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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2002-011**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA TAKE NECESSARY
ACTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND
ADJACENT PROPERTY DURING THE PERSONAL USE DIPNET AND GILLNET
FISHERIES NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE KASILOF RIVER**

- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Board of Fisheries has adopted regulations allowing for personal use gillnet fishing in June of each year near the mouth of the Kasilof River and dipnet fishing in July and August near the mouth of the Kasilof River and extending one mile up the Kasilof River; and
- WHEREAS,** property adjacent to the authorized fisheries includes private property, mental health trust lands, and property owned by the Department of Natural Resources and are being seriously impacted by the fisheries due to the lack of appropriate parking, beach litter, inadequate facilities for the disposal of human waste, and destruction of sand dunes and wetlands; and
- WHEREAS,** the mouth of the Kasilof River has the largest contiguous vegetated sand dunes in the Kenai Peninsula, behind which are brackish waters which provide habitat to many shore birds, migrating waterfowl, and other wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** these dunes are used by many people to access the fishery, causing severe damage to the dunes; and
- WHEREAS,** if the dunes are lost, the entire complex wildlife structure in the area would change, and access to the fishery would become extremely difficult; and
- WHEREAS,** the state has provided little or no enforcement of the regulations governing these personal fishery uses; and
- WHEREAS,** state employees on the Kenai Peninsula have tried to protect the dunes by limiting vehicular traffic through the area but have been provided with little or no funding to address the above problems;

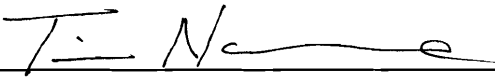
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests that the State of Alaska develop access to the affected areas near the mouth of the Kasilof River and other facilities to enable proper litter and human waste disposal, parking facilities, protection of sand dunes and wetlands, as well as other areas of concern impacted by the State of Alaska's personal use gillnet and dipnet fisheries near the mouth of the Kasilof River.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution shall be provided to Senator John Torgerson, Senator Jerry Ward, Representative Mike Chenault, Representative Ken Lancaster, Representative Drew Scalzi, Governor Tony Knowles, Commissioner Frank Rue, and Commissioner Pat Pourchot.

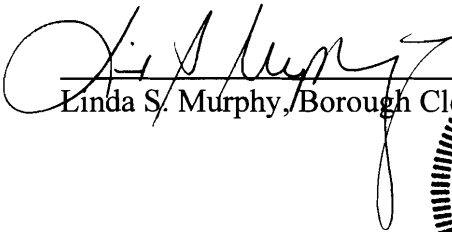
SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 22ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2002.



Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

