



Creek, Ninilchik and other Kachemak Bay tributaries. These parcels include one of the most popular reaches of the river for sportfishing access.⁴⁰

The **Knoll**, **Nakada** and **Thompson** parcels are located approximately eight miles upstream from the mouth of the Anchor River. They are in the floodplain of the river and when viewed in combination with adjacent State lands and other protected properties over 500 acres of intact floodplain and over two miles of river frontage are protected. This portion of the Anchor River provides important spawning and rearing habitat for four species of salmon, Dolly Varden, and the largest steelhead run in Cook Inlet. Bald eagles nest and feed extensively in the cottonwoods along this portion of the river. These parcels are also important for recreation and sportfishing access.⁴¹

ANCHOR RIVER SMALL PARCEL ACQUISITIONS

Parcel ID	Name	Acres	Cost	EVOS	Other	Manager
KEN 294	Eliot	19.8	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$0	ADFG
KEN 295	Crowther	46.0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	ADFG
KEN 1101	Knol	37.0	\$28,000	\$100,000	\$0	ADFG
KEN 1102	Nakada	5.0	\$27,500	\$0	\$27,500	ADFG
KEN 1103	Thompson	64.0	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0	ADFG

Homer Area Parcels

The **Tulin** parcel is located approximately 10 miles north of Homer on Cook Inlet. The parcel contains 3,580 feet of shoreline and runs parallel and contains Diamond Creek. The parcel is adjacent to State owned land to the south that does not have road access to the Sterling Highway. This parcel has exceptional potential to enhance recreational opportunities by providing improved access to a large section of beach that prior to purchase was inaccessible to the public. This large wooded parcel is located on a bluff overlooking Cook Inlet and provides habitat for nesting bald eagles.⁴²

The **Overlook** parcel is located just outside of Homer on the bluff overlooking Cook Inlet. It is situated below and visible from the Sterling Highway scenic overlook. The parcel is bounded on the north by State lands. The parcel is accessible by foot down a steep path or via a 3.5-mile hike from Bishops Beach. The parcel has ¾ mile of shoreline on Kachemak Bay and contains extensive tide pools, unique to the area, with rich intertidal flora and fauna. Acquisition of this parcel also benefits recreation and tourism enjoyed particularly by local residents. Local community groups, public schools, and natural history groups use this area for environmental education field trips, bird watching, and specimen collecting.⁴³

The Homer Spit **Mud Bay** or **Green Timbers** parcel consists largely of low lying intertidal mud flats and salt marsh on the eastern side of the Homer Spit along Kachemak Bay extending across the spit to include the outer beach berm. This parcel protects important intertidal resources. The estuarine habitat extends from the mid intertidal to the supratidal elevations transitioning from a muddy intertidal, gravel substrate to grass salt marsh along the western beach berm. On the bays side, the brackish waters of the intertidal provide habitat for juvenile salmon, harbor seals, and rich intertidal vegetation supporting numerous species of migrating shorebirds. In the spring, the wetter areas of this parcel are of importance to a variety of waterfowl. Because of the rich intertidal and the resources that use the

⁴⁰ Trustee Council Resolution May 3, 2001

⁴¹ Trustee Council Resolution, March 1, 2004.

⁴² Trustee Council Resolution November 20, 1995.

⁴³ Trustee Council Resolution November 20, 1995, March 3, 1997.



intertidal, the area is of great interest to the local community and supports recreation and tourism activities such as bird watching and wildlife viewing.⁴⁴

The **Beluga Slough** parcel is a 38-acre tract adjacent to the Beluga Slough that drains into Kachemak Bay. This parcel protects important intertidal resources. The intertidal vegetation and invertebrates are of special importance to migratory birds seasonally. In the spring the tidal flats are used by tens of thousands of migrating birds and the uplands are used for roosting at high tide. The area is also important to waterfowl as recognized in the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area Management. Because of these resource values the community places a high value on the area and the parcel helps support community based recreation and tourism activities such as the Homer Shorebird Festival.⁴⁵

As part of the Homer Spit/Beluga Slough package, the City of Homer agreed to set aside and place an additional 59.52 acres of city land in protective status by conveying a conservation easement to the United States and State of Alaska. The Homer Spit and Beluga Slough parcels are owned and managed by the City of Homer with conservation easements held by the United States, and the State of Alaska.

HOMER AREA SMALL PARCEL ACQUISITIONS

Parcel ID	Name	Acres	Cost	EVOS	Other	Manager
KEN 29	Tulin	220.0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$0	ADNR
KEN 55	Overlook	97.0	\$279,000	\$279,000	\$0	ADNR
KEN 1061	Beluga Slough	38.0	\$615,000	\$574,000	\$41,000	City of Homer
KEN 1060	Green Timbers	68.7	\$422,100	\$422,100	\$0	City of Homer
KEN 1060	City of Homer	59.5	\$0	\$0	donation	City of Homer

Seward Parcels

The **Grouse Lake** parcel was an inholding in Chugach National Forest. It is located approximately 7.5 miles north of Seward on the west shore of Grouse Lake. The parcel provides the only level access area around the lake and Grouse Creek. The lake has long been a favorite recreation area used by local residents and tourists for fishing, camping and hiking. The parcel provides key habitat for pink salmon and Dolly Varden. Dolly Varden spawn in the streams on this parcel and are reared in Grouse Lake. Grouse Lake is the site of an active sockeye salmon stocking program by ADF&G. Bald eagles and river otters are frequently seen in the area.⁴⁶

The **Lowell Point** parcel serves as an important access point to Resurrection Bay for small boat operators and kayakers, and contains a trailhead and trail to Caines Head State Recreation Area. The area is also popular for fishing, camping, picnicking and beachcombing. The primary benefits of acquisition of this parcel are to recreation and sport fishing, and Alaska State Parks allocated additional state restitution funds to develop day use parking, trailhead and interpretive exhibits on this parcel.⁴⁷

SEWARD SMALL PARCEL ACQUISITIONS

KEN 1014	Grouse Lake	64.0	\$211,000	\$211,000	\$0	USFS
KEN 1015	Lowell Point (Seward)	19.4	\$531,000	\$531,000	\$0	ADNR

⁴⁴ Trustee Council Resolution October 3, 1997.

⁴⁵ Trustee Council Resolution October 3, 1997.

⁴⁶ Trustee Council Resolution, November 20, 1995.

⁴⁷ Trustee Council Resolution November 20, 1995.