

# Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan



Adopted December 1997

# Advisory Board Statement of Purpose

## **The purposes for which this Board is organized are as follows:**

1. To provide a forum for the collection and expression of opinions and recommendations on matters relating to State parks and outdoor recreation;
2. To promote protection of the natural and cultural features of State parks and other State lands;
3. To promote communication among the general public, other government agencies, and the administrators of State parks;
4. To inquire into matters of community interest relating to State parks and outdoor recreation; to bring matters of interest to the attention of the public;
5. To appear and testify at public and legislative hearings as representatives of State parks users and neighbors;
6. To make recommendations to the Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation concerning, among other things, the following:
  - (a) promoting the protection and enhancement of the State's historic and recreational resources,
  - (b) promoting the interpretation and public presentation of the natural and human history of park lands,
  - (c) increasing public awareness of human impacts on parks,
  - (d) promoting orderly and consistent planning development and management programs for State parks and cultural and outdoor recreation resources,
  - (e) identifying diverse public recreation uses,
  - (f) mitigating conflicts among user groups;

## **Sec. 41.21.510. Advisory committee.**

- (a) In developing and implementing the management plan required by AS 41.21.506(a), the commissioner shall appoint an advisory board. The commissioner and the advisory board shall jointly hold public meetings during development of the management plan in the areas affected. The commissioner shall consult with and solicit recommendations from the advisory board and from federal and state agencies, interest groups, and other interested members of the public.
- (b) (b) The advisory board appointed under this section shall be representative of user groups, resident property owners, municipalities, agencies of the state and federal governments, and other interest groups. A majority of the members of the advisory group shall be residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

## Accomplishments

- Coordinating with other agency with Special Use Permits
- Kenai River Recreation Study
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Boat Waves on Johnson Lake and Kenai River
- 2009 Kenai River Recreation Use Study
- Guide Academy
- Hydrocarbon Mitigation

## Challenges

- Update 20 year old Management Plan
- Getting policy makers to follow the management plan
- Commercial operations vs public use
- Overcrowding

# The Next Kenai River Special Management Board Meeting:

**Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board**

**\*\*\* Meeting Agenda\*\*\***

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

5:30 p.m. Donald E. Gilman Center, Funny River Rd.