

Introduced by: Mullen,  
Moore, Walli, Dale,  
Dimmick, McGahan & Glick  
Date: May 7, 1985  
Vote: Unanimous  
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 85-74

OBJECTING TO DISCONTINUANCE OF THE TUSTUMENA LAKE HATCHERY PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, in their newly released "Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge", intends to disallow fisheries enhancement activities on more than 85% of all refuge lands; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has, since 1980, utilized its Crooked Creek hatchery to conduct a very successful sockeye salmon stocking program at Tustumena Lake and an equally successful but much smaller chinook salmon stocking program at Crooked Creek; and

WHEREAS, the annual value to the economy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough of the adult sockeye salmon so produced has grown to be \$4,000,000 or more including multipliers; and

WHEREAS, the returns of adult chinook salmon so produced have created a popular new recreational fishery which harvests as many as 5,000 chinook salmon annually; and

WHEREAS, the Tustumena Lake sockeye salmon stocking program would be prohibited by the implementation of the Kenai Refuge Conservation Plan even though extensive joint Fish and Wildlife Service and Alaska Department of Fish and Game scientific studies have revealed no adverse impacts associated with the stocking program; and

WHEREAS, the Crooked Creek hatchery would, because the preponderance of its work is in sockeye salmon culture, be rendered largely purposeless if the Tustumena stocking program were discontinued;

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


Section 1. That the Assembly hereby expresses the most strenuous objection possible to the proposed discontinuance of the Tustumena Lake hatchery stocking program and urges that the "Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge" be revised to allow the stocking program to continue.

Section 2. That the Clerk is directed to distribute copies of this resolution to Bob Delaney, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; William Knauer and Robert E. Gilmore, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Alaska Land Use Council and the Citizens Advisory Commission on Federal Areas

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Service, Anchorage; U.S. Senators Frank Murkowski and Ted Stevens; U.S. Representative Don Young; Commissioner Don Collingsworth, State of Alaska, Department of Fish & Game; Stan Moberly, Loren Flagg & Dave Daisy, State of Alaska, Division of Fisheries Rehabilitation Enhancement & Development; Alaska State Senators Paul Fischer, Jalmar Kerttula, Edna DeVries & John Sackett; and to Alaska State Representatives Mike Navarre, Andre Marrou, Bette Cato, Mike Szymanski & Kay Wallis.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 7th DAY OF May, 1985.

  
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Assembly President, Marilyn Dimmick

ATTEST:

  
Borough Clerk