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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 84-73

REQUESTING THAT NO PROSPECTING PERMITS BE ISSUED FOR OFFSHORE AREAS IN COOK INLET UNTIL ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE REGULATIONS TO PROTECT FISHERIES ARE IMPLEMENTED AND REQUESTING NO PROSPECTING BE ALLOWED WITHIN ONE MILE OF CERTAIN AREAS

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, has determined that permits shall be granted for offshore prospecting in Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, three public hearings and one public meeting have been held in various locations on the Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, testimony has been heard expressing vigorous opposition to offshore prospecting as presently proposed due to possible damage to clam beaches, salmon fisheries, both sport and commercial, and other recreational and environmental values; and

WHEREAS, there is serious concern that necessary restrictions to protect both the fishing and recreational industries have not been developed and may take considerably more time to develop than the currently proposed timetable allows; and

WHEREAS, eventual issuance of a permit to prospect in Cook Inlet will require strict enforcement in order to insure compliance;

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

Section 1. That the Assembly requests the Department of Natural Resources to not issue prospecting permits for offshore areas in Cook Inlet for a period of one year from this date to allow appropriate regulations to protect its marine life and recreational resources to be implemented, or until the Kenai Peninsula Borough enacts its own Coastal Zone Management Plan, whichever comes first.

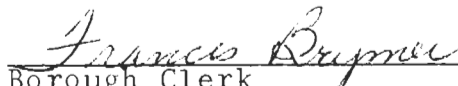
Section 2. That the Assembly urges the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations establishing a one mile buffer zone, within which no prospecting is allowed, around the mouths of all anadromous fish streams, clam beaches, critical habitat areas and set net fishing sites.

Section 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources Esther Wunnicke; Director, Division of Mines Pedro Denton and Barbara Hunt, Division of Mines.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 17th DAY OF April, 1984.

  
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Joseph C. Arness, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Borough Clerk