

Introduced by: Legislative Committee
Date: 05/04/99
Action: Adopted
Vote: 6 Yes, 2 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 99-040**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CURRENT STRUCTURE OF HAVING THE
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION IN THE GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE ADMINISTER THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** Senate Bill 140, sponsored by the Senate Resources Committee, would transfer the responsibilities for the Alaska Coastal Management Program ("ACMP") from the Governor's office to the Department of Natural Resources ("DNR"); and
- WHEREAS,** the ACMP relies upon existing authorities and consensus among the agencies, which is best achieved under the umbrella of the Office of the Governor; and
- WHEREAS,** the ACMP, which is administered by the Division of Governmental Coordination ("DGC"), has been located in the Office of the Governor since 1979; and
- WHEREAS,** the DGC-coordinated consistency review process provides a neutral forum for mediating and resolving differences between agencies, applicants, affected coastal districts, and local residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the DGC frequently facilitates the development of state positions on coastal issues for the Office of the Governor; and
- WHEREAS,** DGC's record for implementing the ACMP is excellent as evidenced in the 1994 audit conducted by the Legislative Affairs Agency which states that "DGC's placement in the Office of the Governor provides a more objective centralized oversight and coordination function for all state agencies."; and
- WHEREAS,** DNR's central mission is to plan for and manage state-owned lands only, while the ACMP manages coastal uses and activities on private and federal land, as well as state land; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposal in Senate Bill 140 may or may not result in savings to the State's general fund and may in fact result in increased costs associated with start-up of the program with new staff in a new agency;

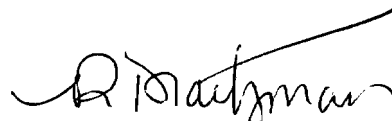
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the current structure of the ACMP within the Office of the Governor and opposes Senate Bill 140, or any other bill, that proposes to move the responsibilities for the ACMP to the Department of Natural Resources.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.

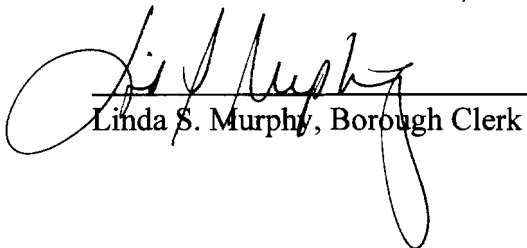
SECTION 3. That a copy of the resolution shall be delivered immediately to the State legislative delegation for the Kenai Peninsula Borough and Governor Tony Knowles.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY 1999.



Ronald Wm. Drathman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

