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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2005-086**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING A STRONG AND
RELIABLE ESCORT FLEET AND PRESERVING THE PRACTICE OF
REQUIRING TWO ESCORTS, AS CURRENTLY PRACTICED, FOR ALL
LADEN TANKERS TRANSITING PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND**

WHEREAS, Trans Alaska Pipeline System trade tankers are moving toward a fleet of double-hulled tankers as required by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, the current Prince William Sound escort system safeguards against oil spills caused by navigational errors, severe weather, and human or organizational errors; and

WHEREAS, the current Prince William Sound escort system provides the capability of immediate, on scene response of two escort vessels; and

WHEREAS, laden double hull tankers, including those with redundant systems are currently voluntarily escorted in a two tug escort configuration; and

WHEREAS, since the implementation of the current escort system there have been no major oil spills, and potential accidents have been reduced to near misses; and

WHEREAS, it is imprudent to reduce proven prevention programs based solely on improvements in vessel engineering and design; and

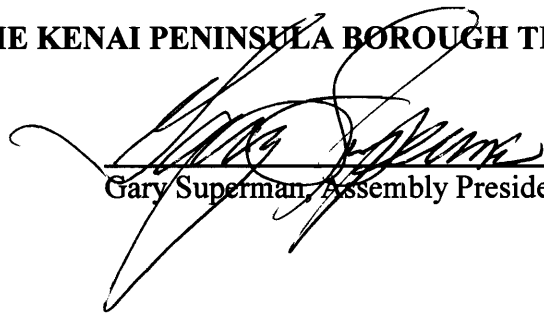
WHEREAS, Cook Inlet is downstream of Prince William Sound;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly strongly supports safe operation of the oil tankers that transit Prince William Sound and the continued operation of the Prince William Sound escort system in the configuration as described in the 2001 Vessel Escort and Response Plan for all laden tankers transiting Prince William Sound.

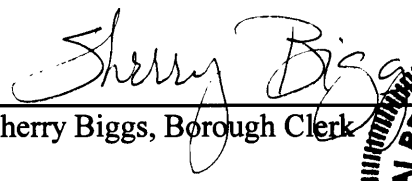
SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.



Gary Superman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Sherry Biggs, Borough Clerk

