

Introduced by: Navarre
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 7 Yes, 2 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 99-013**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STATE LAND INTO THE
KENAI RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature established the Kenai River Special Management Area in 1984 to preserve and protect important fish and wildlife habitat and resources and to provide for recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board developed the 1986 Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, in December 1997 a revised Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan was adopted by the Commissioner of Natural Resources based on recommendations from the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the revised plan has recommended the additional State-owned lands and tributaries adjacent to the Kenai River be included in the boundary of the Kenai River Special Management Area; and

WHEREAS, Goal 3.9 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan is to provide quality outdoor recreational areas and opportunities for Borough residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Goal 4.3 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Program recommends public lands be retained for public open space or recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, the addition of these State lands and tributaries meets the goals and objectives of these Borough plans;

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the addition of State land adjacent to the Kenai River and the addition of Kenai River tributaries into the boundaries of the Kenai River Special Management Area.

SECTION 2. The Alaska State Legislature is urged to introduce legislation to amend Alaska Statute 41.21.500 and to expand the boundaries of the Kenai River Special Management Area to include the 9,681 acres identified in the 1997 Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan.

SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution shall be provided to The Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor, State of Alaska; the Honorable John Shively, Commissioner of Alaska Department of Natural Resources; the Honorable Brian Porter, Speaker of the House, Alaska House of Representatives; the Honorable Drue Pearce, Senate President, Alaska State Senate; Representative Gary Davis, Representative Hal Smalley, Representative Scott Ogan, Representative Jerry Sanders, Senator John Torgerson, and Senator Jerry Ward.

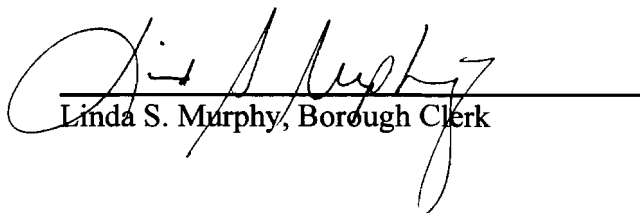
SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1999.



Ronald Wm. Drathman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk