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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2002-049**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL MANAGED
ALASKA FISHERY RESOURCES TO EXISTING PROCESSORS**

- WHEREAS,** the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) is considering allocating fishery resources in the federal managed waters of Alaska to existing processors; and
- WHEREAS,** the allocation of fishery resources to select processors could have an adverse effect on local fishermen by excluding processors, markets, and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough opposes any fishery management system that locks each fisherman with specific processors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the Kenai Peninsula residents who have signed the 500 Alaskans open letter to Governor Knowles, the Congressional delegation, and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council opposing the allocation of Alaska Fishery resources to processors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the resolutions passed by Kenai Peninsula communities and organizations opposing “the two pie system” or any other fishery resource allocation program that creates a permanently closed class of processors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough believes that the social and economic fabric of Kenai Peninsula fishing communities is dependent on a healthy competitive relationship between fisherman and processors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough believes fishery management programs must promote healthy community fishing economies and maintain diverse independent fishing fleets; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough believes fishery management programs must preserve competition among seafood processors by prohibiting processor monopolies; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough believes fishery management programs must create and maintain opportunities for future generations of independent fishermen and processors; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough believes strong conservation goals with measurable reduction in by-catch and fishery waste be fundamental criteria in any new rationalization or access limiting fishery management programs; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough believes that Congress, the State of Alaska, and fishery managers must ensure that conservation goals are met and that independent fishermen, processors, and coastal communities receive equitable treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough believes that all Alaska residents have the right to meaningful participation in the public process concerning Alaska fishery resources;

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

SECTION 1. Opposes the award of Alaska fishery resources to existing processors because of the controlling and monopolizing effects it would have on markets, fishermen, and communities.

SECTION 2. Supports the conservation and community principles contained in this resolution.

SECTION 3. Encourages the NPFMC to explore other ways to promote a positive economic environment for the processor sector of Alaska's seafood industry.

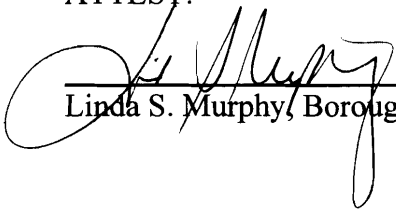
SECTION 4. That copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Knowles, Senator Stevens, Senator Murkowski, Congressman Young and the NPFMC.

SECTION 5. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2002.


Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

