

Introduced by: Mayor  
Date: 01/23/01  
Action: Postponed until 02/06/01  
Action: Adopted as Amended  
Date: 02/06/01  
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No, 2 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2001-013**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCLUDING COOK INLET IN THE 5-YEAR OUTER  
CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS) OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM 2002-2007**

- WHEREAS,** the United States Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service (MMS) has requested comments on the new 5-year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leasing program for 2002-2007; and
- WHEREAS,** Cook Inlet has a long history of oil and gas exploration and production and there is a potential for hydrocarbon discovery within the OCS area of Cook Inlet; and
- WHEREAS,** South Central Alaska relies on the continued exploration and production of natural gas in the Cook Inlet Region to meet the needs of residential and industrial users; and
- WHEREAS,** an average of 1,079 people were employed in the oil and gas exploration and production industry in 1999 within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Congress has recently passed legislation providing for states and boroughs to share in revenue from OCS lease sales to mitigate the effects of off-shore development; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough currently receives \$5.5 million annually in property tax revenue from oil and gas exploration properties;
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough understands that Mineral Management Service will take into consideration critical habitat issues, fisheries concerns, tourism concerns, cumulative impacts, water quality and oil spill issues and tankers safety concerns when recommending tracts for inclusion in this lease sale;


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

- SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports including Cook Inlet in the new 5-year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2002-2007.
- SECTION 2.** That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ralph Ainger, 5-year Program Manager, Mineral Management Service.
- SECTION 3.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6TH DAY OF  
FEBRUARY, 2001.**

  
Timothy Nayarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

