KAP 4020: North Kodiak Island Coast

Anton Larsen Bay and Sharatin Bay

Property Name:	KAP 4020 North Kodiak Island Coast: Anton Larsen Bay and Sharatin Bay
Owner:	Ouzinkie Native Corporation (ONC)
Agency Manager:	Proposed for ADNR/ Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Appraised Value:	To be determined upon completion of appraisal
Funding Request	Not to exceed $23,000,000, including due diligence and closing costs
Acreage	Approximately 25,079.87 acres

Legal Description

PARCEL NO. 1:
Seward Meridian Alaska
T. 26 S., R. 21 W.
Sec. 14, Lot 1;
Sec. 23, Lot 1, except Tract "A", Shakmanof Point Subdivision, Plat No. 2012-21;
Sec. 25, Lot 1, except Tract "A", Shakmanof Point Subdivision, Plat No. 2012-21;
Sec. 26, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8
Sec. 27, Lot 1;
Sec. 33, Lots 1 and 3;
Sec. 34, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6;
Sec. 35, Lots 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10;
Sec. 36, Lot 1.
T. 27 S., R. 21 W.
Sec. 1, Lot 1;
Sec. 2, Lots 1 and 2. except Anton Larsen Bay Estates Subdivision, Plat No. 86-18;
Sec. 3, Lots 1. 3 and 4. Except Anton Larsen Bay Estates Subdivision, Plat No. 86-18;
Sec. 4, Lot 1;
Sec. 5, Lot 1;
Sec. 8, Lots 2 and 3;
Sec. 9, Lot 1;
Sec. 10, All;
Sec. 11, Lot 1;
Sec. 12, Lot 1;
Sec. 13, Lot 1;
Sec. 14. Lot 1;
Sec. 15, All;
Sec. 16, All;
Sec. 17, Lot 1;
Sec. 20, Lot 2;
Sec. 21, Lot 1;
Sec. 22, All;
Sec. 23, Lot 1;
Sec. 24, All;
Sec. 25, Lot 1;
Sec. 26, All;
Sec. 27, Lot 1;

Sec. 28, Lot 1;
Sec. 34, Lot 1;
Sec. 35, Lot 1;
Sec. 36, Lot 1.
T. 28 S., R. 21 W.
Sec. 3, Lot 1;
Sec. 4, All;
Sec. 9, All;
Sec. 10, Lot 1;
Sec. 13, Lot 1;
Sec. 14, Lot 1;
Sec. 15, Lot 1;
Sec. 16, All;
Sec. 21, All;
Sec. 22, All;
Sec. 23, All;
Sec. 24, Lot 1;
Sec. 25, Lot 1;
Sec.'s 26, 27, 28, 33 and 34, All;
Sec. 35, Lot 1;
Sec. 36, Lot 1.

Located in the Kodiak Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the subsurface estate, and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 (85 Stat. 688, 704; 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613 (f) (1976)).

PARCEL NO. 2: LOTS ONE (1) THRU SEVEN (7), BLOCK ONE (1) AND LOTS ONE (1) THRU FIVE (5), BLOCK TWO (2), ANTON LARSEN BAY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, according to Amended Plat No. 86-16, located in the Kodiak Recording District, Third Judicial District State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the subsurface estate, and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 (85 Stat. 688, 704; 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613 (f).)

PARCEL NO. 3: UNITED STATES SURVEY NO. 9329, according to the original Plat thereof, officially filed September 22, 1989, located in the Kodiak Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

PARCEL NO. 4: UNITED STATES SURVEY NO. 9278, according to the original Plat thereof, officially filed September 22, 1989, located in the Kodiak Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, EXCEPTING THEREFROM Tract "A", United States Survey No. 9278, according to Plat No. 99-12. ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM the subsurface estate, and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 (85 Stat. 688, 704; 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613 (f) (1976)).

PARCEL NO. 5: UNITED STATES SURVEY NO. 328, according to the official Plat thereof, located in the Kodiak Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the subsurface estate, and all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, accruing unto said estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 (85 Stat. 688, 704; 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613 (f) (1976)).

Overview:
This project encompasses the permanent protection of approximately 25,079.87 acres of surface estate on the coast of North Kodiak Island surrounding Anton Larsen Bay and Sharatin Bay. Ouzinkie Native Corporation is the current owner of the lands.

The property contains lands ranked in the highest priority category in the 2014 EVOSTC Habitat Land Prioritization, compiled by Great Trust, for its contributions to services and resources injured by the spill. The parcels are also in close proximity to prior EVOSTC habitat protection projects and thus build on past EVOSTC efforts.

Upon purchase, the parcels will be conveyed to the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, to be managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. A conservation easement will be held by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Injured services and species recovery and habitat protection is the EVOSTC's focus in the spill area. Acquisition of this property would contribute to EVOSTC area-wide goals including recreation uses and habitat protection for injured species. Injured species are dependent on the coastal, wetland, and upland habitats provided by these parcels. Protection of the property would conserve habitat for fish, shore birds, seabirds, migratory birds, and marine mammal species. The purchase of the property will also provide high value fish and wildlife oriented recreational opportunities by securing public access to a unique, road accessible coastal property with existing trailheads, trails, boat launch, and a public use cabin near the city of Kodiak.

Protection of the property will create legal public access for multiple recreational activities including hunting and fishing access from land and water. The project is consistent with the Kodiak Island Borough Comprehensive Plan Update and the Kodiak Road System Trails Plan adopted by the Kodiak Island Borough. The property is currently used extensively by the public for recreation. This use is primarily trespass and this project seeks to provide permanent legal public access to the recreational uses provided by the property. Public use of the subject property is currently promoted by *Discover Kodiak*, the convention and visitor bureau for Kodiak Island, as a tourist destination that contributes to sustainable development of the tourism industry. A map showing the location and surrounding land ownership and photos of the property are attached.

Management of the property by Alaska State Parks will provide the public with an exceptional recreational experience easily accessible from the community of Kodiak. Alaska State Parks anticipates receiving additional private and public funding for future enhancements and management of the property. In addition, the property will generate revenue from the existing public use cabin and suitable trailheads to offset management costs.

Added Benefit to Past EVOS Trustee Council Actions:
The EVOS Trustee Council has long focused on the habitat and recreational values of the Kodiak Archipelago due to the area's high ranking in the habitat prioritization by the Council. This project also includes lands in close proximity to Termination Point which was approved and funded by EVOSTC resolution 15-03 dated November 12, 2013 and thus builds on past EVOSTC efforts. It is also adjacent to other lands owned and managed by the State.

Property Description and Habitat:
The area is on and accessed from the Anton Larsen Bay Road on the Kodiak road system. The lands are primarily undeveloped. The project contains valuable habitat including continuous eel grass and kelp beds, spawning and rearing habitat for anadromous fish, harbor seal haulouts, seabird nesting sites, estuarine and terrestrial wetlands, and has existing access from the Anton Larsen Bay road, boat launch, hiking and ATV trails. The area provides commercial and sport fishing, goat, bear, and deer hunting, waterfowl hunting, multi-day kayaking and hiking opportunities. The project would also allow for completion of a previously planned Anton Larsen Bay road extension and development of a new ice-free boat launch to improve a year-round transportation link between outlying communities off the Kodiak road system and Kodiak. This planned infrastructure will also provide additional recreational access. It will consist of two miles of new gravel road starting at the end of the existing Anton Larsen Bay road, following an existing ATV trail, and continuing north as the trail heads east. The road would end at the beach near Crag Point with a parking area and boat launch ramp. The proposed route crosses multiple streams which would require culverts and drainage features along the road. The costs of constructing and maintaining this proposed road are not anticipated to come from the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

Protection Benefits:
A number of Injured Species would benefit from acquisition of the subject parcel, including sea otters, harbor seals, Pelagic Cormorants, Black Oystercatchers, Pigeon Guillemots, Harlequin Ducks, Marbled Murrelets and Bald Eagles. Acquisition of the parcel would provide permanent habitat protection for these species and assist the EVOSTC in reaching and maintaining its recovery objectives in the Kodiak Archipelago.

The parcel also contains important wetlands, including Fish and Wildlife Service-identified nationally declining freshwater forest/shrub, freshwater emergent, estuarine and marine wetlands. Estuarine wetlands provide habitat for Intertidal Communities and other Injured Species. Marine wetlands provide habitat for Subtidal Communities. Acquisition of this parcel would assure high function of these wetlands, which would benefit Injured Species.

Kelp beds and eel grass beds occur along the perimeter of Anton Larsen Bay and Sharatin Bay, which provide a productive and dynamic marine ecosystem. The continuous kelp beds and eel grass beds provide important juvenile fish habitat that could bolster injured commercial, sport and subsistence fisheries, particularly salmon fisheries. These subtidal communities comprise various invertebrate species, such as amphipods, polychaete worms, snails, clams, sea urchins and crabs. Subtidal habitats provide shelter and food for an array of nearshore fishes, birds, and marine mammals.

Anton Larsen Bay and Sharatin Bay are near the city of Kodiak, which is the third largest fishing port in the United States. The natural abundance of fish and wildlife and wild setting would provide fish and wildlife oriented recreational and subsistence opportunities for visitors and residents. This parcel would add lands open to the public in the Kodiak area and contribute to recreation and tourism, which were identified by the EVOSTC as Injured Services. The purchase of this parcel would also continue to contribute to the perpetual health of the local Native

populations and benefit subsistence harvest levels, which is also identified as an Injured Human Service.

Potential Threats:
This project represents a unique opportunity to acquire for the public lands accessible by road near the City of Kodiak and suitable for management consistent with State Park uses. Many of the public lands on Kodiak currently available for hunting and fishing require expensive travel by boat or plane. This parcel provides hunting, fishing, and subsistence food gathering opportunities easily accessible to residents of Kodiak and visitors from the Anton Larsen Bay Road and the Anton Larsen Bay boat launch. The subject property provides essential habitat and migratory grounds for numerous species of fish, birds, and mammals and recreational lands important to the community of Kodiak. The accessibility of the parcel and its proximity to Kodiak creates a higher threat of conversion to other uses. Conservation of this parcel would eliminate the threat of future habitat fragmentation or loss from construction, subdivision, and development or restricted access.

Proposed Management:
Fee simple surface estate will be conveyed to State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources to be managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, with a conservation easement to be held by BLM.

Funding Request: Not to exceed $23,000,000, including due diligence and closing costs.

Photo: Anton Larsen Bay.

Photo: Anton Larsen Bay boat launch parking.

Photo: Sharatin Bay/ Three Pillar Point terminus of Anton Larsen Bay ATV Trail.

Photo: Anton Larsen Bay ATV Trail, note bridge and geoblock matting installed by Kodiak residents.

Photo: Anton Larsen Bay road, head of Anton Larsen Bay. The Anton Larsen Bay road provides access to the property from multiple trail heads, ATV and hiking trails, and boat launches.

Photo: Coastal forest on the subject property.

Photo: Ridgeline and lake between Anton Larsen Bay and Sharatin Bay. Sharatin Bay is in the background.

Photo: Sharatin Mountain Trail from Anton Larsen B

Photo: Anton Larsen Bay.

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Photo: Recently upgraded boat launch in Anton Larsen Bay.

Photo: Sharatin Bay.

Photo: Sharatin Bay 16’x20’ public use cabin.

Ouzinkie Native Corporation Sharatin Bay, Anton Larsen Bay Lands

The subject properties ranked as high priority in the Great Land Trust EVOS Habitat Land Prioritization:2014

- Subject Property
- Ouzinkie Native Corporation
- Afognak Native Corporation
- Mental Health Trust Land - Sharatin Bay
- State of Alaska
- Kodiak Island Borough
- Bureau of Land Management
- US Coast Guard
- Past EVOS GLT Projects - Termination Point
- Roads
- Trails

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