANT TO ALASKA AND TO HOMER.

WHEREAS, the 97 acre Overlook Park situated below the Sterling Highway scenic overlook west of Homer is a bench of open meadows, bogs, freshwater pounds and home to a variety of birds and mammals including moose, bear and eagles and is a pristine and fragile habitat unsuitable for commercial/residential development; and

WHEREAS, strong community support in the form of signed petitions in the past has indicated its ideal use as a park; and

WHEREAS, Overlook Park (parcel ID KEN 55) is currently under consideration for purchase by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council for habitat protection and restoration; and

WHEREAS, Neil Johannsen, Director of Alaska State Parks, has stated that this parcel has habitat, scenic, and recreation value and that Alaska State Parks would willing act as the principle managing agent "since the parcel is in view of and in close proximity to our existing Homer ranger station and would not create an undue burden on our ability to operate and maintain other state parks in the area"; and

WHEREAS, in addition, parcel Baycrest (ID KEN 12) adjacent to Overlook Park is a logical addition, its natural systems being contiguous with the latter; acquisition of this parcel could facilitate access to Overlook Park and to the intertidal areas zones of both parcels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska supports the acquisition and protection of Overlook Park and Baycrest which are important to Alaska and to Homer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska requests purchase of these properties by the Exxon Valdez Oil spill Trustee Council, noting that if a choice must be made between the two that Overlook Park is the higher priority.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA this 3rd day of April, 1995.

CITY OF HOMER


HARRY E. GREGOIRE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


MARY L. CALHOUN, CITY CLERK

Colleen Herning-Wickens
P.O. Box 80628
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March 18, 1995

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 402
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Chairperson:

I am writing to urge you to purchase Overlook Park and the adjoining Country Club Estates, the small parcels in the Homer area which meet your criteria for acquisition for habitat protection. These properties provide a haven for a variety of wild animals who otherwise would be driven back further in the mountains and away from the coastal life that nourishes them.

My family has been visiting this area for 20 years and, due to the relatively intact state of Overlook Park and Country Club Estates up until this time, this tract of land has maintained the true flora and fauna indicative of the Kenai Peninsula and the Cook Inlet tidal bioregion. Your purchase of these two properties would prevent the destruction of this unique spot and make it available to visitors from all over Alaska and the world to appreciate its value.

You have an opportunity to save this habitat for future generations and aid in its continuing role as a wildlife treasure trove. The animals, birdlife and marine life that use this piece of the earth cannot thank you for your generosity and understanding but I will and the many others that love the Homer area and the Kenai Peninsula.

Sincerely Yours,

Colleen Herning-Wickens

Colleen Herning-Wickens

Overlook Park

David Swarthout

OnLine Services of Homer
P.O. Box 671
Homer, AK 99603-0671

To the Trustees,
EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE
COUNCIL

I am writing in support of the proposed Overlook Park site near Homer.

The area is a beautiful and as yet unspoiled parcel, accessible from the ocean shore near Homer. It is relatively pristine habitat, a mixture of old-growth spruce, grassy meadow, natural freshwater ponds and rugged sea shore. Many birds and animals use the area year round. As a hiking destination, it offers an unparalleled opportunity for people that can't treat themselves to some of the more rugged wilderness for which Alaska is justly famous. By its proximity to the City of Homer, this area has characteristics that make it highly desirable for just such a foot-travel destination. Please protect this special area for future generations to enjoy.

I know you will give my recommendation your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

David J. Swarthout

April 6, 1995

58335 East End Rd.
Homer, Ak 99603

Exxon Valdez Oil spill Trustee Council
645 G street, Suite 402
Anchorage, Ak. 99501

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to urge you to support acquisition of the **Overlook Park** north of Homer. There are many good reasons for acquiring these lands - providing beach access, preventing erosion from development and protecting marine and bird life that inhabits this area, but I must admit I am partial to the area for a more sublime reason.

When I first came to Homer I pulled off at the scenic overlook (as thousands do each year) and was spellbound by what I saw. My eyes followed the finger of sandy spit pointing halfway into the austere blue of Kachemak Bay to the green-clad mountains and aqua glaciers across the bay. Mount Augustine puffed a stream of smoke out in Cook Inlet and Cape Douglas and the Barren Islands were visible to the south. It was at that moment that a seed began to grow in me and I began to contemplate moving here. That was nineteen years ago and I've been a happy resident ~~ever~~ since.

I return to this spot many times and ~~never~~ cease to be enchanted by its spell. It is one of those places that immediately affirms the reason why I live in Alaska. I am sure countless visitors and residents alike are also touched by this spot. It would be sad indeed if this flawless view, with its bluff lakes and inviting beach just below, were ever to be developed. I hope you will do all you can to help preserve this land for future enjoyment and protection.

Sincerely,

Steve Hughes

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Tutka Bay Lodge

Beyond the End of the Road

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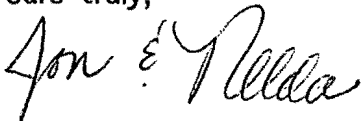
Trustees
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 402
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Trustees,

We own and operate a small nature lodge on the south shore of Kachemak Bay. The 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill affected us severely both financially and psychologically.

You now have an opportunity to acquire and set aside for habitat protection a lovely piece of property on the Homer bluffs - Overlook Park. We hope you will decide to use restoration funds to purchase this unique land.

Yours truly,



Jon & Nelda Osgood

Box 1417
Homer, AK 99603
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Trustees
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 402
Anchorage, AK 99501

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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Trustees,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the small parcels selected for acquisition by the Trustees Council.

I enthusiastically support your acquiring the Overlook Parcel identified as KEN 55. This parcel first touched my heart when I arrived in Homer over 20 years ago and stopped at the top of the Baycrest Hill to enjoy the breath-taking view across this property to the expanse of Cook Inlet and the mountains beyond. Now there is a designated scenic turnout on the highway at this spot and I still stop here to share the experience with visiting friends and relatives.


Rooftops and roads would destroy this dramatic introduction to Homer.

Development would also adversely affect the wildlife that calls this home. Bald eagles, ducks, cranes, and song birds live among healthy stands of spruce and birch trees.

Protection would save natural vegetation and wildlife for the enjoyment of present and future generations of Alaskans and visitors.

I am familiar with several of the parcels on the acquisition short list and recommend this one as the most important among them. Please add my support to acquiring Overlook Park.

Sincerely,


Mary Griswold

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G. Street, Suite 401
Anchorage, AK 99501-3451

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Please support the small parcel acquisition of Overlook Park, Homer, on the Kenai Peninsula.

This property includes a valuable intertidal zone which has present species damaged in the Valdez spill.

Acquisition of this property for a relatively small outlay of available Trustee funds will help preserve these threatened species.

Sylvia Cassidy

SYLVIA CASSIDY
P.O. Box 2004
Homer, AK 99063-9904

April 14, 1995

PHONE COMMENT LOG

Name	Affiliation	Phone	Address
Charles Harris	Resident		P.O. Box 906 Homer, AK 99603

Add to mailing list? Yes ☒ No ☐ Newsletters only ☐ Technical Docs + ☐

Date of call: 4-25-95 Comment taker: Keri Hile

Subject of comments: Homer small parcels
re: the Tulin Parcel

Comments: Very much against T.C. purchase of Tulin property

1) The timber has already been high graded

2) Fallen timber lying around will create insect hazard.

3) Any road at or to Diamond Creek will be next to impossible to maintain, so no beach campground access will be possible. The ground is too unstable

He is concerned that Trustee Council is being cheated. It looks to him like a political payoff.

Would rather see the money spent on a Homer base-line study. If Campground is a must, TC should try to buy Anchor Pt. property.

- Supports purchase of Overlook Park. KEN-55

EVOS Trustee Council
645 G St #402
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

PO Box 1281
Homer, Alaska 99603
June 15, 1995

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the small-parcel acquisition of the so-called Fox Farm property which spans the peninsula (known locally as the 'Island Peninsula'), facing south on China Poot Bay and North on Kachemak Bay looking out to Gull Island Rookery.

This 26+ acre parcel (Ken 20 -U. S. Survey #1539) has importance far above its small size as has been well documented in your letter of March 14 from Mike McBride. To me, the most critical protection need for this parcel is the existence of the large midden on the China Poot beach which has still never received much carefully documented excavation. There is considerable local speculation that this is the site that Jokelson mentions having been taken to from his brief camp on Yukon Island in the late 18 hundreds. This is a very intriguing possibility. The site is now mostly well overgrown with young spruce trees which protects it to some degree.

There is only one bit of information that I need to add to Mr. McBride's thorough analysis of the various ~~the~~^{and} many incidences of use of this parcel by EVOS 'injured species': that is that just off of the Kachemak facing cliffs of this property is a small rock in the intertidal area which has the local name of 'Black Oystercatcher Rock' where these birds are quite regularly seen feeding in the proper season. The rock, of course, is not part of the property, but the presence of this species in the area on a feeding -but not a nesting- rock is significant.

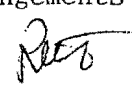
Whatever final arrangement is made for oversight of this parcel, it would seem to me to be an important addition to your many accomplishments.

Thank You,



Richard W. Tyler
PO Box 1281
Homer, Alaska 99603

P.S. I realize that the various properties being contemplated by you folks at present are each different and each have separate merits: making it difficult to judge between them. In so far as general use by the public (and by use, I mean here primarily the ability to be seen by almost everyone) The two Overlook Parcels to the West of Homer still strike me as the most important to be acquired by EVOS. However, protection of the midden on Ken 20 would get my second vote, with perhaps the Tulin property along the mouth of Diamond Creek as a third place nominee if arrangements can be made to turn it into a managed camp ground which this ^{area} truly needs.



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Dear Molly,

I thought these articles might be of interest to you.

This was to have been the Nature Conservancy's 1st project in Alaska.

Paul Fischer balked.

In one of the articles I mentioned the presence of 3 eagles nests in the valley. When I last looked for the one visible from the

Overlooks through binoculars. I couldn't find it. 10-12 years ago I watched eaglets in the nest from the overlook way sides.

Another nest was in the meadow on private land to the N.E. + one was on Ciri land to the W.

Best wishes

George Ripley
938 Arapahoe
Boulder, CO 80302

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JUL 20 1995

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The Nature Conservancy

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January 31, 1985

Senator Paul A. Fischer
Senate District D.
Box 784
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Dear Senator Fischer:

This is to acknowledge our receipt of your letter requesting our assistance in the acquisition of the Abbott property near Homer. We were very pleased to learn of your strong support for the project, and are now in the process of obtaining an option from the owner based on your interest and optimism regarding the needed appropriation.

Since we hope to secure the land for park purposes and protect it for the future, we have offered to pay \$10,000 for an option until the end of this fiscal year. This option payment is non-refundable, so we are in effect "betting" that amount in anticipation of your success in securing the needed funding for the purchase. If the appropriation is made and approved by the Governor we will exercise the option, purchase the property, and later transfer it at our cost to the DNR.

I plan to be in Juneau for the latter part of next week, and hope that we will have an opportunity to meet at that time. I would like to be able to bring you further up-to-date on our efforts to secure the Homer property and also to provide you with some information regarding our efforts to establish a new Alaska Natural Heritage Program. We sincerely hope that you may be able to assist us in this effort.

Sincerely,



Elliot Marks
Washington/Alaska Director

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G.O.s-Tools effort needed to protect Bluff Point

by George Ripley

There are very few people in this town, both resident and visitor, who have not shared in the enjoyment of one of this region's simplest and yet most profound pleasures. Some have been so awe-stricken by their first view of Kachemak Bay that they knew immediately that this would be their home. The Kachemak region weaves an almost magical charm. Even long-term residents are not jaded by the experience and take pleasure during all the seasons of the year in driving up to the edge of town to get a new perspective on the setting sun or the magnificence of Southcentral Alaska. During the summer months the wayside overlooks atop the hill are continuously full of excited visitors, almost all of whom get out of their cars to fully appreciate the powerful beauty of the high headland that is Bluff Point, the gateway to Kachemak Bay. These waysides are the type of charismatic place where it would be appropriate to hold an Easter morning convocation. Carnivals can in no way match the natural splendor of this setting.

"Welcome to Kachemak Bay" the sign says, and as people stumble from the confinement of their cars they are happily struck again and again by the beauty that surrounds them: Mount Iliamna, Augustine, Cape Douglas, the Shelikof, the Kachemak Alps, the Spit; boats and ships of all kinds heading to and fro on the seas below; songbirds and eagles in the air above and, spread at their feet, a perfect cameo of the wilderness they've hoped to find.

With lakes, meadows, forests and beaches, this beautiful cameo known as "the valley" gives peace to weary souls. It also provides for an exceptionally vital wild habitat. Three eagle nests exist in the valley. From the overlooks with binoculars one can see eaglets in the nest. Moose, bear and coyotes roam the woods and meadows. Beaver and swans can be seen in the lakes. Seals and sea otter fish the rocky tidepools of the rugged headland. Huge schools of salmon hug the shore as they move up Cook Inlet. Several species of whales can be seen from above as they feed offshore.

In 1984 the community of Homer gave broad support to an effort to make the valley a part of the state park

Moose, bear and coyotes roam the woods and meadows. Beaver and swans can be seen in the lakes. Seals and sea otter fish the rocky tidepools of the rugged headland. Huge schools of salmon hug the shore as they move up Cook Inlet. Several species of whales can be seen from above as they feed offshore.

system. The Chamber of Commerce and the city quickly recognized its value to the tourism industry as the very "gatepost" to Kachemak Bay. Fish and Game biologist Dave Holdermann recognized the valley as a unique and richly condensed micro-habitat. Borough officials, highway officials, parks officials, legislators and the state resources commissioner all gathered in Homer and agreed that this project was eminently worthy and should be put on the "front burner." The Seattle director of the Nature Conservancy was present and said that he had "never seen a bureaucracy say 'Yes!' to a project so quickly." Helping the state to acquire the valley was to become the Nature Conservancy's first Alaska project.

So what happened? The project sped quickly to the office of a freshman legislator in Juneau where it was ignored. It made a token appearance on the final budget but then was cut by the governor and the valley was back up for grabs.

About that time newcomers drove over the crest of the hill, stopped at the overlook, and decided to make their lives in Kachemak Bay. When they drove to town they discovered that the beautiful valley was for sale. Concerned that nothing mar the beauty of their new home, they successfully set about buying the property themselves in an attempt to protect it until such time that it could become a park. That has been their hope, yet their ability to continue holding the land has nearly come to an end. It is once again for sale. Now is the time for the community to again request of the state whatever moderate sum is required to protect the valley (a mere 250 acres) for the benefit of all and

future generations — this valley that has been recognized by all experts as having outstanding and unique value.

What needs to be done? Grass-roots networking, lobbying, educating, planning, negotiating. It won't be an easy job regardless of its popular appeal. The groundwork needs to be done by volunteers working through a volunteer organization. The community at large needs to show its support.

An educational/interpretive display placed in the wayside overlooks could help in the nonpolitical education of the traveling public — there should be a display there anyway; those waysides are a very neglected public asset.

A well-organized petitioning effort could probably raise 2,000-3,000 signatures by Labor Day. (The previous effort 9 years ago netted 1,200 signatures in April and May.)

Private donors interested in protecting the beauty of the region could be sought for tax-exempt contributions.

The borough, the state, and the Exxon Trustees Council could all be requested to help.

The owners would be willing sellers.

On the subject of access it is considered that the primary value of the valley is as a viewing park, similar to the Grand Canyon. Wildlife observation and habitat protection will remain the primary objective. Current means of access would not be enhanced in the foreseeable future.

Gov. Hickel's editorial in the 6/29/93 Homer Tribune underscores the reason to protect the Overlook Park: "At 62%, Alaska tied with Vermont for first place among states where residents rank their first interest as wildlife viewing or photography."

This may well be an idea whose time has come, provided that at least one committed individual assumes the job. That it comes so quickly on the heels of the saving of Kachemak Bay State Park serves to provide notice that Kachemak Bay deserves recognition as being synonymous with "park land."

George Ripley spent 16 years as a local parks advocate and currently resides in Dutch Harbor. He can be reached by calling 581-3444.

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Homer News

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Money for the Road project is up until the leg reconvenes, but it has the support of the Transportation, Knapp.

According to M two bills, SB173 and both contain provisions for the \$50,000 needed for final plans for the road. The \$850,000 will be found by Bill Sheffield said try to find for East is also in SB173.

"It's not dead yet Mr. Knapp Tuesday matter will be decided when the legislature reconvenes perhaps as Friday.

Mr. Knapp said supports the idea of a new East Hill Road, recently flown over miles in question that has never driving the road during breakups.

"I probably could have made it up, anyway said.

He said a lot of people on the hill and depend on the road daily.

"Something needs to be done," he said. "But it will be expensive." He put the cost of the road at over \$6 million.

The \$850,000 that SB173 will be used for chasing rights-of-way and relocating utilities. Knapp said he saw a chance of that money passed by the legislature, but anything else, like a temporary fix-up money.

"There is only one way to do it and that's the hard way," he said. "Otherwise we'd keep throwing money after bad."

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Photo by Hal Spencer

Standing on the bluff at the top of Baycrest Hill, George Ripley points out various parts of the proposed Overlook Park to Div. of Parks Director Neil Johansen, right, Borough Mayor Stan Thompson, left, and other visiting officials, Friday afternoon.

State, borough officials view park site

State parks and transportation officials toured the site of a proposed park below Baycrest Hill last week, and said they would pursue development of a "Homer Overlook Park."

After seeing the land they met at City Hall to discuss the proposal. George Ripley, local resident and promoter of the park, said he was assured by the department representatives that they would pursue the proposal within both the state division of parks and Dept. of Natural Resources.

"The development would create an aura in Homer of parks," Mr. Ripley told the gathering. "It would say, welcome to one of the park areas of Alaska."

The proposed park would cover a 250-acre valley at the foot of the bluff north of town. Included

in the arrangement, is a plan to upgrade the turnoffs at the top of the bluff which is a natural scenic draw to tourists.

"We got a solid commitment by the state to pursue this park as a priority," said Mr. Ripley. "I walked out of the meeting feeling totally relieved as if they'd lifted the entire project from my shoulders."

"The Homer City Council has already called on the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources to study the possibility of incorporating the area into the state parks system. Soon after, the Student Council of Homer High School endorsed the idea.

Some of those at the meeting included Skip Harding, Jack Wiles, and Bill Garry of the Div. of Parks, Jim Barnett of the Dept. of Natural Resources and Elliot Marks of the Nature

Conservancy.

Rep. Mike Fritz, R-Anchorage Point, and Sen. Paul Fischer, R-Soldotna, have indicated they would sponsor legislation in its behalf. Well over 1,000 local residents have signed petitions favoring the park.

Eighty acres of the land is designated as Kenai Borough land. The state owns 11 acres, while 46 acres are native owned. Some 169 acres, more than three fifths, is held by three individuals.

Borough Mayor Stan Thompson and Assemblywoman Marilyn Dimmick were at the meeting, and each agreed they saw no problem in convincing the assembly to give up their 80 acres in exchange for other state land.

Jack Wiles of the Div. of Parks, said he would push for development funds at the same time as acquisition money to ensure the park's completion.

Several schools of thought surround development of the park itself. Some favor doing nothing to make access down the steep bluff any easier.

According to Mr. Ripley, the slope is not as treacherous as it might seem, and safe paths and stairways could be built giving access from the top. Presently, it takes a long walk along the beach to reach the land.

But it is unlikely any paths, staircases, or roads

would be built until large numbers of people begin making their own trails into the area, thereby creating potential hazards to themselves and the environment, said a park prospectus.

Eleven acres now owned by the state of Alaska sits on the western rim of the bluff. Park sponsors propose that this land be used as the site for a Southern Peninsula State Park Headquarters and Visitors' Reception Center. Buildings on the site were once used by the University of Alaska.

Park backers also like to see the wayside turnoffs on top of the bluff upgraded. Signs are needed to warn traffic because the pulloffs are on a blind turn.

One idea is to build an efficient parking system and traffic flow design, relocate the historic sign on an island in the middle of the pull off, and place plaques along a railing describing the view. The railing itself would be pulled back from the bluff to provide more area for picnic tables.

The next step is to contact landowners and start negotiations, begin the appraisal process, and at that point the Nature Conservancy will work out an deed of trust agreement with the major landowner to keep the property off the market until the state legislature can pass acquisition funds, said Mr. Ripley.

Culvert to be replaced on East End Road

The collapsed culvert which has led to erosion of the new section of East End Road near McNeil Canyon will be replaced this summer, according to the Dept. of Transportation.

Repairs will require digging out part of the fill which collapsed at McNeil Creek, said a spokesman of the department's Anchorage operations office.

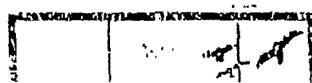
It is not known what caused the culvert to collapse, he said, but the failure was first observed when the area was hit by torrential rains the end of last November. Since

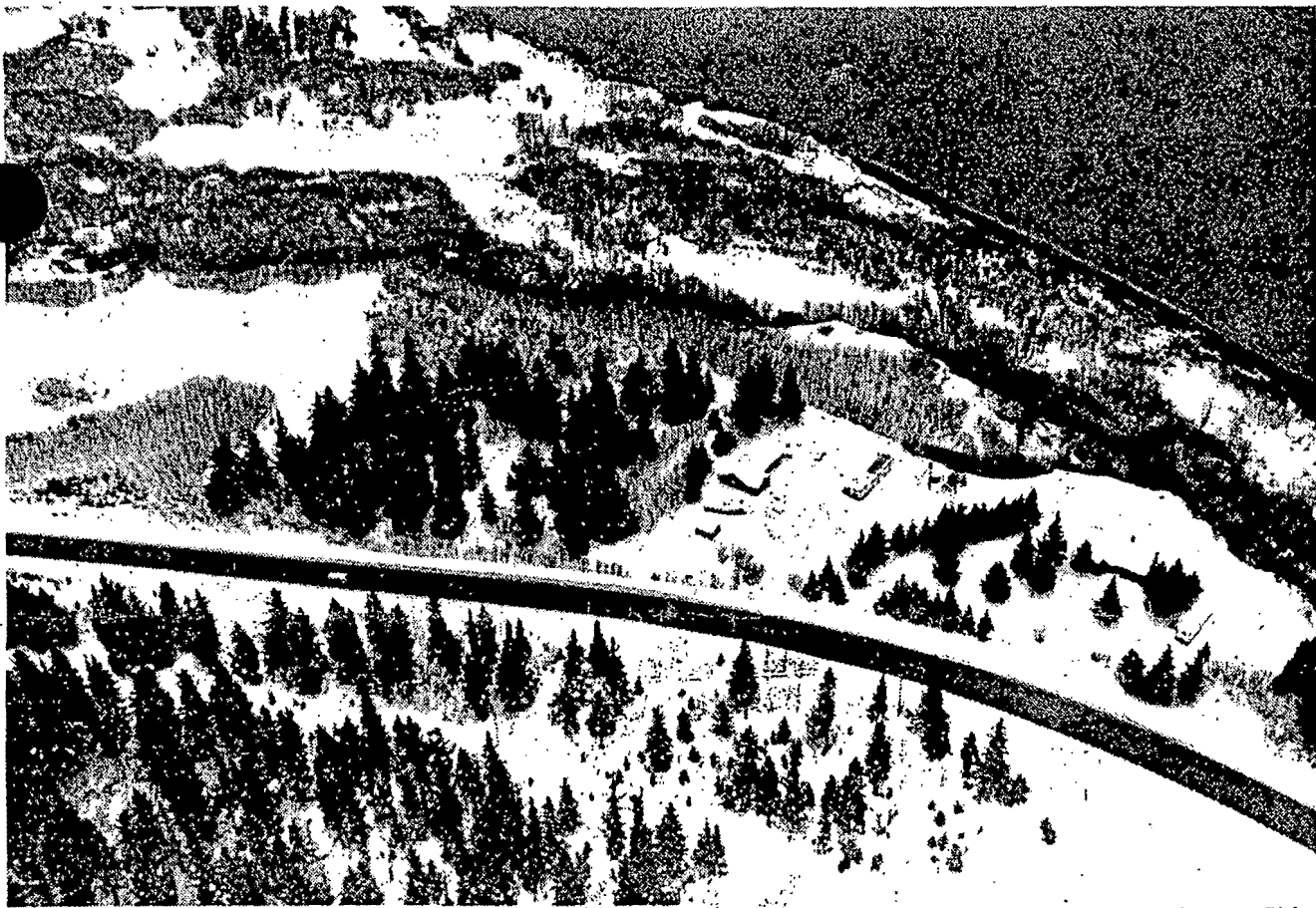
of the road to slough away beneath the guardrail on the downhill side.

Mr. Coatney said replacing the pipe and repairing the road may cost as much as \$150,000.

The weight of the gravel fill may have collapsed the pipe, he said, or caused it to pull apart.

He said the date of the repairs has not been set, but that the road will be fixed this summer.





Land suggested for a park lies below the Sterling Highway near the viewpoint on Baycrest Hill.

Photo by George Ripley

Park proposed below Baycrest look-out

Between the overlook on Baycrest Hill and the beach lies a gentle bench land which provides a home for wildlife and an opportunity for people, says George Ripley.

Informally known as "The Valley" or "The Slides," the small pocket of land is a "cameo of Alaskan wilderness" Mr. Ripley said. If it were preserved that way, he continued, area residents and tourists could share a jewel of a park.

Mr. Ripley, a wilderness guide and a person long active in the planning of Kachemak Bay State Park, is mobilizing support to draw "The Valley" into the state park system. It's a natural, he said, and he is encouraged by the response so far.

"This area means a lot to a lot of people," he said. "It's here that many people fall in love with Homer and Kachemak Bay." And from the standpoint of the tourist industry, he adds, "It is the point of Homer's first sale."

From the overlook, he said, it is not uncommon to spot moose and black bear in the proposed park. He said he has seen swans in the ponds along the bench, and the beach and rock shoals offshore support a myriad of birds and sealife.

Though steep bluffs now

limit access, Mr. Ripley says many people could enjoy the place by means of a stairway down the steep ground and a trail system below.

According to Mr. Ripley, only about 12 acres, up near the highway, is owned by the state. Along the middle ground, between the highway and the bench is about 80 acres owned by the Kenai Peninsula Borough, about 46 acres owned by Cook Inlet Region Inc., and

about 34 acres owned by the Hillstrand family. Along the beach is about 110 acres in the old Abbott homestead, and about 26 acres owned by the Wilkins family of Homer.

Sooner or later the land may be developed privately, Mr. Ripley said. He hopes that through land trades the state could obtain the area for a park.

The location has historical significance as well, Mr. Ripley said. The word

Kachemak is thought to stem from the Russian term for "smoky bay." Smoldering coal seams along this part of the bluff caused the smoke, he said.

Mr. Ripley said he is presenting the idea to local organizations and individuals, and is aiming to get 4,000 signatures on a petition to present to the state.

Thomas and Ellsworth honored by Fire Dept.

Gary Thomas was named firefighter of the year, and Linda Ellsworth EMT of the year, at the fire department's annual banquet Saturday.

"They are two of the finest people I've had the opportunity to work with in the fire service," said Fire Chief Tom Craig. "They're outgoing and are not always looking for a pat on the back for their efforts, which are considerable," he said. "They've given a lot to the people of the city of Homer."

Other awards at the banquet went to Dan Cross as the most improved firefighter, and to Keith Valentine, Chaz Ingham,

and Terre Saladin in appreciation of all their volunteer efforts.

Firefighter of the year is chosen by the past three recipients of the award. Making the selection this year were Robert Purcell, Fred Morris, and Cathy Stingley.

EMT of the year was chosen by past recipients Cathy and Dick Stingley.

Mr. Craig selected the most improved firefighter.

Over 80 people attended the dinner, including members of the fire department and their guests and representatives of several city agencies.

Homer emissaries t

East is east and west is west, but next month the two may draw a little closer together when residents of Homer travel to Teshio, our sister city in Japan.

This will be Homer's first official trip to the area, and there is room for 25 people to go along, said travel coordinator Ginger Van Wagoner, of Homer Travel Service.

Already signed up for the trip are mayor Erle Cooper — who was given the money to go as the city's representative at the City Council's last meeting — Margret and Patti Pate, Mike and Diane McBride and children, Ms. Van Wagoner, and two who first initiated the idea of a Japanese sister city — Steve and Noko Yoshida.

Besides Teshio, located on the northern tip of Hokkaido, the group will visit Sapporo,

Pion begin

Ways to make Avenue safer travel and more will be addressed by citizen advisors, expected to guide the major reconstruction.

A number of drainage and problem areas were noted at a meeting last week. Mr. Helminiak, concerned with the at Main Street, with the snow berms along side, and with safety.

For instance, people found many traffic demands made at the crossing, where streets — Pioneer East End Road — together.

Some of the meeting, and of representatives of business community groups selected for a committee, she is not yet complete.

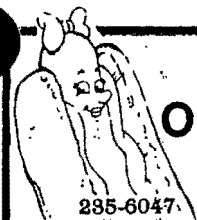
Upgrading Avenue is the top priority for the year, and lead projects presented to the state Legislature.

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Jozankei Spa. Seven days of the will be spent with the rest will be dependent, individualities, Ms. Va said.

The sister city the works for se and was inspired annual summer Japanese student visit to Homer course of the la idea was ac Homer's city of Teshio's city gov.

The benefits to tionship include economic ties, Ms. said. In addition



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& diverse plants

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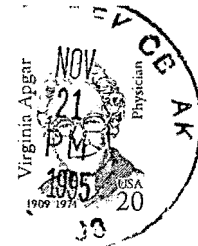
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Homer AK 99603
January 15, 1996

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Council
645 G Suite 401
Anchorage AK 99510

Att Molly McCannan

I am writing to ask you to purchase the Overlook
Park parcel 2 mi west of Homer.

This parcel of land is extremely important to both the
marine intertidal and forest ecosystems. Please execute
the purchase at the very earliest time possible.
Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jane Middleton

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SMALL PARCEL NOMINATION

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**KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

P.O. Box 3248
Homer, Alaska 99603

DAVE STUTZER, CHAIRMAN

Resolution 95-3

Resolution in support of small parcel acquisition of Diamond Creek (TULIN KEN 29) and Vandenberg (KEN 56) properties.

Whereas, the Kachemak Bay State Park Citizen's Advisory Board whose membership consists of representatives of a cross section of the citizenry and who are appointed by the Director of Alaska State Park to advise the Division of Parks on management issues and make recommendations, and

Whereas, this board has reviewed several of the small parcel nominations, and

Whereas, the Diamond Creek property (KEN 29) would provide for habitat protection and access to recreational resources for the people of Alaska, and

Whereas, there is inadequate recreational facilities and lands along the Sterling Highway between Homer and Anchor Point, and

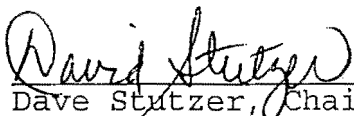
Whereas, the Vandenberg property (KEN 56) separates the only parcels of Kachemak Bay State Park on the north shore of Kachemak Bay and are the only road accessible portions of this park, and

Whereas, the acquisition of KEN 56 would provide for a more complete park unit for the development of trails and other recreational facilities, and

Whereas, the inclusion of KEN 56 would provide for improved habitat protection for Bald Eagles, Black Bear and Moose,

We resolve, by unanimous vote, that the acquisition of these properties are important for the people of Alaska and the management of habitat and resource therein.

Resolution approved:



Dave Stutzer, Chairman, KBSP Citizens' Advisory Board

Approved March 8, 1995

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Gail Parsons

PO Box 2397

Homer, AK 99603

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 401
Anchorage, AK 99501-3451

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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Council Members;

I write to you on behalf of habitat preservation in the Homer area. Parcel designated Kenai 56 is extremely important as it will connect the Cottonwood and Eastland sections of Kachemak Bay State Park. This 195 acres will greatly increase the value of the park for habitat protection.

Please use your small parcel habitat acquisition process to purchase this parcel and make the park on this side of Kachemak Bay whole.

Thank you for the very important work you have done and will continue to do.

Sincerely,

Gail Parsons

Gail Parsons

15 February 1996

Michael Swan

PO Box 2397

Homer, AK 99603

February 15, 1996

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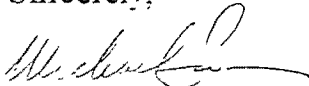
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Sincerely,



Michael Swan

Luella R. Smith
335 Bayview E.
Homer, AK 99603

2-16-96

Exxon Valdez Oil Trustee Council
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I urge you to purchase
"Kenai 56" acreage joining
the Cottonwood & Eastland
sections of Kachemak State
Park.

I have saved something
for my now very young
great grand children

Thank you
Luella R. Smith

P.O. Box 2994
Homer, AK 99603
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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council
645 G Street, Suite 401
Anchorage, AK 99501-3451

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Trustees:

We would like to encourage you to consider purchase of the 195-acre private parcel between the Cottonwood and Eastland portions of Kachemak Bay State Park in Homer, also known as "Kenai 56". State Parks has intended to purchase this piece for a trail to run along the length of the park, but has never had the money. The Kenai 56 parcel is an important key for public access to these units of Kachemak Bay State Park, as well as a vital part of buffer protection for these two drainages. We understand that the owner is a willing seller.

We urge you to consider acquiring this small parcel to help preserve the integrity of the Cottonwood-Eastland units of Kachemak Bay State Park and to provide for a feasible access route so that this parkland on the Homer side of Kachemak Bay can become a viable part of local recreational opportunities available on our local road system. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust *Edgar Bailey*
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Nancy Lord
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Feb. 27, 1996

EVOS Trustee Council
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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Trustee Council Members:

I'm writing in support of "Kenai 56," property identified in your small parcel habitat acquisition process.

It has recently come to my attention that this privately-owned property, which lies between the Cottonwood and Eastland sections of Kachemak Bay State Park, is on your small parcel list and is, moreover, currently being logged. I was part of the effort ten or so years ago to have the Cottonwood-Eastland lands added to KBSP and am personally familiar with the area, its resources, and its potential. Although this section of park is currently undeveloped, there is rapidly increasing demand for camping, hiking, and other recreational activities on the Homer side of the bay, and I believe purchase of this in-holding would certainly enhance recreational opportunities here, as well as take some pressure off other areas and resources in the spill area.

I urge you to consider this parcel in whole or in part. If it's not possible to purchase it in its entirety, with its remaining trees, perhaps it's possible to purchase--inexpensively--a corridor or right-of-way to join the two sections of park or all or part of the parcel after the trees are removed. In the later case, particularly if some stands of trees are left, and the logging debris is properly cleaned up, the parcel might be made suitable as a vehicle campground.

With sincere thanks for your attention to "Kenai 56,"


Nancy Lord

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SMALL PARCEL NOMINATION

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FEB 12, 1994

Dear Suzanne,

At the recent parks meeting in Homer, Ron Cushman of the AK Dept. of Parks encouraged me to write to you regarding the acquisition of my Swift Creek property for inclusion in the State Park System. Our local park official, Roger McCampbell and numerous Homer people have also been urging me to contact you with the hope that you could help legislate funds for the purchase of this very special historic homestead.

Perhaps you are already familiar with the land which is located at the head of Kachemak Bay just beyond the end of East End Road. It has been written up & photographed in numerous articles + magazines; used for years as an overnight spot for homesteaders, cattlemen, horse people, hikers & campers. It's an ideal trailhead into the Fox River Valley & from Swift Creek you can travel the entire 20 mile North shore to Homer on the beach - right along the Cottonwood-Eastland park boundary! I have preserved the homestead in its original state, using it only for grazing + horseback trips + family cattle roundups since I bought it in 1974. And I have always envisioned that its highest + best use would be for the land to someday become a park for all to enjoy. Swift Creek is too beautiful, unique, Recreationally accessible + valuable to even be sold or subdivided privately.

Right now all the private land around the head of Kachemak Bay is being subdivided at a rapid rate and there is a great population pressure on the entire area. This is the only large parcel left. Soon there may be no way for the public to easily access through this area unless Swift Creek is preserved. The land fronts 1/4 mile of beach & tideland, is bordered by two creeks (with wild canyons containing many moose, bear, coyotes, -and even wolves have been seen!) It is easily accessible via beach, trail, boat, 4 wheeler, horseback, kayak, mountainbike. There are lots of prime campspots - along the beach, the cottonwood lined creek, the pastures. There is state land adjoining on 2 sides (with more park potential) - The Cottonwood-Eastland park is only 1 1/2 miles or so away, via an easy beach walk (thereby making that park more accessible at no extra cost)

I wish to find a way to keep this land forever & do not wish to sell or subdivide - but due to increased taxes, & insurance on my Seaside Farm mortgage, I can't afford to indefinitely maintain Swift Creek without some help. I'd like to preserve it for the future & I believe there is enough public/local support for this idea to give the state the incentive to support this too. I'd like to donate at least 1/2 the property, if the state can fund the other half - and I'd be very happy to be flexible on the price.

* there's an eagle nest on the property!

I'm in the process of getting a "Letter of opinion" appraisal, but I'm sure that the 67+ acres would be a steal around \$100,000 - not less than \$75,000, with the rest donated to the public. In return, I would like to retain use of the land until my death, continuing to maintain + caretake the property as before. I would ask the state parks to designate + help maintain specific sites for public use - I'd like especially to see Swift Creek used by educational + environmental groups for their activities & outings. With more people enjoying & using the area, more attention + protection would be given to the entire head of Kachemak Bay by its local citizens. Tourists would have a place to hike to with their families - on the Homer side of the Bay, from the end of the road - They would have a chance to hike into Fox River Valley, camp on the beach, see up to seven bald Eagle nests, fish in Fox Creek, ride horses & spend the night - the possibilities are endless. The place would also be an ideal site for a ranger or fish + game person to headquarter.

If you wish, I could get you letters of support from many people who favor the acquisition + protection of this special place which already is functioning as a park in so

many ways - and needs to become a park officially for future generations.

I'm also writing to Neil Johansen of Alaska State Parks and to the Exxon Oil Spill Trustees for possible funding but I'm not sure if the property would qualify for these oil spill funds, therefore I'm contacting you to see if you would be interested in legislating for this place to be included in the parks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Maurin Kilchen

cc. Neil Johansen

Feb 28, 1994

Dear Neil -

Some weeks ago I wrote Rep. Suzanne Little requesting funding for the creation of a park at the head of Kachemak Bay.

This Park idea is not new, 10 years ago an attempt was made to save several parcels neighboring my property which were of special value. These lands have since been sold + heavily developed. Mine is the only piece left and is the most valuable of all, as it has easy access, historic + recreational + habitat value, is bordered by the ocean + 2 creeks and is quite famous. It is near Cottenwood - Eastland Parks - the Fox River Valley - and basically has always functioned as a trail head for people over the last 50 years.

I have never intended to develop this unique + priceless property, but keep it in stewardship for future generations. However I can no longer do it alone. I need your help. The state was either

unable or unwilling to put forth the funds necessary to preserving the Bennetts and Loring's property, but I hope that you can prevent this mistake from happening again. I would like to give it away to the park, but I need at least my expenses covered + my home paid off, the rest of the 67 acres I will donate I'd like to work out some kind of plan acceptable to all. I feel my offer is a steal. This could be a wonderful memorial park, a tribute to all the pioneers + homesteaders who built Alaska. It would be used by many, believe me. Horse lovers, hikers, campers, fishermen beachcombers, families on a picnic - I've described the land in more details in my enclosed copy of my letter to Rep. Little.

I need your support, Neil. Ron Crenshaw asked me to talk to you. Perhaps you could try to encourage the legislature to acquire this land,

giving me life tenancy, and reimbursing me at least \$75,000, which is all I would need (though its worth at least twice as much.) When you think of some of the things state government spends money on, its really an offer you can't afford to pass up.

Please let me know what steps I should take next; and if letters of support from the community would make the difference, I guarantee there will be many!

Very sincerely —

Maurice (messy) Kildner

58335 E. END RD,
HOMER, ALASKA 99603

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Kodiak Island Borough

710 MILL BAY ROAD
KODIAK, ALASKA 99615-6398

May 8, 1995

Molly McCammon, Executive Director
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
645 G Street, Suite 401
Anchorage, AK 99501

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL
TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Dear Molly;

Per our recent discussion, enclosed is the Kodiak Island Borough Resolution No. 95-23 prioritizing small parcel acquisitions in the Kodiak region. As indicated in the resolution, this priority is the result of input from all of the local staff people of the state and federal and private resource agencies on Kodiak Island as well as public interest, especially in Termination Point.

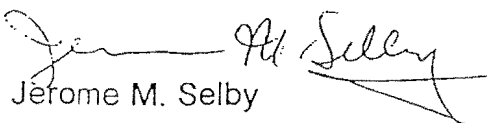
As is obvious from our list, all parties were disappointed that the importance of commercial fisheries apparently had little value in the EVOS staff rating system since the weir sites did not rate very high. It also appeared that proximity or access to large parcel acquisition was not considered in the evaluation process. Many of these parcels are critical to the large parcels that are being acquired. The highest priority parcels on our list tend to have multiple special merit values for resources and services injured by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. We are not sure the multiple factors were given enough consideration. We hope this can be corrected now.

If there are any questions, or if additional information is needed on any of the parcels, please let me know and we will obtain the information for you as quickly as possible.

I look forward to working with you and the Council on the acquisition of these parcels.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR


Jerome M. Selby

Enclosure

Introduced by: Mayor Selby
Requested by: Mayor Selby
Drafted: Mayor Selby
Introduced: 05/04/95
Adopted: 05/04/95

KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH
RESOLUTION NO. 95-23

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL
TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN SMALL PARCELS
WITHIN THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH
AS PART OF THE SMALL PARCEL ACQUISITION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council has determined that acquisition of certain high value and special merit small parcels of land should be acquired as part of the overall restoration process resulting from the Exxon Valdez oil spill; and

WHEREAS, many more parcels have been nominated and identified for consideration than can possibly be bought with the available funds by the Trustee Council; and

WHEREAS, the Kodiak Island Borough has worked with the area's federal, state and local agencies that have an interest in restoration of the fish, marine mammal, bird, and wildlife species that were impacted by the oil spill, and in that process has been able to define and identify critical habitat areas of property which have special merit value for the injured resources or services; and

WHEREAS, many of the parcels that have been identified in this process of the Kodiak Island Borough working with the various agencies include outstanding wilderness areas, outstanding subsistence and recreational value areas, necessity for commercial fisheries habitat or management, outstanding critical habitat areas for the various species of birds and animals, and outstanding estuary areas for species protection for the future health of the ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, many of these outstanding parcels have the multiple feature of being critical access areas for the larger parcels which have been acquired by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council through the large parcel acquisition process; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely difficult to identify the most important parcels meriting acquisition without having first hand knowledge of these areas, having lived in the Kodiak Island Borough area, and understanding the inter-relationships of the parcels and the importance of their multiple features which are deserving of special merit for consideration of purchase; and

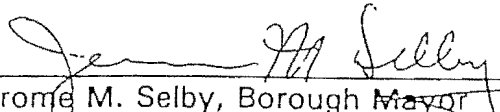
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36 Acres (parcel# unknown)	Kitot Bay Hatchery Weir Site
5 Acres (parcel# unknown)	Thorsheim Weir Site
5 Acres (parcel# unknown)	Horse-Marine Weir Site
5 Acres (parcel# unknown)	Karluk Lake Weir Site
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KAP 109	Sulua Bay
KAP 262	Halibut Bay
KAP 106	Brown's Lagoon
KAP 139	Uganik Bay
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KAP 246	Bumble Bay
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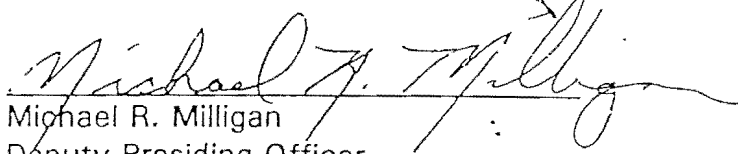
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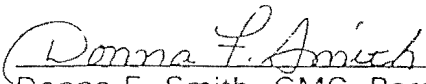
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KAP - 100



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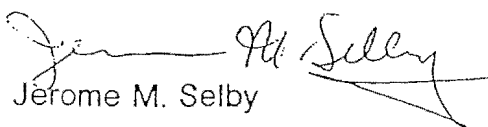
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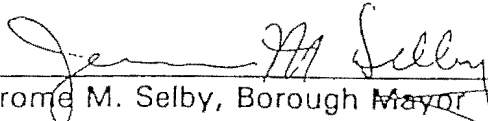
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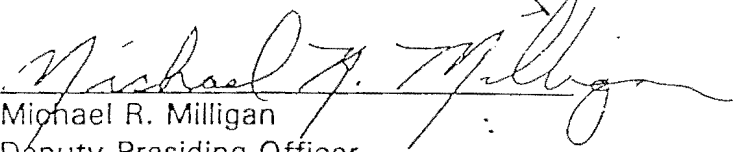
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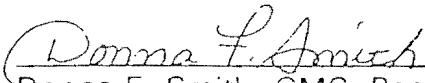
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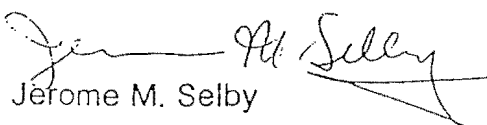
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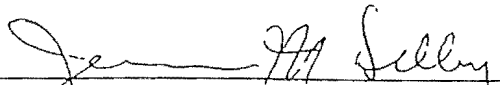
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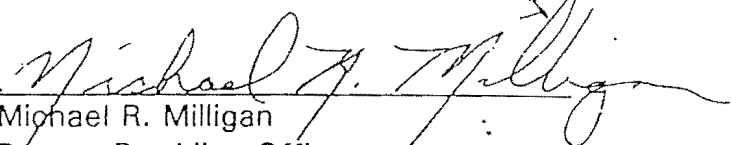
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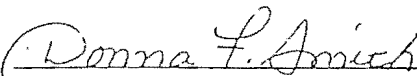
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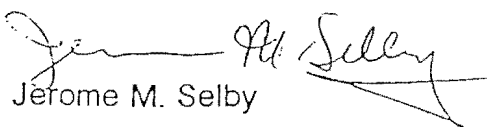
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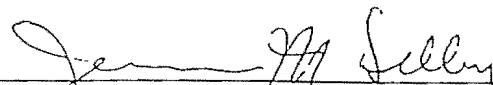
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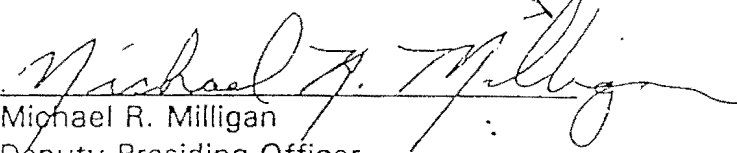
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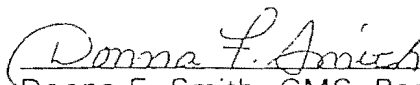
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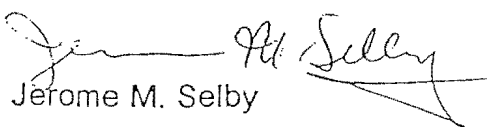
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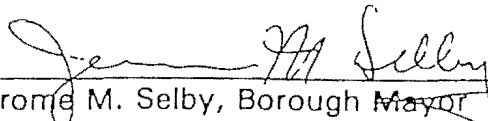
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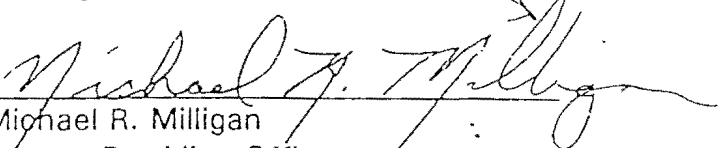
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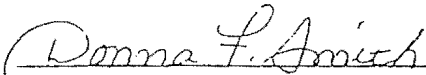
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