

Introduced by: Scalzi, Brown, Drathman
Date: 04/20/99
Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: 7 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 99-034
(Popp) Substitute**

**A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING THE CONFIRMATION OF
CERTAIN MEMBERS TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly disagrees with certain stands taken by the Alaska Board of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the board of fish has circumvented local advisory boards and addressed Cook Inlet issues each and every year out of cycle; and

WHEREAS, the board of fish was instrumental in dismantling the Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan; and

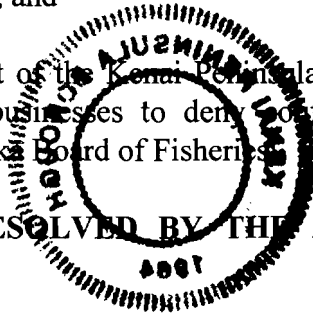
WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries members did not use their own guidelines regarding local economies and historical users in their decision making process; and

WHEREAS, the board of fish dramatically changed the escapement goals for sockeye, utilizing a sliding scale approach which may cause great damage to the Kenai River Habitat area; and

WHEREAS, the regulations and decisions made by the board of fish have resulted in lost opportunity and income to Cook Inlet commercial fishing families and associated local support industries; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Cook Inlet commercial fishing families and businesses to deny confirmation of all current members reappointed to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

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



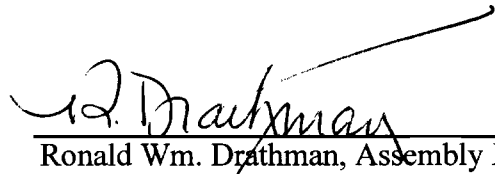
SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the wishes of the Cook Inlet commercial fishing families and businesses and strongly opposes the confirmation of the three current members reappointed to the Alaska Board of Fisheries, who are Dan K. Coffey, Virgil L. Umphenour and Grant Miller.

SECTION 2. The Kenai Peninsula Borough takes the position that two commercial fishermen should be appointed to the Alaska Board of Fisheries who have knowledge in large fisheries such as Cook Inlet, and that one of the appointees be a Cook Inlet commercial fisherman.

SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Knowles, the Alaska Legislature, Alaska Board of Fisheries, Commissioner of Fish and Game, and Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

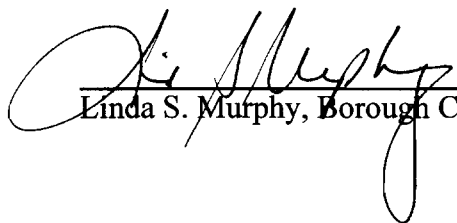
SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL 1999.



Ronald Wm. Drathman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

