

**NPS Comments – Pebble Project Preliminary Draft EIS, Section 3.5 - Recreation**

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NPS	1	3.5.1.1 McNeil River State Game Refuge and Sanctuary	This section should reference the primary recreational activities at McNeil River including bearviewing, camping, and photography.	See response.	Recreation activities added in the next paragraph from management plan.
NPS	2	3.5.1.2 Federal Lands	The NPS recommends that this section address recreational values not just activities. These include places for solitude, silence, unconfined recreation, undeveloped land, and dark skies.		There are few impacts to recreation within Lake Clark National Park (visual, audible, etc.), and therefore, a detailed description of recreational values and specifics of particular components of the park not impacted is not warranted. However, text from the 2010 Long Range Interpretive Plan (added in track changes by NPS) was retained, as this lends some value to discussing potential wilderness impacts. Other added text was not retained.
NPS	3	3.5.1.2 Federal Lands, National Park Service	NPS units should include the purpose statement from their respective Foundation Statement summarized from their founding legislation (much like the BLM reference).	See response.	Foundation statement text added.
NPS	4	3.5.1.2 Federal Lands, National Park Service, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve	Please see Lake Clark National Park and Preserve Foundation Statement, provided with comments.	See response.	Purpose from foundation statement added.
NPS	5	3.5.1.2 Federal Lands, National Park Service, Katmai National Park and Preserve	Please see Katmai National Park and Preserve Foundation Statement provided with comments	See response.	Foundation statement purpose added.
NPS	6	3.5.2.1 Recreational Opportunities, Sport Fishing	This section should include Lake Clark and all surrounding lakes	See response.	The section mentions Lake Clark and surrounding accessible lakes.

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NPS	7	3.5.2.1 Recreation Opportunities, Sport Hunting and Trapping	The Koktuli River drainage is in GMU17, specifically 17B. The sport hunting regulatory information should be added in this section.	See response.	Added text for GMU 17B.
NPS	8	3.5.2.5 Regional Recreational Use and Users	Visitor averages over a decade do not usefully describe visitor use when visitation is dramatically trending. Accurate descriptions of visitor trends are needed in this section.	See response.	Altered the average for Katmai to take out an anomaly, and retained NPS text on trends at Lake Clark. Added text on doubling visitation at Lake Clark since 2010.
NPS	9	3.5.2.5 Regional Recreational Use and Users	This data does not include recreational visits by anyone not traveling with a commercial operator. We believe that much of the recreational use of Lake Clark itself is not reflected in this data.	See response.	Revised Katmai estimate to not include 2008, which looked like an anomaly at 7,000. This raised the average to 40,000 from 37,000.
NPS	10	3.5.2.5 Regional Recreational Use and Users	<a href="https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/SSRS/Reports/Park%20Specific%20Reports/Annual%20Park%20Recreation%20Visitation%20(1904%20-%20Last%20Calendar%20Year)?Park=LACL">https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/SSRS/Reports/Park%20Specific%20Reports/Annual%20Park%20Recreation%20Visitation%20(1904%20-%20Last%20Calendar%20Year)?Park=LACL</a>	See response.	The link provided was used to find an estimate for Katmai. The link is for Lake Clark. Added this reference as NPS 2018e.
NPS	11	3.5.2.5 Regional Recreational Use and Users	<a href="https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/SSRS/Reports/Park%20Specific%20Reports/Annual%20Park%20Recreation%20Visitation%20(1904%20-%20Last%20Calendar%20Year)?Park=LACL">https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/SSRS/Reports/Park%20Specific%20Reports/Annual%20Park%20Recreation%20Visitation%20(1904%20-%20Last%20Calendar%20Year)?Park=LACL</a>	See response.	Added this reference as NPS 2018e.