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Unanimous

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 97-011

## A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL D-AAC21.363 UPPER COOK INLET SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH, 1997, MEETING OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes an historic Cook Inlet Drift Net Salmon fleet operating out of the Homer, Ninilchik, Kasilof and Kenai areas; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes the Cook Inlet Drift Net Salmon fleet and its associated support industries as significant entities in the social and economic health of the Kenai Peninsula borough; and
- WHEREAS, the entire Cook Inlet Drift Net Salmon harvest is landed and processed in the Kenai Peninsula borough; and
- WHEREAS, passage of proposal "D" would result in lost harvest opportunities and alter the flow of product into and out of the processing sector; and
- WHEREAS, passage of proposal "D" would result in major economic losses in the harvesting, processing and business sectors of the Kenai Peninsula Borough economy; and
- WHEREAS, ADF&G has informed local Advisory committees that passage of proposal ":D" would result in escapements over and above a sustained yield in years of above average returns; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough objected to any escapement increase over and above a sustained yield in a March 22, 1995 letter to the Board of fisheries; and
- **WHEREAS,** proposal "D" will be deliberated on without the benefit of the full and complete open public process requested in Borough Resolution 90-097.
- WHEREAS, if proposal D-AAC21.363 of the UPPER COOK INLET SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN is passed and implemented by the Alaska Board of fisheries, it will create severe social and economical hardship for the historic Cook Inlet Drift Net Salmon fleet and its associated support industries in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

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

- **SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Borough Assembly opposes Proposal D-AAC21.363 of the UPPER COOK INLET SALMON PLAN to be presented at the March, 1997, meeting of the Alaska Board of Fisheries; and
- **SECTION 2.** That this opposition be communicated directly to Governor Tony Knowles, the Alaska Board of Fisheries and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner, Frank Rue; Speaker of the House Gail Phillips; Senators John Torgerson and Jerry Ward; Representatives Gary Davis and Mark Hodgins.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4th DAY OF MARCH, 1997.

Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk