

Introduced: Mayor
Date: Feb. 6, 1990
Vote: Unanimous
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 90-12

IN SUPPORT OF OIL SPILL LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCILS IN COOK INLET AND PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND TO ADDRESS SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PLANS.

WHEREAS, the grounding of the Exxon Valdez on March 24, 1989, created an oil spill which affected over 1,000 miles of Alaskan coast including the shores of the Kenai Peninsula and the fishing grounds of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's fishing fleet; and

WHEREAS, the grounding of the M/V Glacier Bay on July 2, 1987, created an oil spill which affected the salmon industry and coastal waters of Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the current self-monitoring program of the oil industry in Cook Inlet has not worked as demonstrated by tankers being allowed into Cook Inlet without approved Oil Spill Contingency Plans; and

WHEREAS, there were over 200 oil spills reported to the Alaska Department of Conservation or the U.S. Coast Guard on the Kenai Peninsula and in Cook Inlet last year; and

WHEREAS, there was formed a Regional Citizen Advisory Committee in July, 1989, for oil industry issues in Prince William Sound and this committee has already shown great worth by participating in the creation of the new Alyeska Tanker Oil Spill Prevention and Contingency Plan; and

WHEREAS, there is currently language in pending legislation that would require local citizen input into the oil industry's oil spill prevention and response plans in Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound;

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

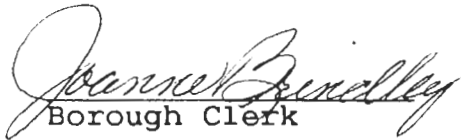
Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports pending Federal oil spill legislation which would require citizen advisory councils in both Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound.

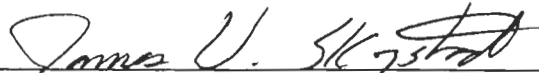
Section 2. That new citizen advisory committees should be funded by direct donations from the oil industry which extracts and ships oil into and away from the region and which will directly benefit from the input of local citizens on their oil spill prevention and response plans.

Section 3. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to Senators Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski, and Congressman Don Young.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 6th DAY OF February, 1990.

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk


James W. Skogstad, Assembly President