



THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE FOUNDATION

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January 18, 2024

Honorable Mayor Morphet and Borough Assembly Members,

The American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF) strongly opposes the proposed dissolution of the Alaska Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council and the shifting of Preserve management capacity to ADNR, as proposed in Governor Dunleavy's Executive Order.

For over forty years, the mission of ABEF has been the conservation of the bald eagle and its habitat through education and stewardship. We are opposed to any measures that would take away local authority to manage and maintain oversight and accountability of this unique habitat that serves as a critical ecological, cultural, and economic resource to the Chilkat Valley, the rest of Alaska, and the entire country.

The most responsive approach to managing the Preserve and the one that affords the greatest capacity to balance unique interests from varied shareholders is to leave agency with local communities. The Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council is by far the best structure for managing the Preserve, as opposed to State-government staff who will not be as familiar with the nuances, history and importance of the Preserve and will be more detached from the consequences of their actions.

We strongly urge the Haines Borough Assembly to reinforce our position with its own resolution to keep governance of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve local, just, and responsive.


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On behalf of the Board

Cc: Senator Jess Kiehl, Representative Andi Story, Commissioner of DNR John Boyle, Superintendent of Parks Preston Kroes



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