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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 86-29

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE LEISURE LAKE SOCKEYE STOCKING AND FERTILIZATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Leisure Lake, China Poot Bay is located in Kachemak Bay State Park, within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, providing good accessibility to commercial and sports fishermen; and

WHEREAS, previous sockeye fry and fingerling stocking programs at Leisure Lake have yielded significant results that have been applied to other lake stocking programs across the state. Subsequent adult returns from these smolt outmigrations have reflected record ocean survival rates as high as 42%. These have contributed significantly to the commercial, sport and subsistence fisheries in the Kachemak Bay area. In fact, according to the Homer Fish and Game Department, 45% of the total Lower Cook Inlet sockeye harvest in both 1983 and 1984 originated from the Leisure Lake project; and

WHEREAS, since 1979, over 300,000 adult sockeye have returned from this project; during which 287,000 fish were harvested by commercial fishermen and over 17,100 sockeyes were taken by sport and subsistence-personal use fishermen; and

WHEREAS, the future funding of this project is unclear, wherein the Leisure Lake fertilization program has not been included in the FY 1987 Governor's request budget; and

WHEREAS, the continued funding of the stocking, fertilization and complete evaluation of this project appears to be a small investment considering the past and potential increased fishery contribution in the future with the FY 1987 budget request at approximately \$50,000;

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

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests the State of Alaska, legislative and executive branches to provide funds for the Leisure Lake Sockeye Stocking and Fertilization Program.

Section 2. That copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to all legislators and the Governor of Alaska.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 4th DAY OF March, 1986.

ATTEST:

Joanne Brenden
Borough Clerk

Betty J. Glick
Betty J. Glick, Assembly President