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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2001-036**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT
HOUSE BILL 165 TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STATE LAND INTO THE
KENAI RIVER SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA**

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature established the Kenai River Special Management Area in 1984 to preserve and protect important fish and wildlife habitat and resources and to provide for recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board developed the 1986 Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, in December 1997 a revised Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan was adopted by the Commissioner of Natural Resources based on recommendations from the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the revised plan has recommended that additional State-owned lands and tributaries adjacent to the Kenai River be included in the boundary of the Kenai River Special Management Area; and

WHEREAS, these land parcels adjacent to Kenai Lake, Cooper Lake, Upper and Lower Trail Lakes, plus a number of Kenai Lake tributaries, and the waters of Upper and Lower Trail Lakes and Trail River all combine to provide additional protection of fish and wildlife resources and habitat, as well as provide an opportunity to manage recreational activities in a larger area of the Kenai River watershed; and

WHEREAS, at the regular scheduled meeting of March 15, 2001 the Kenai River Special Management Advisory Board adopted a resolution urging the Alaska Legislature to approve House Bill 165;

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


SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports House Bill 165 and the addition of State land adjacent to the Kenai River and the addition of Kenai River tributaries into the boundaries of the Kenai River Special Management Area.

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough strongly urges the Alaska State Legislature to support HB165 introduced by Representative Ken Lancaster to amend Alaska Statutes 41.21.500 and to expand the boundaries of the Kenai River Special Management Area to include the 7,938 acres of general state lands, 11 upper Kenai River and Kenai Lake tributaries, and the waters of Upper and Lower Trail Lakes.

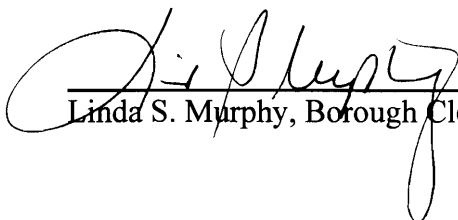
SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution shall be provided to The Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor, State of Alaska; the Honorable Pat Pourchot, Commissioner of Alaska Department of Natural Resources; the Honorable Brian Porter, Speaker of the House, Alaska House of Representatives; the Honorable Rick Halford, Senate President, Alaska State Senate; Representative Ken Lancaster; Representative Mike Chenault; Senator John Torgerson; and Senator Jerry Ward.

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

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL 2001.


Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

