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Resources Committee  
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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 85-65

REQUESTING SPONSORS OF THE PROPOSED "WORLD CLASS" SALMON DERBY TO WITHHOLD AUTHORIZATION OF THE DERBY UNTIL A PUBLIC FORUM IS PROVIDED AND A DETERMINATION OF THE IMPACT ON THE KENAI RIVER IS MADE.

WHEREAS, a group of area businessmen are proposing a "World Class" salmon derby in the western portion of the Kenai Peninsula with large cash prizes offered for various record catches; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai River is a productive and valuable resource, and is the economic foundation for a significant portion of local economies; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board has been assigned by the State of Alaska the task of studying the river and making recommendations that will enhance the long term preservation of all aspects of the Kenai River system; and

WHEREAS, there is some question as to the advisability of a world class salmon derby which will focus on the Kenai River and potentially contribute to many problems which are currently under study by the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, there has been no public forum provided and no determination of the impact that would be generated by such a salmon derby;

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

Section 1. That the Kenai Chamber of Commerce and any other potential sponsors of such a salmon derby be requested to withhold final authorization until such time as a public forum has been provided to evaluate all sides of this issue, and until a determination of impact has been made.

Section 2. That the appropriate committee(s) within the already existing structure of the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board be requested to review this proposed salmon derby, make a determination of impact, and provide the assembly with a recommendation as to the advisability of proceeding with the salmon derby.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON  
THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1985.

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Marilyn Dimmick, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Borough Clerk