

Introduced by: Glick
Date: 05/06/03
Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: 7 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2003-055**

**A RESOLUTION SEEKING ALTERNATIVE STATE FUNDING FOR THE
SHELLFISH HATCHERY TO REPLACE FUNDING FORMERLY PROVIDED
THROUGH THE ALASKA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Seward has been a long-term supporter of mariculture research and the shellfish hatchery in Seward; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seward is in the process of finalizing an agreement to transfer ownership of the shellfish hatchery facility from the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game to the City of Seward in order to continue promoting and supporting the shellfish hatchery; and

WHEREAS, the shellfish hatchery has relied heavily on support from the former Alaska Science and Technology Foundation, which is critical not only to fund operating costs, but also to leverage federal grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seward has worked hard to support the Qutekcak Native Tribe in operating the shellfish hatchery in order to develop commercially viable quantities of high-value shellfish seed for the mariculture industry which promotes statewide development of Alaska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the loss of State funding, at a time when the shellfish hatchery is beginning to demonstrate its commercial viability, will jeopardize the hatchery, result in the loss of local jobs, and threaten the livelihood of mariculture farmers dependent on spat from the hatchery for their shellfish farms;

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough hereby urges the State of Alaska to find alternative means of funding the continued operations and programs of the shellfish hatchery, as described in the original Alaska Science and Technology Foundation grant.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Murkowski, Senator Con Bunde, Senator Georgiana Lincoln, Senator Gary Stevens, Senator Tom Wagoner, Representative Mike Chenault, Representative Mike Hawker, Representative Carl Morgan, Representative Paul Seaton, Representative Kelly Wolf and Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Kevin Duffy.

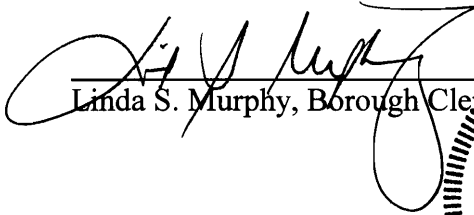
SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY 2003.



Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

