

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 12/07/04
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2004-119**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES TO INCLUDE
THE KENAI RIVER BROOD INTERACTION ESCAPEMENT MODEL AND RISK
ANALYSIS OF THE SOCKEYE HARVEST AT THE JANUARY 2005 COOK INLET
FINFISH BOARD MEETING**

WHEREAS, Skilak Lake sockeye salmon fry have experienced a 60 percent reduction in size and are now the smallest ever measured; and

WHEREAS, in the last 20 years Skilak Lake has experienced higher turbidity levels that has resulted in a 65 percent reduction in the Euphotic Zone in Skilak Lake; and

WHEREAS, the copepod biomass, the primary food for sockeye salmon fry has also declined by 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, sockeye salmon fry are sight feeders and have a near total food dependence on the copepod biomass; and

WHEREAS, Skilak Lake rears 85 percent of the Kenai River Sockeye; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai River Brood interaction fry model predicts the risks of over escapement and future low returns to the Kenai River;

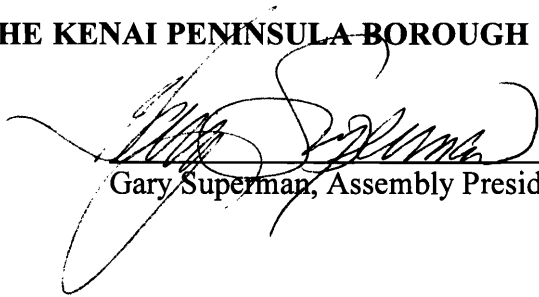
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Board of Fish is requested to schedule sufficient time at the January 2005 Cook Inlet Finfish meeting for a presentation and discussion of the brood interaction model for Kenai River demonstrating the model and risks of small returns in the future.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be delivered to the Honorable Governor Frank Murkowski, Commissioner of Fish and Game Kevin Duffy, Senator Tom Wagoner, Senator Gary Stevens, Senator Con Bunde, Senator-Elect Albert Kookesh, Senator Georgiana Lincoln, Representative Mike Hawker, Representative -Elect Woodie Salmon, Representative Mike Chenault, Representative Paul Seaton, Representative Kelly Wolf, Representative-Elect Kurt Olson

SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2004.



Gary Superman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

