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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 85-5

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE DELAY ISSUANCE OF PERMITS THAT WOULD ALLOW EXPLORATION FOR MINERALS IN COOK INLET.

WHEREAS, there is currently pending an application for a permit to explore and mine for minerals on the sea floor of Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly feels that there will be little economic gain to the State or to the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough from such exploration and mining activities; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant risk of damage to the fisheries of Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has recognized the importance of protecting the fisheries through legislation establishing the Kenai River Special Management Area; and

WHEREAS, mining and exploration activities within Cook Inlet could have a negative impact on the marine resources, commercial fishing, recreation and tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, tourism and fishing are a significant portion of the economy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the State of Alaska;

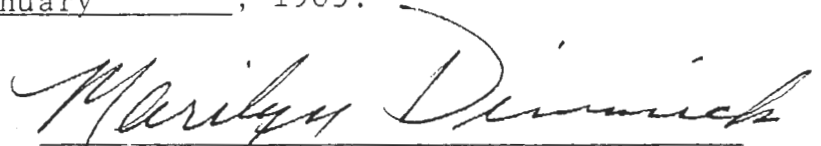
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula borough requests that the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Department of Fish and Game and any other State departments or agencies involved in the permitting process, not issue any pending permit applications for exploration or mining activities on the sea floor of Cook Inlet until such time as a thorough and complete environmental assessment of the proposed exploration activity has been completed.


Section 2. That the Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the Honorable William J. Sheffield, to the Honorable Esther Wunnicke, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, to the Commissioners of the Departments of Environmental Conservation and Fish and Game, to Senators Paul Fischer,

Jalmar Kerttula, Edna Armstrong-DeVries and John Sackett, and to Representatives Mike Navarre, Andre Marrou, Bette Cato, Mike Szymanski & Kay Wallace.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 22nd DAY OF January, 1985.


Marilyn Dimmick, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Acting Borough Clerk