KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 96-097

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED FULL AND COMPLETE OPEN PUBLIC PROCESS FOR ALL BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Alaska's Board of Fisheries recently held an unprecedented, unscheduled meeting at which it took action for its November meeting, to open the agenda to a complete review of all prior decisions in the Cook Inlet Region; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Board of Fisheries also took action which will decrease or curtail full and meaningful public testimony and debate before the Board of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, all Alaskans committed to complete public discourse should be intensely concerned about the precedent this action sets; and

WHEREAS, failure to publish specific proposals regarding management of Alaska resources precludes public comment, undermines responsible public policy and jeopardizes all user groups;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby calls upon Governor Tony Knowles and the Alaska Board of Fisheries to commit publicly to a full and complete open public process for all Board of Fisheries meetings, now and in the future; and

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly also calls upon Governor Tony Knowles and the Alaska Board of Fisheries to preclude actions at the November meeting on any specific items that had not been previously forwarded for normal public review prior to its unscheduled meeting.
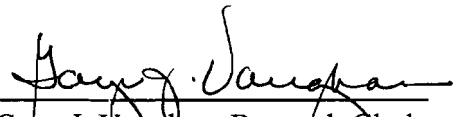
SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Knowles; ADF&G Commissioner Frank Rue; Representatives Gary Davis, Gail Phillips and Irene Nicholia; Senators Judy Salo, John Torgerson and Georgianna Lincoln; and Board of Fisheries Chairman, Larry Engle.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 29th DAY OF OCTIBER, 1996.

Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk