

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	09/07/93
Shortened Hearing:	09/21/93
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 93-47**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING  
4 MILLION JAPANESE YEN FROM THE CITY OF AKITA, JAPAN,  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF  
PACIFIC SANDFISH (*TRICHODON TRICHODON*)**

- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough has established a relationship with the City of Akita, Japan, to encourage the exchange of information on education, culture, and economic opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Akita has expressed an intense interest in determining whether the Pacific Sandfish (*Trichodon trichodon*), which is found in the Cook Inlet, has potential in Akita fish markets; and
- WHEREAS,** to further this interest, the City Council for the City of Akita has appropriated funds in the amount of 4,000,000 Japanese yen (approximately \$38,000 at current exchange rates) to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for a joint research project to explore the feasibility of developing a new commercial fishery in Alaskan coastal waters, with particular interest in Cook Inlet; and
- WHEREAS,** preliminary research by the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Marine Advisory Program shows there exists the potential for a small boat, inshore commercial fishery for Pacific Sandfish; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of a feasibility study would be to further determine whether the Pacific Sandfish can be harvested, processed, and marketed in sufficient quantities to warrant a commercial fishery; and
- WHEREAS,** development of a new fishery would create harvesting and processing employment within the Kenai Peninsula Borough and other areas of the State; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough Economic Development District, Inc. (EDD), has been awarded a grant from the State of Alaska in the amount of \$26,493 for a Pacific Sandfish research feasibility study, and the Borough proposes to enter into a agreement with EDD to jointly use the funds from the State and City of Akita for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** under an agreement, EDD would serve as the overall project manager and contract with Professor John Doyle, Marine Advisory Program, to fulfill the objectives of the research; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Borough to participate with the City of Akita in this project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough hereby accepts funding in the amount of 4,000,000 Japanese yen from the City of Akita, subject to executing an agreement for a Pacific Sandfish research feasibility study. These funds will be converted to U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect at the time of receipt and deposit of these funds by the Borough.

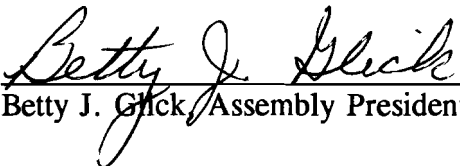
**SECTION 2.** That 4,000,000 Japanese yen, as converted to U.S. dollars as provided in Section 1, is appropriated to the following account:

100-949010-43011-SFISH.

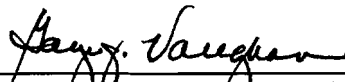
**SECTION 3.** That the Mayor is authorized to negotiate and execute such contracts and documents as necessary to carry out and complete the Pacific Sandfish research feasibility study, subject to appropriation and availability of funds.

**SECTION 4.** That this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1993.**

  
Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

**ATTEST:**

  
Gaye Vaughan, Borough Clerk