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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 81-50
(Revised)

URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE, AND THE STATE OF ALASKA TO EXPEDITE THE SALE OF MARKETABLE TIMBER FOR LUMBER OPERATIONS ON THE KENAI PENINSULA.

WHEREAS, the lumber operations on the Kenai Peninsula do not now have access to sufficient timber to continue their operations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in Alaska lumbering operations and Alaska lumber companies for heavy blue spruce and hemlock, and timber stands of such lumber are accessible to the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the continued ability of the lumber industry is vital to the economy of the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska should encourage the lumber industry by making timber available to the Alaska industry and to offer incentives to instate lumber companies that process within the state; and

WHEREAS, proposed timber sales have been delayed because of roadless area review studies conducted within the Chugach National Forest and these studies have been sufficiently completed so as to allow harvest of appropriate stands of timber and these harvest areas have already been identified;

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

Section 1. That the Assembly urges the United States Department of Agriculture, National Forest Service, and the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forest, Land and Water Management to make every effort to expedite the sale of timber harvest rights in those areas of the Borough and Prince William Sound which might provide available logging to lumber companies within the Borough. The Assembly urges the Forest Service and the Department of Natural Resources to provide for the sale of these timber harvest rights in the immediate future so that logging operations may begin in the coming season and to give credit for instate processing.

Section 2. That the Clerk shall serve a copy of this resolution upon the Honorable Jay S. Hammond, Governor of the State of Alaska, upon the Honorables Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski, United States Senators, upon the Honorable Don Young, State Representative, upon the Honorable Ted Smith, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forest, Land and Water Management, upon the Honorable Clay Beal, Supervisor of the Chugach National Forest, National Forest Service, and upon Mr. John Sandor, Regional Forester. A copy should also be served upon the Kenai Peninsula delegation to the Twelfth Alaska Legislature, the Honorables Donald E. Gilman, State Senator, and upon the Honorables Bette Cato, Hugh Malone and Pat O'Connell, State Representatives.

Section 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ON THIS 3rd DAY OF March, 1981.

Paul A. Fischer
Paul Fischer
Assembly President

ATTEST:

Frances Baynes
Borough Clerk