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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 95-054**

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING LEASE SALE 85(A) REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS, TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, SET PUBLIC HEARINGS IN HOMER, PROVIDE DETAILED MAPS OF THE LEASE SALE TRACTS, AND DELETE FROM THE SALE THOSE TRACTS LOCATED WITHIN THE HOMER AND FRITZ CREEK WATERSHED AREAS

WHEREAS, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 85(A) was amended earlier this year to include acreage in the greater Homer area, including the City of Homer and Fritz Creek watersheds, the Fritz Creek watershed, the Fritz Creek and Anchor River Critical Habitat Areas, and the Caribou Hills; and

WHEREAS, the watershed containing the Bridge Creek Reservoir is presently the City of Homer's sole water supply and the Fritz Creek watershed will probably be involved as a future water source; and

WHEREAS, the City of Homer is concerned that area watersheds will be polluted as a result of drilling activity which may occur within or near them as a result of Lease Sale 85(A); and

WHEREAS, much of the acreage added to Lease Sale 85(A) is the same acreage that was deleted from Lease Sale 78 which was strenuously opposed by the citizens of the Homer area; and

WHEREAS, comment period for Lease Sale 85(A) ends on September 25, 1995 and no public hearings have been scheduled as of this date; and

WHEREAS, presently the public's sole opportunity to make comments that will be addressed by the DNR, on the record, is through letters; and

WHEREAS, after the publishing of the "Preliminary Best Interest Finding", DNR and the Division of Oil and Gas will only accept comments on said "Findings" from those who have made comments at public hearings or who have made written comments; and

WHEREAS, accurate tract maps are not yet available for Lease Sale 85(A) making comment

difficult;

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly joins the City Council of the City of Homer in requesting that borough residents of the Homer area be given an opportunity for public hearing on this matter so that they may be heard and have their comments placed in the record and their rights reserved to make future comments throughout the Lease Sale 85(A) process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Homer has passed by a vote of 6-0 Resolution 95-61(S)(A) which seeks similar relief from the State of Alaska;

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas to:

A. Extend the time for public comment concerning Lease Sale 85(A) from September 25, 1995 to November 15, 1995.

B. Prior to the close of the extended public comment period:

1. Provide the public with detailed and useable maps of Lease Sale 85(A) tracts.
2. Establish timely public hearings in Homer concerning Lease Sale 85(A).

C. Delete from Lease Sale 85(A) all tracts located within the Homer and Fritz Creek watershed areas.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect upon adoption and copies shall be sent to Governor Tony Knowles, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, Senators John Torgerson and Judy Salo, Representatives Gail Phillips, Gary Davis and Mike Navarre and the City of Homer.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1995.

Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk