

Introduced by: Mayor, Brown
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 99-087**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL GAS
RESOURCES IN THE WOLF LAKE AREA OF THE KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE
REFUGE**

WHEREAS, the exploration and production of oil and gas natural resources has provided the economic foundation of Alaska, and specifically the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the exploration and production of oil and gas on the Kenai Peninsula has provided an environmentally preferred fuel for heating and power generation in South Central Alaska for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Marathon Oil Company has been involved in exploration and production of oil and gas in Alaska for nearly 50 years and is recognized as a prudent operator throughout the world with its primary focus on personnel safety and protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, Marathon Oil Company has operated the Beaver Creek Field within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge since 1972 without significant impact to the environment and has worked closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to protect the refuge; and

WHEREAS, commercial quantities of natural gas have been found in the Wolf Lake Area, within the KNWR, and Marathon Oil Company has been selected by Cook Inlet Region Incorporated ("CIRI") to explore and develop CIRI's natural resources in the Wolf Lake area, in accordance with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA); and

WHEREAS, the surface area required for development of the natural gas resource in the Wolf Lake Area (including well pads, pipeline and access road) will be less than 50 acres or 0.0026% of the Refuge's total acreage of 1,950,000 acres and Marathon Oil Company has worked closely with the USFWS to identify the best route for a pipeline to mitigate impact to the environment and wildlife; and

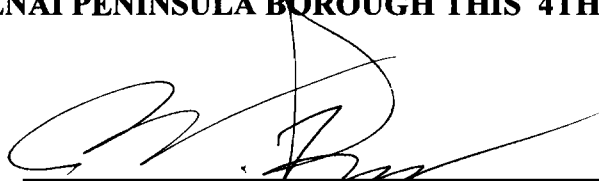
WHEREAS, the City of Kenai passed a resolution in support of development of natural gas resources in the Wolf Lake Area.

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough supports continued development of the natural resources within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and specifically the Wolf Lake Area, where the mineral interests are owned by the Cook Inlet Region Incorporated, as outlined in ANCSA.

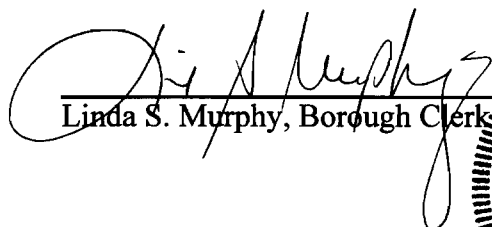
SECTION 2. The building of a natural gas pipeline, tying the Wolf Lake Development into the current pipeline system at the Beaver Creek Field will allow the natural gas to be marketed and will provide jobs in the Kenai Peninsula area, with minimal impact to the Wildlife Refuge. As a part of the evaluation of the Environmental Impact Statement, these economic considerations should be considered in addition to the impacts to surface acreage and wildlife.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2000.



William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

