Introduced	Bagley
Date:	2/04/97
Action:	Adopted
Vote:	Unanimous

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 97-004

## A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES TO HOLD THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED UPPER COOK INLET AREA MEETING CONCERNING ALL FINFISH IN THE KENAI/SOLDOTNA AREA

- WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries conducts one regularly-scheduled meeting every three years addressing Upper Cook Inlet Area finfish, with the next such meeting scheduled to be held during the 1998/1999 winter; and
- WHEREAS, the Upper Cook Inlet area includes that area of Cook Inlet lying north of a line extending from Anchor Point due west to a point just north of Chinitna Point; and
- WHEREAS, the majority of Upper Cook Inlet finfish proposals considered by the Board of Fisheries pertain to the Kenai, Kasilof and other Central District Salmon runs and the commercial, sports and personal use fisheries dependent upon these runs; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Fisheries has never held a meeting concerning Upper Cook Inlet finfish in the Kenai/Soldotna area, which is the area primarily affected by the Board's deliberations, and instead has conducted such meetings in Anchorage; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai/Soldotna area has ample accommodations to support such Board of Fisheries meetings; and
- WHEREAS, many people significantly affected by the Board of Fisheries actions relating to the Upper Cook Inlet are unable to attend the meetings in Anchorage due to a lack of time and funds; and
- WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the Board of Fisheries members to hear from such members of the public, and to view the rivers and the infrastructure created by the finfish fisheries;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the Board of Fisheries to hold the next regularly scheduled or any unscheduled Upper Cook Inlet Area meeting concerning all finfish in the Kenai/Soldotna area.

**SECTION 2.** That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Alaska Board of Fisheries, Governor Knowles, Senators Torgerson, Ward and Lincoln, Speaker of the House Phillips, and Representatives Davis, Hodgins and Nicholia.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS  $4^{+h}$  DAY OF  $4^{-h}$ , 1997.

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Jack E. Brown, Assembly President

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