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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 97-044**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE
CONTINUATION OF THE TUSTUMENA LAKE
SOCKEYE SALMON FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is preparing an environmental assessment of the Tustumena Lake sockeye salmon fisheries enhancement project; and

WHEREAS, future permits for this project from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service are dependent on the outcome of this environmental assessment process; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and, more recently, the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association have operated a sockeye salmon fisheries enhancement program on Tustumena Lake since 1976; and

WHEREAS, in the last 20 years, the project has developed components that provide sockeye salmon to fisheries in the Upper Cook Inlet, Kamishak Bay, Kachemak Bay, and Resurrection Bay; and

WHEREAS, the sockeye salmon fisheries enhancement program on Tustumena Lake has resulted in an increase in production of sockeye salmon in Cook Inlet without negative results on wild stocks or the rearing environment; and

WHEREAS, the salmon produced through this project benefit the common property fisheries including commercial, sport, and personal use fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the program continues to operate under the technical scrutiny of the Alaska Department of Fish and Wildlife through its permitting authority;

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

SECTION 1. that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly respectfully requests that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service allow this sockeye salmon fisheries enhancement project to continue by permitting the stocking of fish and the enhancement of the fishery resources within Cook Inlet and Tustumena Lake on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

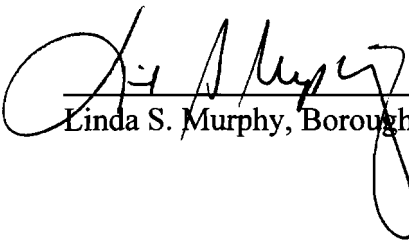
SECTION 2. that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States, and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable John Rogers, Acting Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dave Allen, Regional Director, Alaska Region, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; to the Co-Chairs of the Alaska Land Use Council; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens, and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 1997.



Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk