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Brown
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Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 89-63

URGING THE INTERNATIONAL HALIBUT COMMISSION, U.S. COAST GUARD, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO POSTPONE THE HALIBUT OPENING DURING HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the International Halibut Commission policy of a 24-hour halibut season opening in May regardless of weather condition has proven hazardous to the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, weather in the area during the halibut opening of May 15-16, 1989 was 50-knot winds and 20-foot seas, and

WHEREAS, in 1987 and 1988 Kenai Peninsula Borough citizens' lives and boats were lost during the 24-hour halibut opening, and

WHEREAS, after investing in bait, gear, boat, ice, supplies, fuel, groceries and hired help, fishermen feel pressured to fish during the 24-hour opening regardless of conditions;

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

Section 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the International Halibut Commission, U.S. Coast Guard, or other appropriate agencies, postpone the halibut season when the weather conditions are hazardous.

Section 2. The borough clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the International Halibut Commission, Donald A. McCaughran, Director; to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Don W. Collinsworth, Commissioner; U.S. Coast Guard and other appropriate agencies.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 6th, DAY OF June, 1989.

ATTEST:

Joanna Brindley
Borough Clerk

Jonathan W. Sewall
Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President