

AGENDA ITEM P.2. #6.

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Subject: CZMP

With State changes to the Coastal Zone Management Plan that put the State out of compliance with NOAA, I urge the Assembly to act to continue protection for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Our coastal resources are extremely valuable and must continue to be protected, now and in the future.

I urge the Assembly to defeat RESOLUTION 2004-117 and instead use the CZM monies budgeted for this year to fill the Borough's position to oversee the Borough's CZM Program. This could be accomplished by either filling the position or contracting with someone who has the experience and knowledge to efficiently handle the job for this year. This will allow the Borough and the Assembly to retain some coastal oversight until the State determines what it will do

Furthermore, since it appears that the State seems intent on dismantling the Coastal Zone Management Program, the Borough should be positioned to codify protections that are in the Coastal Zone Program. The Borough should not just allow the CZMP to disappear without replacing it in its own regulations. We owe that to future residents and our kids. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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