

WHEREAS, as the Borough continues to grow and the economy continues to diversify, coastal zone management will become more important in directing that growth and diversification.

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough opposes House Bill 28 and any other legislative effort to eliminate the Alaska Coastal Management Program and/or the Alaska Coastal Policy Council.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.

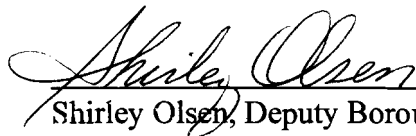
SECTION 3. That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the State Legislative representatives of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and Governor Tony Knowles.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH, 1997.



Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Shirley Olsen, Deputy Borough Clerk

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH COASTAL DISTRICT

Constituent Comments:

"The Alaska Coastal Management Program serves as a vital link and integral component in 2nd class boroughs, such as the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The ability to review and recommend stipulations for anticipated activities provides a forum for local control which had not previously existed. The demise of the ACMP would have adverse impacts on the economy and people of the state." **Lisa Parker**, Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Director

It seems ironic that after all these years of trying to establish local control, we would want to relinquish authority back to the federal level." **Jack Cushing**, CPC member of the Lower Cook Inlet Region, engineer and Mayor of the City of Homer.

I think you [DGC] did an excellent job of incorporating our concerns regarding the Kenai River. The tie to the KRSMA plan was especially effective. I endorse your finding and trust it will strengthen relationships with the Corps of Engineers to protect...the Kenai river." **Jim H. Richardson**, private citizen, regarding Nationwide permits proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Recent Projects:

During FY93-97, DGC coordinated the consistency review of 323 projects within the Kenai Peninsula borough Coastal District. Recent projects include:

- Kasitsna Bay 4. Applicant: Charles Hart. Project: Construct seasonal dock and ramp on MacDonald Spit to facilitate handicap access. Action: DGC expedited review by providing DFG permit applications and conducting review in abbreviated time so work could be done during good tides.
- Seldovia Bay 70. Applicant: Seldovia Bay Native Association. Project: Barge Dock. Action: DGC provided interface between DFG and applicant to obtain necessary additional information. Review was extended, but still completed within the deadline set by applicant.
- Kachemak Bay 78. Applicant: Herndon and Thompson, Inc. Agent, John Calhoun (235-8350) Project: A private marine campground facility, Homer Spit Marine Park, a commercial boat basin, barge ramp, and cargo storage and handling facility. Action: DGC assistance allowed agencies to identify areas of concern and meet with agents to resolve issues in time to meet applicant's schedule.
- Kenai River 16. Agent: Wayne Fredeen. Project: Maintenance dredging Salmon Run Acres subdivision canals. Action: DGC maintained close contact with agent to help coordinate interaction with regulatory staff.

Federal Financial Assistance:

During FY 93-97, the ACMP provided \$185,000 for district program implementation and \$49,700 for special projects including money for major project reviews and an amendment to the Borough's coastal management plan. In addition, \$331,500 was spent on a joint project between the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Department of Fish and Game. The project covered several years and addressed coastal issues related to habitat, access and erosion, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the district's sport and commercial fisheries on the Kenai River. Most recently, in FY 97, \$45,000 is being allotted to the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Borough to develop indicators to facilitate predictable wetland development in the Kenai River watershed. The total amount during these years for district program implementation and special projects total approximately **\$521,500**.

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