

Introduced by: Drathman
Date: 2/06/96
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 96-015**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 198 ESTABLISHING THE HOMER
AIRPORT CRITICAL HABITAT AREA**

WHEREAS, the Beluga Wetlands adjacent to the City of Homer Airport have long been identified as prime moose habitat, providing browse and shelter for moose that winter on the Homer bench; and

WHEREAS, lowland habitat that provides browse, cover and light accumulations of snow that do not impede winter feeding are increasingly limited on the lower Kenai Peninsula due to development; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a critical habitat area adjacent to the City of Homer Airport will not interfere with planned airport improvements or safety; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Torgerson has filed Senate Bill 198 which would create the Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area; and

WHEREAS, the creation of this habitat area has the support of the City of Homer [Resolutions 95-14 A and 96-09], the Kenai Peninsula Borough [Resolution 95-016], State of Alaska Department of Transportation, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee, the Kachemak Bay State Park Advisory Board, Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, Homer Charter Association, South Peninsula Sportsmen's Association, North Pacific Fisheries Association, Cook Inlet Seiners' Association, National Wildlife Federation and the hundreds of people who have written letters, signed petitions and testified at public hearing opportunities by the City of Homer, the Kenai Peninsula Borough and hearing conducted by Senator Torgerson in the City of Homer;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports passage of S.B. 198 establishing the Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect upon adoption.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all members of the Alaska Senate, Speaker

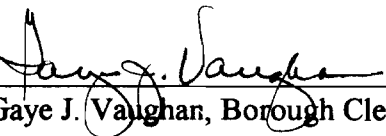
of the House Gail Phillips, Representatives Gary Davis, Mike Navarre and Irene Nicholia and, the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska.

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