

Introduced by: Land Use Planning
By Committee
Date: October 28, 1997
Action: Postponed until
11/18/97
Final Action: Adopted as Amended
Date: November 18, 1997
Vote: 6 Yes, 3 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 97-079**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE
KENAI RIVER COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Department of Natural Resources has prepared and issued the final draft of the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan (the Plan); and
- WHEREAS,** the Commissioner of Natural Resources (the Commissioner) has informally extended the comment period for the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly (the Assembly) until November 20, 1997; and
- WHEREAS,** the Land Use Planning Committee of the Assembly has been charged with reviewing the Plan and making recommendations to the full Assembly with regards to its adoption by the State of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the intent of the Land Use Planning Committee and Assembly to receive public comment on the proposed Plan prior to making recommendations to the Commissioner with respect to its adoption; and
- WHEREAS,** following public comment and a review of the Plan by the Land Use Planning Committee, it is the intent of the Assembly to forward any recommended revisions to the Commissioner with a possible recommendation to adopt the Plan, subject to the revisions;

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

- SECTION 1.** That the Commissioner of Natural Resources is urged to adopt the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan with endorsements and consideration of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly.
- SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly endorses the positions of the City of Kenai and UCIDA with regard to the exclusion of the lower four miles of the Kenai River.

SECTION 3. That the Commissioner develop a program to limit the number of guides on the Kenai River.

SECTION 4. That the Commissioner consider comments submitted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members.

SECTION 5. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recommends the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan be supportive of using Exxon Valdez funding to rehabilitate and improve existing infrastructure facilities on the Kenai River before using Exxon Valdez funds for purchasing private property.

SECTION 6. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports eliminating any reference to "a Critical Habitat Area" being designated in the Middle River until further hearings are conducted.

SECTION 7. That lands not selected for habitat protection shall remain available for public domain.

SECTION 8. That Section 4.5.5.6.2 of the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan, which reads, "That timber harvest is to be prohibited on state land currently part of or proposed for inclusion in KRSMA in the Management Plan except as may be necessary to carry out the statutory purposes of KRSMA.", be deleted.

SECTION 9. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Commissioner John Shively.

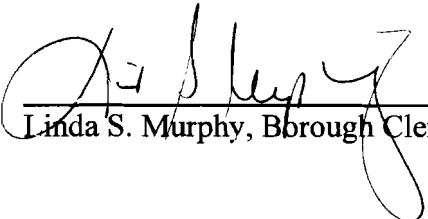
SECTION 10. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1997.



Jack E. Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk