Introduced by:

Hodgins

Date:

September 17, 1991

Action:

Adopted as Amended

Vote: Unanimous

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 91-113 SUBSTITUTE

A RESOLUTION URGING THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REDUCE THE BYCATCH OF CHINOOK SALMON DURING DIRECTED TRAWL FISHERIES

WHEREAS, all Cook Inlet user groups are impacted by chinook salmon bycatches in the domestic trawl fisheries; and

WHEREAS, a high bycatch of chinook salmon was recorded in the Gulf of Alaska during the month of March 1991; and

WHEREAS, closing the directed trawl fisheries in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area from January 1st through March 1st, 1992 and the Gulf of Alaska the month of March, 1992 will greatly reduce the King Salmon bycatch; and

WHEREAS, the directed trawl fisheries in both the Bering Sea/Aleutians Islands area and the Gulf of Alaska continue well after the periods of high chinook salmon bycatch; and

WHEREAS, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meets in Anchorage September 23, 1991;

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

- <u>Section 1</u>. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to carefully consider fishing issues that impact Cook Inlet salmon stocks and reduce the bycatch of chinook salmon during directed trawl fisheries.
- Section 2. That the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council close directed trawl fisheries with observed high bycatches of chinook salmon in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands area January 1 through March 1, 1992.
- Section 3. That the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council close the directed trawl fisheries with observed high bycatches of chinook salmon in the Gulf of Alaska during the month of March, 1992.

Section 4. Copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Walter J. Hickel, Senator Frank H. Murkowski, Senator Ted Stevens, Representative Donald E. Young, North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Robert A. Mosbacher, Sr.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF September, 1991.

James W. Skogstad, President

ATTEST:

Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska