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Keene, Glick, McGahan  
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Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 86-30

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA TO FUND THE FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AT PAINT RIVER (KAMISHAK BAY), LOWER COOK INLET.

WHEREAS, ninety-nine percent of Lower Cook Inlet commercial salmon permits are held by Alaska residents, ninety-three percent of those permit owners are Kenai Peninsula residents; and

WHEREAS, commercial fishing is a major industrial activity sustaining the economy and labor force of much of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's population; and

WHEREAS, construction of two fish ladders coupled with a six-year salmon stocking program would create a major salmon fishery at Paint River, located on the west side of Cook Inlet, Kamishak Bay; and

WHEREAS, all five species of salmon native to Alaska will be stocked into the system contributing significantly to Kenai Peninsula Borough residents, commercial and sports fishermen; and

WHEREAS, the six year total cost of this project is estimated to be \$4,544,256 with direct benefits calculated on wholesale of product by fishermen conservatively estimated at \$30,000,000 (or \$2,000,000 per year for fifteen years) based on 1985 prices; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature and Governor Sheffield are empowered to appropriate funds for renewable resources, particularly for fisheries research and enhancement;

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 continuation and completion of the Paint River Fisheries Resource Enhancement 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 Bradley*  
Borough Clerk

*Betty J. Glick*  
Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

*by Catherine J. DeLaca, Dep. Clerk*