



The Climate of Adventure in a Time of Change.

KBCS Annual Meeting and Membership Drive
Friday, April 22, 2016 at 7pm
Islands and Ocean Visitor Center

The Kachemak Bay Conservation Society annual gathering with a special presentation (The Spirit of Adventure in a Climate of Change) from renowned Alaskan adventurer Bjorn Olson.

Bjorn, a lifelong Alaskan and wilderness adventurer, will give a slideshow presentation about his winter fat-bike expeditions and observations of a state in climactic transition.

For more information, contact KBCS at (907) 435-7154.



KBCS Earth Day Celebration with Ray Troll and the Ratfish Wranglers

Performance at Alice's Champagne Palace
Saturday April 23rd, at 8pm

Ray Troll Art class at Homer Council on the Arts
Saturday, April 23rd from 1-3 pm.

We have a big Earth Day weekend planned in Homer! This year's festival kickoff show features Ray Troll and the Ratfish Wranglers. Tickets for the performance are available at the Homer Bookstore, Alice's and at the Old Inlet Bookshop. Advance tickets \$15, \$20 at the door.

Ray will also lead an art class at Homer Council on the Arts gallery. Tickets, (\$40 supplies included) for the art class are available at the Homer Bookstore (cash or check) or by calling Alisa at 435-7154 for credit card purchases.

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Message from the President

In 2016 Kachemak Bay Conservation Society will continue to tackle challenging issues and exciting endeavors, while undergoing some foundational administrative changes. After nearly 3 decades as a KBCS board member and many years as President, our tireless environmental advocate and leader Roberta Highland has stepped down as board President. While her dynamic leadership and tenacity will be missed in that capacity, she will remain an active KBCS member and will be collaborating with new board member Wendy Anderson on a newly created and much needed 'Issues and Comments Committee'. Roberta has served KBCS, the community of Homer, the State of Alaska and the planet admirably in her capacity as President even winning the 2013 Celia Hunter Award from the Alaska Conservation Foundation for Outstanding Volunteer Service.



We are excited to announce that Wendy Anderson has joined the board and will, in addition to her Issues and Comments Committee position, also serve as Secretary. Martie Krohn, another wonderful board addition will take over as treasurer from another of our long standing much appreciated and talented board member Linda Gorman. (See Bios on page 8.) Linda will remain as a general board member along with Alisa Mooy-Stearns and Bjorn Olson. Former Secretary Jim Stearns will take over as President and John Lancaster will

remain as Vice President. Jim has been the Salmonfest producer since inception and has been on the KBCS board for several years, serving as both Secretary and Vice President.

Kachemak Bay Conservation Society has been on the front lines of the regional and statewide conservation movement for decades. Widely recognized as the 2nd longest standing environmental organization in the Alaska, KBCS has been, over the recent years, actively involved in and/or created some of Kenai Peninsula's most prominent conservation events.

In 2014 KBCS organized a well-attended Earth Day celebration that included speakers, symposiums, demonstrations, music and interactive activities for all ages. In 2015, KBCS took over the stewardship of Salmonfest, one of the state's largest festivals, and used the platform to educate, organize and advocate for a number of pressing environmental issues that have become prominent in the minds and hearts of many Alaskans. From the preservation of Bristol Bay and struggle to stop the massive Pebble Mine to the protection of salmon habitat, wetlands and the ever present need for vigilance regarding oil and gas exploration and state park incursions, KBCS remains diligent and aware of the existing and emerging challenges to our pristine Alaskan environment.

Our annual meeting and membership drive will take place on Earth Day weekend and will be offering some of the most dynamic and compelling performances and presentations. Over the last few years KBCS events have included many notable speakers including Nancy Lord, Shannon Moore, Christine Whiting, Taz Tally, Wendy Erd, Jack Wiles and Michelle Michaud and Libby Roderick. This year our own board member, award winning film maker and world class adventurer Bjorn Olson, fresh off his recent 1000 mile fat tire wilderness bike journey, will be the featured guest with 'The Climate Of Adventure in a Time of Change', a visual and verbal presentation. This gathering will be on April 22 at 7pm at Islands and Ocean.

Sincerely,
Jim Stearns, President

Message from the Retiring President

Hello All,

After many years as KBCS President and almost 30 years as a Board member, I am taking a break from the Board. I will continue to work with KBCS on the newly formed "Issues and Comments Committee", with Wendy Anderson, our new secretary. (See Wendy's Bio)

I was always hoping KBCS would be put out of business because everyone would become conservationists. After all, it is obvious Planet Earth is in trouble and who wouldn't want to become part of the solution instead of the problem? I hate to say, as of yet, this has not happened in spite of the overwhelming evidence that change is needed. This much I know- denial is very strong in human beings. I do believe the majority will come around- I listen to Bioneers every Sunday at 3:30 PM on KBBI (thank you Anne Wieland) and it never fails to inspire me. So, as I hand the reins to Jim Stearns as President, I wish him and the rest of the board the very best. I thank them for their important work and will be standing by to assist in any way I can.

Sincerely,
Roberta Highland



More Helicopters in Kachemak Bay State Park?

In March, Norse Flight, Inc. an Anchorage based company, applied for a permit for an unlimited number of helicopter flights and landings in 11 sites in Kachemak Bay State Park. The proposed landing sites include Halibut Cove Lagoon, Grace Ridge, Sadie Peak, China Poot Lake and Hazel Lake, Doroshin and Wosnesenski Glaciers, and Grewingk Glacier. The KBSP Advisory Board met with State Park Regional Superintendent on Wednesday March 9, 2016 at Islands and Ocean Visitor Center to discuss the application. The Board, along with other groups, opposed the permit and many filed comments with Superintendent Jack Blackwell. So that the Park staff can monitor conflicts among Park users, members should consider contacting the Park staff or filing a complaint form whenever they have an unpleasant experience in the Park due to helicopter flights or landings. Emails can be sent to: Mr. Blackwell, Superintendent (jack.blackwell@alaska.gov) and Jason Okuly, Park Ranger, (jason.okuly@alaska.gov).

Our Mission

The KBCS Board revised the mission statement as follows:

"The Kachemak Bay Conservation Society's (KBCS') mission is to protect the environment of the Kachemak Bay region and greater Alaska by encouraging sustainable use and stewardship of local natural resources through advocacy, education, information, and collaboration."

KBCS is concerned with environmental protection of the Kachemak Bay region. The organization focuses on climate change, habitat and wildlife issues, wetlands protection, water quality, logging, oil and gas leases, energy conservation, sustainability issues, and land use planning. The Society monitors environmental issues locally and statewide.

U.S. Navy exercises in Gulf of Alaska

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued a proposed rule allowing the U.S. Navy to conduct training exercises in the Gulf of Alaska for six weeks between May and October for the next five years (2016 - 2021). Numerous groups, agencies and persons have asked the Navy to change their trainings in order to minimize effects on marine mammals and fish populations, subsistence harvests and fishing industries and the local economies. The Navy uses active and passive sonar for submarine exercises, plus a variety of live weapons and explosives. Navy and NMFS analyses estimate 35,000 biologically significant impacts per year or 180,000 impacts over 5 years in the most sustainable and economically valuable fisheries left in the USA. Others estimate the impacts as much higher. These impacts are likely significantly underestimated. The NMFS proposed rule is inconsistent with the Marine Mammal Protection Act and would allow the Navy activities to proceed without requiring mitigation measures. These trainings set a dangerous precedent for unchecked military expansion in the most pristine waters left on earth. KBCS signed onto a letter to the Navy through the Eyak Preservation Council.



KACHEMAK BAY CONSERVATION SOCIETY
Presents

SALMONFEST 2015

Featuring

INDIGO GIRLS

August 5th-7th Kenai Peninsula Fairgrounds in Ninilchik, Alaska



Once again KBCS will be the stewards of Salmonfest. This very popular and far reaching festival provides a tremendous opportunity for the dissemination of information, meaningful interaction with countless individuals and other non-profits and a means of coalescing behind the 'Fish first' message that is at the heart of our mission.

This year KBCS is excited to announce the participation of Cook Inletkeeper as a partner and primary sponsor of the festival. CIK will be able to provide the hands on conservation component and they are working closely with KBCS on many exciting ideas with a shared vision of integrating the festival and the message in an interesting and compelling manner. This year the festival is already well underway with several top

national acts booked including the Indigo Girls, Trampled By Turtles, Brothers Comatose, Young Dubliners, Michal Menert, Clinton Fearon, Dead Winter Carpenters, Jerry Joseph and the Jackmormans and Edge of the West. A couple hundred Alaska bands have applied for the several dozen local slots and the final lineup will be announced sometime in May. There are many opportunities to get involved with the festival or if you'd rather support the cause by simply showing up as a patron, all are welcome and a memorable and magical weekend is guaranteed!

Jim Stearns
Festival Director/Producer, Salmonfest
(Salmonfest 2016: Aug. 5th-7th)



THE CARBON TAX

A Climate Change solution explained by Bjorn Olson

Unless you have lived in Alaska for only a couple years you will have no doubt noticed incredible changes in the weather. From Barrow to Bethel and all points in between, no one can deny that these changes in climate are pronounced, tangible, and often frightening.

For many, these changes seem to be an upgrade. Who wouldn't prefer 40° days in January? From a simple humanistic point of view a warmer climate seems like an improvement but this is not true. Our lives, lifestyle, and livelihoods will all be radically altered if the warming trend continues.

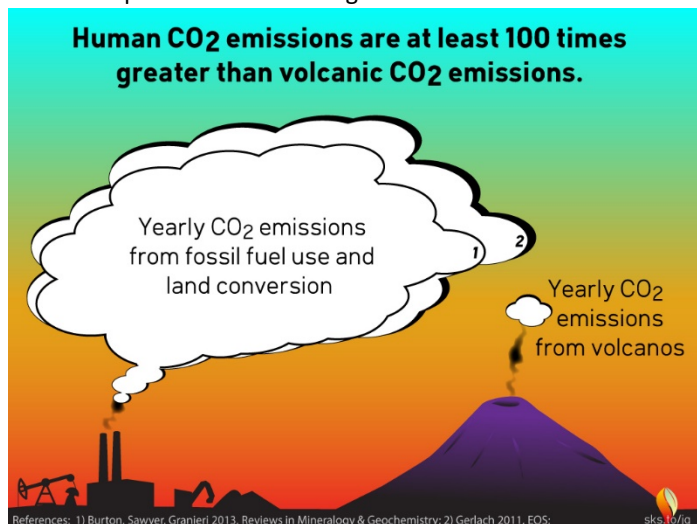
For instance, many coastal communities will have to be evacuated or moved if sea levels rise and warming continues. Loss of sea ice allows storms to blow on open water, which, generates waves and causes coastal erosion. It has been estimated that the cost per person to relocate is upwards of \$7 million, and the average village population is 300 people. The salmon many of us depend on for livelihood and sustenance are hatched and reared in streams and lakes – habitats that are warming. If a threshold in temperature is crossed, productivity drops. The warmer it gets the worse this becomes. Wildfires are increasing at an incredible rate and in the last few years we've even begun to see tundra fires. Tundra fires destroy caribou habitat and wildfires destroy homes and infrastructure.

These are just a few of the many examples of how our lives will be altered in the not too distant future if climate warming is allowed to proceed unchecked.

Climate change is so big. It is so massive an issue and phenomena that it is easy to throw your hands up in the face of it and hide under the covers. This issue is singular and humanity has never had to face a challenge this daunting. There seem to be two general reactions to the climate change issue. One reaction is to modify personal behavior. These people often ride their bikes to work, carpool, fly less, eat locally grown food, insulate their homes and generally consider ways to reduce their personal carbon footprint. The other reaction is more nihilistic. Because the issue of climate change is so intimidating some people choose to ignore it and hope it just goes away.

Neither of these reactions is very useful. There is tremendous value in minimizing personal impact. However, if we continue to work only in small pockets and as individuals the cumulative impact is negligible - like trying to demolish a skyscraper armed with nothing more than a dull spoon. In order to tackle the issue of climate change, policy and action is needed on a state, national, and international level.

The solution to solving climate change is to attach a price on carbon. The carbon we emit, by burning fossil fuels, is what economists call a negative externality – a cost that is suffered by a third party as the result of an economic transaction. In this case, the third party is the entire biosphere and all future generations.



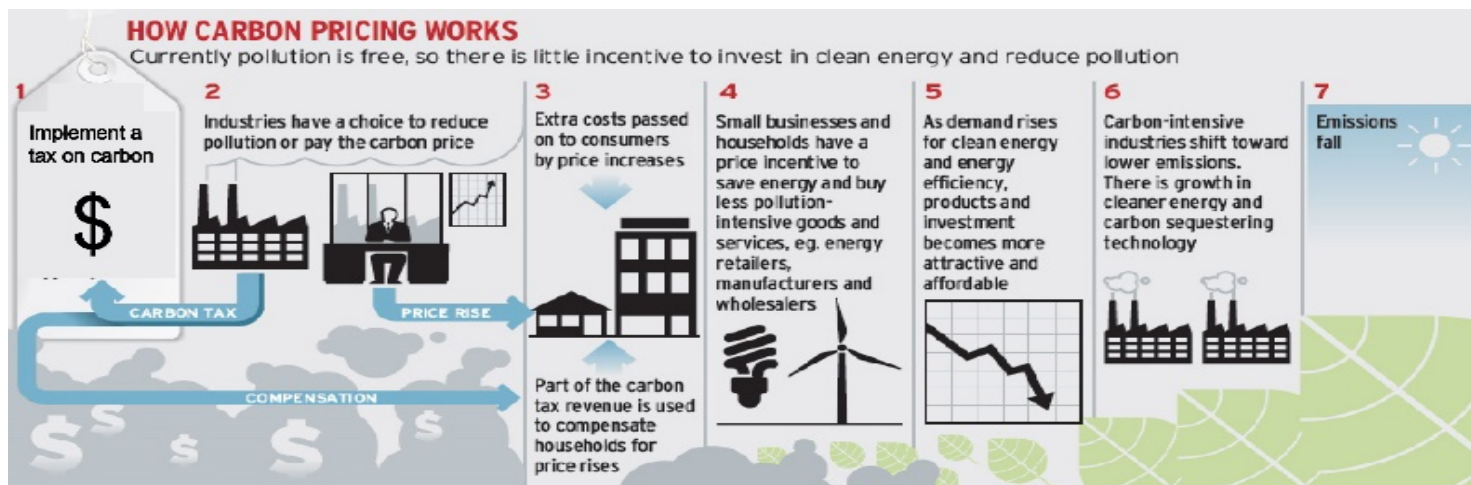
The way scientists measure greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere is in parts per million. Before the Industrial Revolution the global average of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere was 280 parts per million (280ppm). Since the late 1800's that number has increased to over 400 parts per million. What caused this incredible increase of atmospheric CO₂? The wholesale adoption of fossil fuels as our primary energy, and extensive destruction of natural carbon sinks, is what changed.

Climatologists, and other scientists who study climate issues, agree that if the global average temperature rises more than 2°C (3.6° Fahrenheit) there will be massive disruption to biodiversity and human livelihood. It has also been estimated that in order to keep us below the 2°C increase we should have no more than 350 parts per million of CO₂ in our atmosphere. The time to reduce our carbon footprint was yesterday, but now will have to do.

(Carbon Tax continued)

In 2008 British Columbia implemented a carbon tax that by all accounts has proven wildly successful. The B.C. carbon tax is revenue neutral, meaning that as people pay for the negative externalities they are responsible for, by burning fossil fuels, other taxes decrease. At the heart of the B.C. carbon tax is a simple idea: tax what society does not like or finds harmful and encourage the things society does like, e.g. jobs and income.

Since 2008, B.C.'s fossil fuel consumption has dropped by 18% and their rate of economic growth has kept pace with the rest of Canada over that time – dispelling the myth that carbon taxes are bad for job growth and the economy.



Here in Alaska we do not have an income tax but we do have property taxes and we do have the PFD. A well-defined and aggressive tax on carbon could reduce the pressure on property ownership and save the PFD for future generations, as was intended. We are in fiscal and environmental crisis mode here in Alaska. A carbon tax may be the silver bullet to both.

As state government debates and discusses ways to save Alaska from financial ruin taxing carbon needs to be dripping off of everyone's lips. Currently, low oil prices are terrible for our economy but low oil prices are a painless time to begin taxing carbon. It is time to take responsibility into our own hands and remove it from the oil companies and OPEC.

It is entirely unlikely that there is a single Alaskan who does not value wild salmon, caribou herds, distinctive native cultures, majestic glaciers and wildly abundant biodiversity. Climate change threatens all of these and more. It is time for us to take a stand to protect what we love.

Further reading on the Carbon Tax Issue:

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/americasview/2014/07/british-columbias-carbon-tax>

<http://www.skepticalscience.com/co2-limits-economy.htm>

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/global-warmings-terrifying-new-math-20120719>

<http://inletkeeper.org/resources/contents/stream-temperature-synthesis-report/view>

Additional KBCS ISSUES OF INTEREST

Alaska Department of Natural Resources Regulations

The Department of Natural Resources issued a notice of public scoping for updates and revisions to DNR regulations addressing water management (11 AAC 93). The subject regulations govern how the State manages rivers and streams and applications for water rights such as those recently granted to the Chuitna Citizen's Council. The grant of an Instream Flow Reservation on the Chuitna was one of three such applications submitted to DNR so while the hard work of many people was rewarded, much work remains. The process highlighted problems with current DNR regulations. For instance, current regulations do not require DNR to consult with the Department of Fish and Game before granting water rights to corporations. Additionally, DNR requires 5 years of data to support an application for water rights; however, this requirement is not codified in regulation and DNR apparently cannot cite a guidance document for the requirement. This process can easily lead to unequal application of criteria among applicants. These are just some examples demonstrating the need for revision and clarification of DNR water use regulations. The deadline for filing comments in response to the scoping notice was March 18, 2016 and KBCS filed comments. Members should watch for a DNR notice of proposed regulations changes that could be issued in the near future.

US Fish and Wildlife Service proposed regulations

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) issued a public notice allowing comments on proposed regulations governing administration of the National Wildlife Refuge System in Alaska. The comment period for the proposed regulations, in Docket No. FWS-R7-NWRS-2014-0005, closed on April 7, 2016 and KBCS filed comments.

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to ensure that the take of wildlife under State regulations and implementation of predator control on refuges in Alaska are consistent with USFWS legal mandates and policies for administration of those refuges.

In brief, the regulations would:

1. Prohibit predator control on refuges in Alaska except under designated circumstance and state that demands for more wildlife for human harvest cannot be the sole or primary basis for predator control;
2. Prohibit certain practices for the non-subsistence taking of wildlife on Alaska National Wildlife refuges (taking of bears and wolves during specified seasons and use of bait, traps and aircraft);
3. Update language to reflect Federal assumption of management of subsistence hunting and fishing under Title VIII of ANILCA;
4. Amend rules to clarify that black bear baiting is permitted in refuges in accordance with state law;
5. Update procedures for implementing closures or restrictions on refuges.

Donlin Gold Mine

Donlin Gold, LLC (Donlin), proposes to develop an open pit gold mine (the largest in the world) in Southwest Alaska, 10 miles north of the village of Crooked Creek on the Kuskokwim River. Donlin anticipates processing approximately 59,000 tons of ore per day for 27 years, creating a mine footprint of 16,300 acres, tailings impoundment ultimately covering 2,350 acres, and a waste rock facility covering approximately 2,300 acres. Donlin proposes to power the mine with a 315-mile natural gas pipeline from Cook Inlet across the Alaska Range and Iditarod Trail to the mine site. One of the significant concerns of the Donlin Project is the potential for mercury contamination which can severely impact fish. The proposed mine will risk subsistence fisheries rather than commercial fisheries. The US Army Corp of Engineers released a draft EIS in November, 2015 which can be reviewed and comments filed at [Donlin Mine EIS](#). KBCS signed on to a letter to the US Army Corp of Engineers written by Earthworks (copied to Gov. Walker and various state and federal agencies).

Hillcorp, LLC

Hillcorp Alaska, LLC (Hillcorp) has expanded drilling activities on the Kenai Peninsula this past year with approval of permits for drilling sites near Happy Valley. Hillcorp, through Global Geophysical Services, Inc., received approval from Alaska Oil and Gas (DOG) to conduct seismic testing in a number of areas on the Kenai Peninsula. KBCS filed timely comments. The ADFG permit(s) were issued for the proposed project activities in the vicinity of anadromous streams and resident fish streams (North Fork Deep Creek, Stariski Creek, Anchor River and tributaries), and for activities in the Anchor River Fritz Creek Critical Habitat area. DOG and Global responded in predictable ways to the numerous public comments submitted. The public comments did not result in any significant changes to the granting of permits, however. Applications for drilling permits will most assuredly follow the seismic testing and members should watch for opportunities to comment.

Furie Operating Alaska, LLC

Furie filed a Unit Plan of Operations Application for the Kitchen Lights Unit with DOG on March 6, 2016. Furie plans to drill up to 9 new exploration wells between 2016 and 2021 and plans activities from April through October. One jack-up rig will be mobilized to Cook Inlet in April 2016 to perform the drilling activities; Furie does not plan to employ a backup rig. Furie states that the JACK UP RIG WILL OVERWINTER IN HOMER. Furie requests a waiver of mitigation measures to discharge drilling mud and cuttings into Cook Inlet in accordance with the APDES Permit AKG315100. (Fuel, Hazardous Substances, and Waste measure (j)). Comments were due April 6, 2016.

Legislative Issues:

SB 163 and HB 283

The state is required to establish a process for Outstanding National Resource Water (ONRW) designation under the federal Clean Water Act. These bills create a process for water in Alaska to be so designated. The purpose of an ONRW designation is to offer special protection for waters of "exceptional recreational or ecological significance." Once a water is designated as an ONRW, no new or increased discharges to it or its tributaries are permitted if the discharges would result in permanent lowering of water quality. Only limited and temporary additional pollutants from wastewater discharges can be added, such as from construction activities.

The Constitution grants the Legislature authority to make land use designations (Article VIII Sect. VII), while Alaska Statute gives the Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) authority to set water quality standards. Legal opinions differ over which body has the authority to designate an ONRW. The bills establish a process by which nominations can be submitted to and compiled by DEC for submittal to the Legislature for consideration and designation. At this time, the Chilkat River, Koktuli River, and the Bristol Bay Watershed have been nominated for ONRW designation and these nominations are being held until the designation process is defined. Many commenters have proposed that ONRW designations should be science based and performed by state agencies through a public process. As currently written, there are many problems with the bills which effectively could prevent any designations of ONRW from happening. KBKS forwarded to the membership an Action Alert on these bills from the Alaska Center for the Environment. At this writing, the bills have been tabled; but procedures must be established at some point in the future.

HB220

HB 220 would create a new section under Alaska Statutes (AS 16.05) to allow a fisheries enhancement permit. Specifically, a fisheries enhancement permit could be issued to an Alaska resident or corporation or someone in collaboration with either. A permit would allow the following activities: (1) Removal of fish from water, incubation or fertilization of eggs, and placement of eggs back in water, (2) Enhancement of habitat and augmentation of nutrients in state water (3) Creation of a hatchery subject to AS 16.10.375-16.10.480. Among other things, the bill would also require "the commissioner of DF&G to consider a fisheries enhancement project when determining if a project will provide sufficient protections of fish and game resources from project related damages." This last section of the bill is particularly alarming as it would allow a fisheries enhancement project in areas destroyed by development such as mining activities. Numerous comments have been sent to legislators regarding this bill but there is also much support. The bill is currently in the Fisheries committee but could be forwarded at any time.

Our Board of Directors

Jim Stearns, President. Jim has served on the board since November, 2012 and has agreed to fill the position of President recently vacated by Roberta

Highland. Jim is presently the VP of the Kenai Peninsula Fair Board and is the producer of Salmonfest. Prior to moving to Alaska 6 years ago, Jim was a founding member and leader of Friends of the River in California, founding member and board president of the Central Sierra Watershed Coalition, and past board president of the Mother Lode Women's Center. Jim has been active in many worthy organizations, although his true claim to fame is his past employment with the Grateful Dead! He has also authored 3 books, including "Feeding the Dead".

John Lancaster, Vice President. John was appointed to our board of directors in March, 2014. John is a lifelong Alaskan and was raised in Juneau. He has lived in Homer for 12 years. He is a 30-year veteran and retiree. He also retired from the State of Alaska Marine Highway System as Chief Steward on the MV Tustumena. He is also currently a volunteer for Hospice of Homer and Salmonfest. John cares about the environmental issues in the state where he was born and raised.

Martie Krohn, Treasurer. Martie replaces Linda Gorman as treasurer with an appointment to the board in March, 2016. As a resident of Homer since 1984, Martie has been involved in many civic and environmental endeavors through teaching and 4-H. She taught at The Learning Place, a parent's cooperative educational venture prior to starting Smoky Bay School which operated from 1986 to 2006. Through the school, Martie worked with children from grades one through twelve on academics as well as stewardship of the earth through many science projects and wilderness education programs. Other endeavors include playing with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra, Inlet Winds Band, and the Krohn Family Band; activities with Pier One Theatre, and stage management for Dance Theatre North. In 2014, Martie was named Woman of Distinction by Haven House. Martie brings an extensive background in accounting to the position of treasurer through self-employment, working as a bookkeeper for Kachemak Port Services and serving as treasurer for the Kenai Peninsula Fair Board between stints as president.

Directors up for election this year

Bjorn Olson. Bjorn has served on the KBCS board since December, 2013. He is a life-long Alaskan, adventurer, photographer, videographer and storyteller. He employs his skills with Ground Truth Trekking and various guiding endeavors. Bjørn attempts to educate and advocate for leaving Alaska better than when he came into it — a task more formidable than climbing Denali, kayaking to Kodiak or cycling a 1,100-mile snow trail above the Arctic Circle. Bjorn has documented his trips in his films, "Hunting for Monsters" and "Where the Heck is Donlin?" His film "Heart of Alaska" won best film in the Made in Alaska category. Bjorn just completed a fat tire cycling trip through northwest Alaska, from Nome to Kotzebue, the details of which will be shared at the KBCS annual meeting!

Alisa Mooy. Alisa joined the board in October 2014. She is married to Jim Stearns and has lived in Homer for 6 years. In California, she was involved with the Avery Ranch collective that utilized the Nature Conservancy model to purchase private lands within the Stanislaus National Forest boundaries and provide stewardship and habitat preservation for the flora and fauna of the region. In 2005 she went to Houston, Texas and set up a Katrina relief kitchen to serve meals to thousands of New Orleans residents who had evacuated to Houston. She remained in Houston for nearly 3 months and raised funds and co-managed the kitchen that ended up serving nearly 75,000 meals. In 2007 Alisa started a soup kitchen for the homeless and underprivileged residents of Calaveras County, California. She has very good computer skills and will be working on Salmonfest.

Linda Gorman. Linda served as the Treasurer for KBCS from 2010 to 2016 and was a co-founder of Earth Day 2014. Martie Krohn succeeds her as Treasurer but Linda will remain on the board. THANK YOU LINDA FOR YOUR SERVICE AS TREASURER! Prior to moving back to Homer, Linda worked for The Department of Transportation in the Public Facilities section from 1995–2006. She managed grants, and monitored budgets on \$235 million dollars of project funding. In addition to her volunteer positions, Linda is a passionate beekeeper and owner of Homer Girls Honey. Her volunteer activities included board positions for: Victims for Justice 1983-1988; Co-founder, court watch founder; Anchorage Aces Hockey Team 1992-1996; Vice-president and merchandiser for the Anchorage Aces Booster Club of over 800 members; Retired Public Employees of Alaska 2009-2012; Medical Information Committee Director.

Wendy Anderson, Secretary. Wendy joined the KBCS board in October, 2015 as secretary. She moved to Alaska in 1994, and to Homer in 2012. She worked for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska as a telecommunications analyst. As a coach, official, and board member of the Alaska Speedskating Association, Wendy participated in the Arctic Winter Games, local Special Olympics games and the Special Olympics Winter World Games. She participated for many years in Anchorage Women's hockey and the Arctic Bicycle Club where she volunteered for the Ride for Life, Clean Air Challenge and the Susitna 100 events. She is a member of the Kachemak Bay Quilters and the Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild. She is interested in state and local conservation issues and volunteered for Salmonstock and Salmonfest.

KBCS Revised Bylaws

At the January, 2016 KBCS Board meeting, the Board approved changes to the KBCS Bylaws. These changes will be voted on by the membership at the KBCS annual meeting to be held on Earth Day, April 22, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. Revisions to the Bylaws follow with additions underlined and deletions stricken:

Article I. Membership

Section 2. Membership categories and dues ~~fees~~ shall be determined by the Board of Directors. ~~Current membership fees are: \$500 for lifetime, \$100 for supporting, \$50 for business, \$30 for families, \$20 for individuals and \$10 for students.~~ Memberships will cover the calendar year beginning ~~January 1~~ April 22, Earth Day, to April 21. ~~New memberships after September 30 will cover the balance of the current year and the entire succeeding calendar year.~~

Article II. Directors.

Section 1. The business and property of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. ~~W~~hich shall be at least five and no more than nine ~~±~~ with a simple majority for a quorum. (Remainder of paragraph not changed and not included here).

Section 2. Directors shall be elected at a general membership meeting ~~in the first quarter of the fiscal year.~~ At the first directors meeting ~~in the first quarter of the fiscal year~~ subsequent to the general membership meeting, directors shall elect from their number a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 3. Candidates for election to the board ~~may~~ will be nominated by a nominating committee ~~or from the floor of the annual membership meeting.~~

Section 4. Vacancies. The ~~president of the KBCS board~~ shall appoint persons to fill ~~vacancies of the board~~ vacancies, ~~subject to approval in writing by the board within thirty days following appointment.~~ Appointees shall serve the remainder of the term of the member replaced.

Section 5. Terms of office will commence immediately following the elections at the ~~first quarterly~~ annual general membership meeting. Directors will serve until their individual terms have expired or until a successor has been appointed.

Section 6. Duties. The Board of Directors is the governing body of KBCS. Among the duties are establishing board ~~policy~~ policies for the KBCS (No changes to remaining language).

Section 7. Removal of Director. Any Director of the Board may be removed, with or without cause, by a 2/3 vote of the Board.

Article III. Officers.

Section 2. ~~President~~ KBCS board fills vacancies ~~with the board's approval.~~

Section 3. President. The President presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors and annual meetings ~~and makes necessary appointments for vacancies of officers or directors.~~

Section 5. Secretary. In case of the absence of the president and Vice President, the secretary shall call the meeting to order whereupon an acting chair~~man~~ shall be elected for the meeting.

Article IV. Meetings

Section 2. An annual meeting of the membership shall be held ~~during the first quarter of the fiscal year~~ on or around April 22, Earth Day unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the meeting shall be mailed or emailed to all members.

KBCS sponsored an Earth Day Drawing Contest among Homer school students. There were some 36 entries of awesome artwork. Come to the Annual Meeting April 22, 2016 at 7 pm at the Islands and Ocean to see the art contest winners!!!

YES!

I'll support the
Kachemak Bay Conservation Society!

1. Membership

- ☐ New Member
☐ Renewal
☐ Gift Contribution

2. Support Level:

- ☐ \$20 Individual
☐ \$35 Couple/Family
☐ \$50 Supporting
☐ \$100 Business
☐ *Other*

3. Tell us about yourself

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

(Check which items you would like to receive)

- ☐ Email newsletter
☐ Snail mail newsletter
☐ Email Announcements and Action Alerts

☐ I am interested in serving on the KBCS Board of Directors!

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