

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 04/20/04
Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2004-044**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HB 396 “AN ACT RELATING TO
MANAGEMENT OF SALMON AND OTHER FISH STOCKS AND SALMON
FISHERIES AND TO THE USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY AN ENHANCEMENT
FACILITY FROM THE SALE OF FISH”**

- WHEREAS,** the fishing industry has long been an integral part of the economy of Alaska and especially on the Kenai Peninsula; and
- WHEREAS,** the fishing industry is a renewable resource and employs thousands of local residents including family owned small businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** the fishing industry provides over 100 million dollars in gross revenues in the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and
- WHEREAS,** in a time when farmed salmon is threatening natural wild fish stock in Alaska, it is more important than ever to manage fisheries by biological means; and
- WHEREAS,** currently the Board of Fish (BoF) has exceeded its policy making authority and has overly restricted the administration from using emergency orders and other methods to biologically manage the salmon resource on the basis of maximum sustained yield; and
- WHEREAS,** HB 396 puts into statute the current BoF policy that salmon stocks in the state be managed consistent with maximum sustained yield of important and dominant salmon stocks and with sustained yield of other salmon stocks; and
- WHEREAS,** HB 396 puts into statute current BoF policy for in-season abundance based management, delegating to the area biologist emergency order authority to provide for immediate management decisions; and
- WHEREAS,** HB 396 simply attempts to clarify the policy that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game manages salmon fisheries, while the Alaska Board of Fisheries has responsibility for allocating the yield of salmon among users. The clear separation of management authority from allocation authority is one of the strengths of the Alaska management system; and
- WHEREAS,** this in-season abundance based management program was recently adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to manage and conserve salmon resources shared by Alaska, Oregon, Washington and Canada;

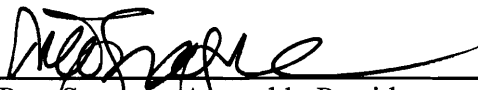
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the passage of HB 396 as it was written on introduction in the legislature.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be provided to Representatives Carl Morgan, Mike Hawker, Kelly Wolf, Mike Chenault, and Paul Seaton, and Senators Georgianna Lincoln, Con Bunde, Thomas Wagoner, and Gary Stevens.

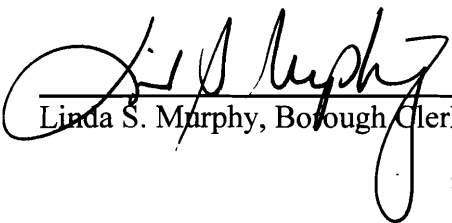
SECTION 3. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2004.



Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

