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To:

Assembly

Subject:

MH and Blind Slough

Attachments:

Blind Slough MH Sale.jpg

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to inform the assembly that MH has posted one property for sale in the Petersburg Area for the fall land auction, and it is my feeling that it will create quite a stir as the public finds out about it.

Mental Health Fall Sale (blind slough)

The piece is triangular in nature, and faces south along blind slough. It starts upstream from the giant boulder we are all familiar with and extends down stream past the main fishing hole. It is "The Place" to go fishing when one goes to blind slough. For many residents, this area means a great deal. I personally have fished there throughout my youth.

The value of this land is not only in that it is, "choice" - south facing, timbered and on a major water way, but it is also the only fresh water stream that i'm aware of in SE Alaska where one can fish for King Salmon, along with other species both native and hatchery raised.

I believe this area has significant meaning to the community as a resource in perpetuity, as it is accessible to all. The uncertainty of its transformation, and being sold to the highest bidder - advertised nationally - does not sit well with anyone I have talked to, or myself. The consequence of selling this, and the surrounding lots does not live up to the mission statement of mental health. If possible, I think the community residents should have a say in how this land is designated.

Of course, this is all coming up very abruptly along with the subject of extending plat authority and MH's ramping up of land sales at large, and the complexities of resolving these problems with everyone's interests in mind. I thought it would be important to bring up the issue as early as possible - perhaps it can serve as an entry to better understanding in what way the borough could/should extend it's responsibilities via plat authority, or any other "land use designations" it may be allowed.

I plan to write a formal letter to the assembly this weekend as I collect my thoughts, and I am recommending those that have voiced concerns to do the same. I appreciate your attention on the issue.

Sincerely,

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I have also attached a screen shot of the lot from the boroughs tax map for reference.

