

Introduced by: Mayor, Scalzi
Date: 04/06/99
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 99-029**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE FAIR FISHERIES
COALITION IN PRESERVING A COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT
FOR ALASKAN FISHERIES**

WHEREAS, under the American Fisheries Act, the Bering Sea pollock resource is now closed to any new processors and the ability of fishermen to sell their pollock product to new markets is severely restricted; and

WHEREAS, allowing only a few processors to gain an economic advantage through their control of the pollock markets will adversely affect all fishermen, non-pollock processors and coastal communities throughout the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is home to fishermen who operate in the waters of the State of Alaska and the North Pacific/Bering Sea located within the U.S. exclusive economic zone; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Fisheries Coalition, a broad-based affiliation of fishermen, processors and coastal communities has been formed to change the competitive restrictions of the American Fisheries Act, and thereby preserve the dynamic, competitive atmosphere in Alaskan fisheries that has allowed them to prosper over the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes the importance of our existing diversified economy and, in an effort to maintain that diversification, supports sound fisheries management practices by the state and federal governments,

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the Fair Fisheries Coalition objectives as stated below:

1. To open the inshore pollock and mothership sectors to new processor entry, and ensure other processing sectors are not closed to new entrants, so as to preserve a competitive market for fishermen and allow processors to respond to changing fishery conditions.
2. To ensure fishermen can deliver their catch to anyone they choose, whether as a fishery cooperative or as an individual.
3. To prevent adverse impacts on fishermen and processors who do not benefit from the closed classes and fishery cooperatives in the American Fisheries Act through the establishment of safeguards which will limit the ability of Bering Sea pollock processors and fishermen to use the benefit of the Act to gain a competitive advantage in other fisheries.

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough grants permission to the Fair Fisheries Coalition to use its name in support of the Coalition and its objectives.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Fair Fisheries Coalition.

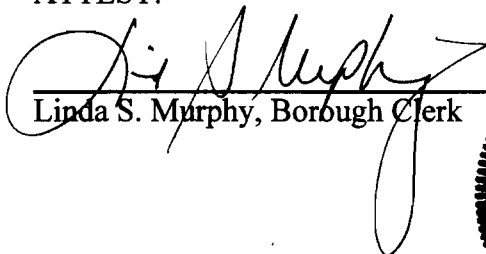
SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL 1999.



Ronald Wm. Drathman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

