



*Mission: To promote cooperative economic development that preserves the essence of the community while enhancing the quality of life.*

July 22, 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Homer Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, representing over 500 businesses in the Kachemak Bay area, unanimously supports the proposal to classify and manage an 80 acre parcel located in the west discharge slope of the Beluga Wetlands Complex (NW ¼, SE ¼, and NE ¼, SW ¼, Sec. 15, T6S, R13W. S.M.) as preservation land or critical wildlife habitat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monte Davis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Monte Davis  
Executive Director

Kenai Peninsula Borough  
144 N. Binkley St.  
Soldotna, AK 99669

The Honorable Dave Carey

We are writing this letter to you as a follow-up to our meeting Tuesday morning, the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2011. Kachemak Moose Habitat Inc., a non-profit corporation, would like to formally request that the Kenai Peninsula Borough classify 80 Acres of the West Discharge Slope of the Beluga wetlands complex as “preservation” or “critical habitat”. The legal description for that acreage is the NW ¼, SE ¼, and NE ¼, SW ¼, Sec 15, T6S, R13W, S.M.

We asked for and received unanimous support for a resolution from the Homer City Council encouraging the Kenai Peninsula Borough to classify this land as we have requested above. The City of Homer’s comprehensive plan already classifies as “conservation use” recognizing this parcel as environmentally sensitive public land. We understand that if the Borough does move to this protect or classify this as important habitat that it is not a permanent classification and is subject to change in the future. We are pleased that you are considering this request and we are grateful that you agreed to sit down with us on very short notice for our discussions.

I have attached a copy of the City of Homer’s resolution of support (unanimous vote) and a letter of unanimous support from the Homer Chamber of Commerce. A copy of the Executive Board of the Homer Board of Realtors’ support comment is available if necessary.

I have spoken with Bill Smith and will copy him with this communication and I believe he will begin the process of developing a resolution of support.

Lynn Whitmore  
President, Board of Directors  
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