

Introduced by: Navarre
Date: April 7, 1998
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 98-024**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF KENAI IN THEIR REQUEST TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES AND ALASKA BOARD OF GAME TO AMEND THE UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, in 1996 the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted regulations for a more liberal dip net fishery at the mouth of the Kenai River; and

WHEREAS, the fishery now occurs 24 hours daily from July 10 through July 31 and harvest has increased from an historical average of about 36,000 salmon to approximately 100,000 salmon; and

WHEREAS, the more liberal fishery has created problems of parking, litter, carcasses on the beach, and erosion of the bluffs on the north side of the Kenai River; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai is seeking funding options to address the parking problems and, in cooperation with the Division of Sport Fish, is addressing the problem of litter and carcasses on the beach; and

WHEREAS, a small number of individuals rappel down the bluffs to participate in the personal use dip net fishery, which accelerates erosion of the bluffs to the detriment of the bluff habitat, private property owners and residents of the City of Kenai; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai has requested that the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Alaska Board of Game amend the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan to prohibit dip netting from the north bank from a marker near the Coast Guard marker at the mouth of the river upstream about a mile and a quarter to a marker near the City Dock; and

WHEREAS, this action, taken in concert with measures to alleviate parking, litter and fish waste problems would be a positive step in the orderly development of this fishery; and

WHEREAS, if this problem is not solved accelerated erosion will continue and property and structures will be lost.

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the City of Kenai in their request to the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Alaska Board of Game to amend the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan in an effort to address the problem of bluff erosion and to preserve the bluff habitat along the mouth of the Kenai River.

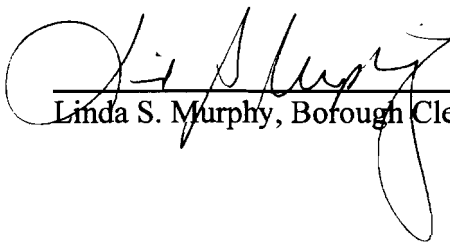
SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL, 1998.



Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

