

**Alaska Recreation and Parks Association
Wildlands Section**

Resolution 2-26-01: In Support of Southeast Alaska Trails System (SEATrails)

At a meeting of the ARPA Wildlands Section held on the 26th of February the following resolution was duly adopted by the members present:

Whereas: SEATrails will serve to enhance economic development, transportation efficiency, visitor experience, and quality of life throughout the Southeast region;

Whereas: The SEATrails concept has been embraced by many of the communities and government agencies of Southeast Alaska;

Whereas: It is in the public interest to improve sustainable economic opportunity in the form of jobs;

Whereas: Trails and associated business can generate jobs allowing residents to remain and prosper in the Southeast community of their choice;

Whereas: A regionally marketed trail system would create destination appeal for the independent traveler and opportunities for tourism development;

Whereas: Smaller communities will benefit equitable with larger communities;

Whereas: A network of Southeast communities joining together will have greater trail marketing opportunities in the form of regional maps and consistent and comprehensive information;

Whereas: Surface transportation is an important issue for the Southeast region and communities, and it is in the public interest to utilize existing and future surface transportation opportunities in these communities;

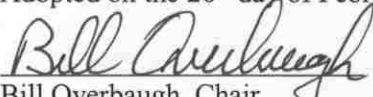
Whereas: The Alaska Marine Highway System will play a central role in the success of Southeast Communities and SEATrails; and

Furthermore, the ARPA Wildlands Section endorses and supports the creation of a coalition of communities, government agencies, trail organizations, and citizens in working towards the creation and promotion of a Southeast trail system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That ARPA Wildlands Section encourages continued cooperative efforts to develop SEATrails by working with communities, federal and state agencies and other organizations.
2. Encourages Southeast communities interested in participating on a regional trail promotion and coordination program to join the SEATrails efforts.

Adopted on the 26th day of February, 2001


Bill Overbaugh, Chair