

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 11/16/99
Hearing: 12/14/99
Action: Enacted
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 99-69**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT OF \$66,500 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 bank, fish its water 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,** in 1998 the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly accepted \$55,000 from the Alaska Coastal Management Program 309 Enhancement Grant Program to fund a Kenai River Access Study; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough has been awarded \$66,500 from the Alaska Coastal Management Program 309 Enhancement Grant Program to fund the second year of the Kenai River Access Study; and
- WHEREAS,** the goal of this two-year 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 the second year grant money of \$66,500 from the Stat of Alaska to fund the Kenai River Access Study and Management Plan.

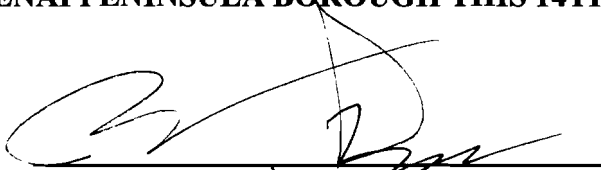
SECTION 2. That the sum of \$66,500 is hereby appropriated to:

Account Number: 251-21135-00000-43011

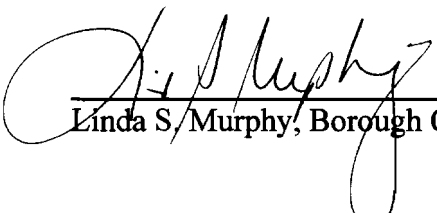
SECTION 3. That the Mayor is authorized to sign any documents necessary to effectuate this ordinance deemed to be in the best interest of the borough.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1999.


William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

