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Action:	Adopted
Vote:	Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 95-067**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. SENATE TO PASS SENATE BILL 39 WHICH
REAUTHORIZES THE MAGNUSON ACT OF 1976**

WHEREAS, the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (200 mile limit) was enacted in 1976 to protect the coastline of the United States and the American fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Act must be amended and reauthorized; and

WHEREAS, over 740 million pounds of marine life was dumped into the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska in 1993, including over 16,000,000 pounds of halibut and over 16,000,000 crabs; and

WHEREAS, this continued bycatch wanton waste undermines any long term management plan for sustained commercial subsistence or recreational fisheries, and places Alaska's coastal communities at risk; and

WHEREAS, these resources are the economic and cultural lifeblood for many Alaskans who depend on the sea for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representative overwhelmingly passed Congressman Don Young's bill, H.R. 39, [vote 388-37] which reauthorizes the Act and contains the following stronger conservation provisions which protects Alaskan coastal communities and fishing fleets:

1. Provides for the maximum economic opportunity for, and the sustained participation of, local community-based fleets and the coastal communities which those fleets support;
2. Provides new requirements for seafood harvesting with the minimum practicable amount of bycatch;
3. Provides new requirements that protect essential fishery habitats from destructive fishing practices;
4. Provides new requirements that any future quota share programs have non-transferable shares which eliminates the potential for coastal fisheries being shifted to non-local interests;
5. Provides new requirements that prohibits management councils from setting harvest limits above the sustainable level; and

WHEREAS, the Senate version of this bill [S. 39] is presently pending in the U.S. Senate;

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

SECTION 1. That the U.S. Senate act this year to adopt the Senate version of H.R. 39, or equally strong fishery conservation provisions in its bill to reauthorize the Magnuson Act including:


1. Prevention of overfishing by prohibiting regional fishery management councils from setting fishing limits above the sustainable yield level;
2. Protecting habitat from destructive fishing practices;
3. Ensuring continued maximum participation by coastal community-based fishing fleets; and
4. Requiring bycatch reduction in all fishery management plans.

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests that Senator Ted Stevens and Senator Frank Murkowski lead and support the effort to expeditiously reauthorize the Magnuson Act including the conservation and coastal community support provisions contained therein.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Stevens, Senator Murkowski and Representative Young.

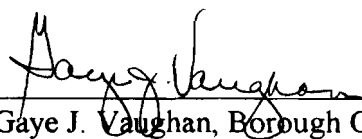
SECTION 4. That this resolution take effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1995.



Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk