

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	11/20/01
Shortened Hearing:	12/11/01
Action:	Enacted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2001-19-22**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$85,000 FROM THE
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GEOGRAPHIC
RESPONSE STRATEGIES FOR CENTRAL, UPPER, AND LOWER COOK
INLET AND THE OUTER KENAI COAST, AND AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO CONTRACT WITH COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS
ADVISORY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, adequate development of oil spill response plans and strategies is critical to protecting Alaska's coastal resources, including Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is in the process of forming partnerships with federal agencies, local communities, vessel and contingency plan holders, and citizens' advisory groups which can lead to a coordinated and effective response network in Cook Inlet in the event of an oil spill; and

WHEREAS, developing geographic response strategies will advance the level of preparedness for oil and hazardous substances for leases that could occur in Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) is authorized to spend \$85,000 on a Cook Inlet project from funds appropriated under SLA 93, ch. 79, Sec. 12, and SLA 97, ch. 107, Sec. 31; and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated as a part of the Alaska Capital Improvement Projects in the current fiscal year state budget; and

WHEREAS, the ADEC has contacted the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) and the Kenai Peninsula Borough to request that the borough accept the sum of \$85,000 to be used by CIRCAC for developing and implementing geographic response strategies for central, upper, and lower Cook Inlet (Kachemak Bay) and the outer Kenai coast; and

WHEREAS, CIRCAC is a federally mandated nonprofit corporation formed to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet with the goal of maintaining the pristine nature of the Cook Inlet waterway and promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is authorized by AS 29.35.210(13) to contain, clean up, or prevent a release or threatened release of oil or hazardous substance on a nonareawide basis and is required to exercise planning powers on an areawide basis in accordance with AS 29.40.010-200; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan, Goal 6.2, Objection 1, states:

Goal 6.2: To achieve and maintain a high level of water quality in the surface waters, wetlands, groundwater and marine waters of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Objective 1: To increase scientific understanding and public awareness of ground water, surface water, wetland, and marine water resources in the Kenai Peninsula Borough to serve as an information base for water quality planning, monitoring, and enforcement activities.

WHEREAS, the best interests of the borough would be served by accepting these funds and contracting with CIRCAC to conduct oil response strategies for Cook Inlet;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby accepts the grant totaling \$85,000 from the State of Alaska to fund and implement geographically based response strategies for central, upper, and lower Cook Inlet and the outer Kenai coast.

SECTION 2. That the sum of \$85,000 is hereby appropriated to Account No. 100.21110.00000.43110.


SECTION 3. That the mayor is authorized to sign any documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance and to contract with CIRCAC for the Geographic Response Strategies.

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

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001.


Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

