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Drathman, Navarre, Wiley
Date: 2/06/96
Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 96-009**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMERCIAL, SPORT AND PERSONAL USE
FISHERIES, ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT ON THE STATE OF ALASKA,
AND OPPOSING THE F.I.S.H. INITIATIVE**

- WHEREAS,** the commercial fishing industry is the largest private sector employer in the State of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** the commercial fishing industry is the second largest revenue producing industry in the State of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** the commercial and sport fishing industries consist of thousands of small family businesses and employs people on the peninsula and the state of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** over \$40 million in raw fish taxes alone are contributed to the State of Alaska by the seafood industry along with licensing, marketing, marine fuel, hatchery, sales and property taxes; and
- WHEREAS,** over \$80 million annually in property taxes and cash benefits to the State of Alaska and its communities are contributed by the shore based processing industry; and
- WHEREAS,** the wholesale harvest value of Alaska salmon is between \$600 million and \$1 billion each year; and
- WHEREAS,** the implementation of the F.I.S.H. initiative would severely hamper the Board of Fish and Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game in the management of the state's salmon resource; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly has repeatedly gone on record as supporting the Alaska State Board of Fish and Game and their management of the Kenai River, maintaining a fisheries maximum sustained yield; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes the economic benefit of the sports and personal use fisheries and the negative effect that the F.I.S.H. initiative will have on these fisheries; and
- WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the State of Alaska to

maintain viable recreational and commercial fishing opportunities regulated by the Alaska Board of Fisheries;

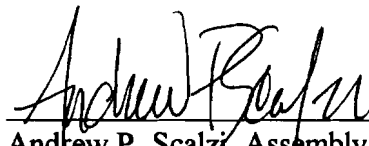
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes the economic and social impact of the commercial salmon fishing, sport fishing and tourism industries throughout the State of Alaska and on the Kenai Peninsula.

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly strongly opposes the F.I.S.H. initiative and encourages the voters of Alaska to oppose this initiative by making their own findings on the negative impacts this will have on commercial, sport, and personal use fisheries throughout Alaska.

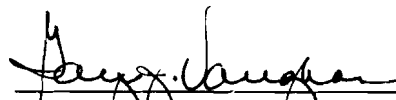
SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska, Speaker of the House Gail Phillips, Senate President Drue Pearce, Senators John Torgerson, Judy Salo and Georgianna Lincoln, Representatives Gary Davis, Mike Navarre and Irene Nicholia, and the Assemblies of the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.



Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk