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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 86-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT GRANT AREA WIDE CUSTOMS PORT OF ENTRY STATUS TO THE SEAPORTS OF THE KENAI PENINSULA OF ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the ports of the Kenai Peninsula are situated midway between the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea fishing grounds, have for many years been a regular port-of-call for supplies, crew changes, repairs, and recreation for the Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese fishing vessels plying the North Pacific waters; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula is rapidly assuming a position of international importance in processing and shipping fish products, as well as servicing the international and domestic fleets; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seward has previously been designated as a port-of-call for the Polish fishing fleet; and

WHEREAS, regular shipments of coal from Alaska to the Republic of Korea were inaugurated in January of 1986, with such shipments totaling 800,000 tons per year over the next fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, the regular shipments of petroleum products from the Port of Nikiski travel to destinations all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seward is nearing completion of the Seward Marine Industrial Center -- its focal point being a 3,000 ton capacity shiplift to service the foreign and domestic fleets operating off the coast of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the Kenai Peninsula is economically dependent upon the fishing and transportation industries and serving the international markets; and

WHEREAS, substantial costs are incurred in having United States Customs and Immigration personnel travel to peninsula ports each time a foreign vessel calls on the ports; and


WHEREAS, the establishment of a Customs and Immigration Office in serving the Kenai Peninsula would be a financial savings to the United States government and better serve the needs of these growing ports, the State of Alaska and the United States of America.

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

Section 1. The United States Government be requested to grant area wide port of entry status to the ports of the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska, and establish a permanent U.S. Customs and Immigration station on the Kenai Peninsula with personnel authorized to fulfill the functions of both agencies.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 16th DAY OF September, 1986.

  
Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

ATTEST:  
  
Borough Clerk