Introduced

Brown, Drathman,

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Action: Vote:

Approved

8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 99-014

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMERCIAL, SPORT, PERSONAL USE AND SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES ON THE KENAI PENINSULA

- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes the importance of our existing diversified economy where the commercial and sportfishing industries consist of small family businesses and employs thousands of people on the Peninsula and in the State of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes the economic and social impacts of fisheries on the State of Alaska and supports the sound management practiced by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly has repeatedly gone on record as supporting the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's management on the Kenai River and maintaining a Maximum Sustained Yield (MSY) fishery for sockeye salmon; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly expressed its concern over habitat losses associated with increased escapement goals in a March 22, 1995 letter to the Board of Fisheries; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly opposed the F.I.S.H. Initiative in Resolution 96-009; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly opposed Proposal "D" in Resolution 97-011;
- WHEREAS, proposals to eliminate the MSY escapement goal for the late Kenai sockeye have been submitted to the Board of Fisheries; and
- WHEREAS, proposals similar to the F.L.S.H. Initiative have been submitted to the Board of Fisheries, requesting the language requiring targer stocks to be managed primarily ed from the Upper Oook Inlet Salmon Management for commercial uses be and Plan (UCISMP);

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#172 to the Board of Fisheries; WHEREAS, Proposal "D" has been res

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

- **SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes the economic and social impacts of the commercial salmon fishing, sport fishing and tourism industries on the Kenai Peninsula Borough and throughout the State of Alaska.
- **SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's management of the Kenai River and supports maintaining the MSY fishery management for salmon.
- **SECTION 3.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly opposes eliminating MSY management for the late run Kenai sockeye.
- **SECTION 4.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly opposes removing "managed primarily for commercial uses" from the UCISMP.
- **SECTION 5.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly opposes Proposal #172.
- **SECTION 6.** That copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of Alaska; the Alaska Board of Fisheries; Department of Fish and Game Commissioner, Frank Rue; Senators John Torgerson, Georgianna Lincoln and Jerry Ward; and Representatives Gary Davis, Gail Phillips, Hal Smalley and Carl Morgan.
- **SECTION 7.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1999.

Ronald Wm. Drathman, Assembly Presiden

ATTEST:

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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk