



SELDOVIA NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Dept. of the Army
AK District, US Army Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Katherine McCafferty- Regulatory Division
550 West 7th Avenue Suite 1380
Anchorage, AK 99501-3561

Re: Permit application submitted by China Bay, LLC, file # POA-2017-336, China Poot Bay

Dear Ms. McCafferty,

The Seldovia Native Association, Inc. an Alaska Native Village Corporation would like to submit comments on the preliminary decision to award permit application POA-2017-336 China Poot Bay.

The Seldovia Native Association owns a large amount of land in the China Poot Bay area. Our concerns surrounding this project include noise footprint, viewshed footprint and concerns involving passage past the projects proposed moored watercraft dock reaching out into the already narrow channel, which would increase the difficulty of visitors passage to SNAI lands and the Kachemak Bay State Park thereby reducing commercial activity.

The noise footprint of the floating dock will negatively add to the China Poot Bay environment. The proposed dock will continually be exposed to wind and surf with no harbor-like protection. The swell of sea water, wind and surf's effects on the exposed floating dock with metal pins, collars and pilings will create a constant rumble, pounding, and screech of metal on metal that will fill the area with an excessive continual noise footprint. A noise source that would annoy and fill the air with noise pollution for those many people seeking quite wilderness solitude and refuge.

SNAI questions the environmental impact, of this most constant noise footprint, to wildlife and sea life in the area.

There is no need for an eyesore boardwalk footprint stretching extensively across the cliffside bluff at the entrance of a most beautiful area, when an alternate avenue to protect the viewshed footprint

would be a wilderness trail that establishes a far less human demand on the ecosystem and leaving the natures beauty of a cliffside viewshed .

The two China Poot channels are already difficult to navigate. The channels are extremely shallow, the channels are constantly shifting due to the Bays far-and-wide mud-flat expanse exposure to wind and many storms that could result in a completely blocked channel. If the narrow channel was impassable, then the narrow floating dock channel would be the only passage to the Kachemak Bay State Park.

Concerns that a floating dock with moored boats reaching out into the channel increases the existing congestion of the channels narrow waterway. Passage through an especially congested water way to the head of China Poot Bay to reach Kachemak Bay State Park is of great concern.

More and more people are coming to recreate on Kachemak Bay, and its many secluded coves and waterways into the Kachemak Bay State Park. The entrance into this China Poot Bay area should not carry such a heavy footprint at the entrance which may decrease commercial activity for lodge owners and land owners in the Bay area.

Please consider our points of concern and any solution to the footprint this project will demand on such a beautiful area.

Sincerely,

Tony Cange, Chief Executive Officer
Seldovia Native Association, Inc.