

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: April 18, 1989
Vote: Unanimous
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 89-37(SUBSTITUTE)

REQUESTING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY FOR DEVELOPING NAVIGATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS IN ANCHOR POINT, ALASKA

WHEREAS, commercial fishing and the visitor industry are two important elements of the economy of the Anchor Point area; and

WHEREAS, no adequate saltwater access is currently available for commercial or sport fishery boats at Anchor Point; and

WHEREAS, the lack of acceptable access requires the sport fishery to launch boats in other areas and travel great distances to fish in the Anchor Point vicinity, often with a great risk occurring because of rapidly changing weather; and

WHEREAS, commercial halibut and salmon fishermen must launch in either Ninilchik or Homer after transporting their boats, as oversized loads, over the Sterling Highway to those points; and

WHEREAS, the launch and moorage facilities at Ninilchik and Homer are presently overtaxed and crowded;

WHEREAS, if feasible, a launch facility at Anchor Point could alleviate many of these problems; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960 has authority to plan and construct small navigation projects that have not been specifically authorized by Congress; and

WHEREAS, such a project is approved for construction only after a detailed investigation and study clearly show its engineering feasibility and economic justification;

WHEREAS, the first step in this process is a reconnaissance survey by the Corps and this step requires a request by a sponsoring agency such as the Borough,

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

Section 1. That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough requests the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to undertake a reconnaissance survey as the first step for a possible development of a small navigation improvement at Anchor Point, Alaska, under the authority provided under Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act, as amended.

Section 2. That the Assembly understands that, if the reconnaissance survey indicates a potentially feasible project, the Corps of Engineers may require the Borough to enter into cooperative agreements, which may involve funding commitments by the sponsor, before the Corps conducts a feasibility study or engages in any construction of an improvement.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the Kenai Peninsula Borough shall transmit three copies of this resolution to the District Engineer, Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Section 4. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 18th DAY OF April, 1989.

ATTEST:

Jonathan W. Sewall
Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

Joanne E. Dunsley
Borough Clerk

Gabrielle F. DeBacco, Rep Clerk