

Introduced by: Sikorski  
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Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 81-56

EXPRESSING THE ASSEMBLY'S OPPOSITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE GAME REFUGE IN THE REDOUBT BAY AREA AND URGING THE DEFEAT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 66 AND SENATE BILL NO. 191.

WHEREAS, the Legislature is currently considering legislation which would establish a 207,000 acre wildlife refuge in the Redoubt Bay area, located on the west side of Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the lands encompassed by the proposed wildlife refuge are within the boundaries of the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, the lands encompassed by the proposed refuge have been a traditional hunting area for residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a game refuge in the Redoubt Bay area would serve little or no useful purpose because these state-owned and controlled lands are wholly undeveloped; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that it is desirable for the State Legislature to refrain from making further withdrawals from vacant and unappropriated public lands, especially in view of the massive withdrawals made by the Federal Government pursuant to Section 17(d)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that the citizens of the Borough are adamantly opposed to the further withdrawal of public lands through the creation of a wildlife refuge in Redoubt Bay:

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

Section 1. That the Assembly opposes the creation of a wildlife refuge in Redoubt Bay and urges the Twelfth Legislature, First Session, to defeat House Bill No. 66 and Senate Bill No. 191, and further to refrain from making any further withdrawals of state-owned or controlled lands from the public domain.

Section 2. That the Clerk shall serve copies of this resolution upon the Honorable Jay S. Hammond, Governor of the State of Alaska, upon the Honorable Jalmar Kerttula, President of the State Senate, upon the Honorable James Duncan, Speaker of the State House, and upon the Honorable 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 7th DAY OF April, 1981.

Paul A. Fischer

Paul Fischer  
Assembly President

ATTEST:

Francis Bryner  
Borough Clerk