

Mayor Vetoed 12-2-86
No Override 12-16-86

Introduced by: Mullen
Date: November 18, 1986
Vote: 10 Yes, 4 No
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 86-148 (AMENDED)

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

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 State of Alaska, Division of Mining and Geology, has issued a Supplemental Preliminary Best Interest Finding and Consistency Determination Regarding Proposed Offshore Prospecting Permits in Cook Inlet and has asked for comments by November 10, 1986; and

WHEREAS, there could be 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; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is currently developing a Coastal Zone Management Plan and requests involvement in determination and issuance of this and other permit applications within the coastal zone; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly adopted a similar resolution in 1985 and now reiterates opposition to issuance of offshore mining permits in Cook Inlet south of the forelands;

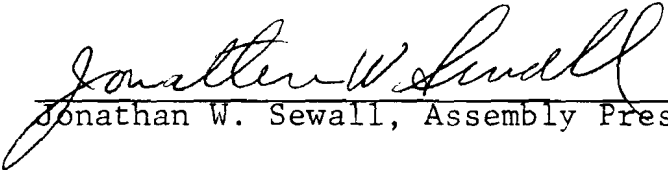
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

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 any 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 south of the forelands at this time.

Section 2. That the clerk shall send copies of this resolution to Steven Cowper, Governor of Alaska; the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources; DNR Division of Mining & Geology; to the Commissioners of the Departments of Environmental Conservation and Fish and Game; to Senators Fischer, DeVries, Binkley, Kerttula & Szymanski; and to Representatives Cato, Navarre, Swackhammer, Wallis and Zuwacki.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 2nd DAY OF December, 1986.


Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk