

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	06/16/98
Hearing	07/14/98
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	8 Yes, 1 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 98-22**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING  
A GRANT OF \$55,000 FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR A  
KENAI RIVER ACCESS STUDY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- WHEREAS,** the Kenai River is one of the most productive fish streams in the world, supporting all five species of North American Pacific salmon, as well as 29 other species of fish; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai River adds immeasurably to the quality of life for those who live along the river's banks, fish its waters, or guide visitors in pursuit of the abundant salmon; and
- WHEREAS,** fishing and tourism contribute an estimated \$100 million per year to the local economy; and
- WHEREAS,** angler traffic on the river has tripled in the past 20 years, resulting in increasing problems with crowding, overuse of available access, trespass, parking, and trampling of vegetation and fragile riverbanks; and
- WHEREAS,** the Borough Planning Commission and Borough Assembly continually receive petitions to vacate rights-of-way and easements to the river and decisions to vacate occur on a case-by-case basis without a river-wide perspective; and
- WHEREAS,** accurate information on the legal status, condition, available alternatives, and relative importance of public access to the river system would lend itself to sound management decisions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough has been awarded \$55,000 from the Alaska Coastal Management Program 309 Enhancement Grant Program to fund a Kenai River Access Study; and
- WHEREAS,** the goal of this study is to develop an access management plan which will provide a flexible tool for decision-making and public information.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby accepts a grant of \$55,000 from the State of Alaska to fund the Kenai River Access Study and Management Plan.

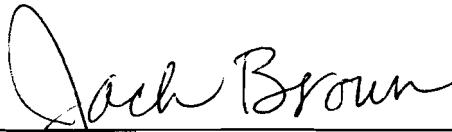
**SECTION 2.** That the sum of \$55,000 is hereby appropriated to:

Account Number: 251-211035-43011

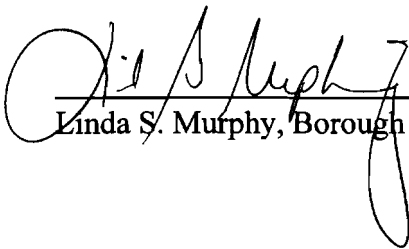
**SECTION 3.** That the Mayor is authorized to sign any documents necessary to effectuate this ordinance deemed to be in the best interest of the borough.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY, 1998.**

  
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Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

