

Biggs, Sherry

From: Brian Hirsch [hirsch@earthsys.org]
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2005 7:55 PM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: mixing zones

Please forward this to all KPB Assembly members:

I support Assemblyperson Milli Martin's proposed resolution OPPOSING mixing zones. This is a Murkowski administration special interest loophole of the worst kind, and will threaten Alaska's salmon streams and marketing advantages. Please support Milli Martin's resolution.

Thank you,

Brian Hirsch
Fritz Creek

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From: donnio@pobox.alaska.net
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 9:37 AM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: Support Resolution 2005-106

I support Milli Martin's resolution concerning mixing zones. Keep Alaska clean!
Donna Martin
PO Box 3283
Homer, AK 99603

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From: Colleen and Ray Fowler [fowlers@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 10:06 AM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: I support Resolution 2005-106

Dear Ms. Biggs, I'm writing to support Resolution 2005-106, which opposes the Murkowski administration's intent to allow mixing zones in salmon spawning streams. I lived in Montana for 20 years and have witnessed, first hand, the devastating effects that mine related pollution can have on fish populations. Most people don't realize it, but there are a huge number of streams in Montana that had very good trout populations prior to mining activity. Now many of them are barren, or nearly so. Alaska cannot afford to make the same mistakes. NO MIXING ZONES. PERIOD!
Sincerely, Raymond D Fowler MD. 40914 Crested Crane st. Homer 99603

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From: Lani Raymond [lani@alaska.net]
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2005 1:53 PM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: Mixing zones

I am writing this in support of Resolution 2001-106 concerning pollution in mixing zones. Please forward this to other members.

There are many reasons why the government and all citizens should care about what is dumped in our waters. Alaska is a very beautiful place and although there are some already-polluted areas, most of the state is not. At a time when we should have learned from other areas about what NOT to do and actually be tightening restrictions on what can be put in our waters, it seems that this administration is determined to allow a major problem to develop by changing the law and allowing mixing zones to occur in very sensitive waters in our state.

Why would anyone want to allow this? The fishing industry is very important to Alaska from an economic and cultural perspective. Our reputation for having excellent uncontaminated fish products is worth a great deal. Far more than any mine could contribute, and fishing is renewable and could continue forever if guarded from adverse activities, such as this administration is proposing with these mixing zones.

Alaskans have spoken out before saying they oppose mixing zones in salmon streams. Lots of public comment is already on record. Why does this administration ask for input and then totally disregard what people say? Or, when they don't like what has been said, change a few things-sometimes making it even worse-and then require people to comment on it again? This is an underhanded tactic to my way of thinking.

I have been an Alaskan for nearly 40 years. I have some very strong feelings about how things should go up here and how our elected officials should look out for the common citizen and for the environment. They should not be "in the pockets of" industry. How can anyone be so short-sighted as to believe that the proverbial quick buck is what will sustain Alaska in the future? Or so short-sighted to think that when these delicate resources are ruined that they could ever be restored? Do they ever think of our children and grandchildren and what it will be like for them?

I am a believer in citizen guardianship of our environment. This administration has done many things to eliminate protections. This administration has eliminated citizen and local input from decisions affecting our coastal areas, silenced biologists by moving them to another department (and not allowing any dissent from anyone), allowed herbicide spraying and other detrimental activities to occur near salmon spawning areas, to name a few. They have cut funding for environmental monitoring, preferring I guess to just believe that what we don't know won't hurt us? Which of course is insane!

I hope I have made my point: we should not allow any mixing zones in these sensitive areas.

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From: Duane Howe [duhowe@alaska.net]
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2005 6:14 PM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: KPB Mixing Zone Resolution

TO: KPB Assembly Clerk Sherry Biggs

Please note that I am a voting resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and I am in support of KPB resolution 2005-106 in opposition of the DEC mixing zone proposal. Please forward this to all borough assembly members.

Thank you,

Duane Howe
41640 Gladys Ct
Homer, AK 99603

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Biggs, Sherry

From: clardy [clardy@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2005 5:58 PM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: mixing zones

Sherry,
Please be advised that I support Milli Martin's action opposing the degrading of our salmon streams by polluting mixing zones.
Pass this along to all assembly members.
Susan Clardy

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From: STARTEK/RADFREE [startek@xyz.net]
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2005 2:34 PM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: I Support Milli Martin's Resolution

I suport the Martin resolution 2005-106.

The boondoggle that took our oil/mineral rights away and set us up for the coal bed methane and indiscriminate mining occurred before statehood; without the consent of the people. Plluting themixing zones is an end-around maneuver that jeopardizes our water quality and out property values.

Paul Lovejoy

Homer

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From: Jim Levine and Sue Post [jlevine@alaska.net]
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2005 11:22 AM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: Resolution 2005-106

To: Sherry Biggs - Please pass this message on to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

From: Jim Levine

I am a resident in Milli Martin's district of the borough, and I wish to express my support to her resolution 2005-106 regarding mixing zones in the waters of Alaska. I am also a licensed engineer in the state of Alaska, and have some experience in the design of mixing zones. It is imperative that we keep Alaska's waters as clean as possible, and with the new mine being discussed across the inlet, we should keep our laws as stringent as possible to insure that we maintain our quality of water and thereby our quality of life. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Jim Levine
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From: Nina Faust [fausbail@xyz.net]
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2005 10:04 AM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: RESOLUTION 2005-106

P.O. Box 2994
Homer, AK 99603

December 2, 2005

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Soldotna, AK

Dear Assembly Members:

No matter how the state tries to dress up its new regulations on mixing zones, it still comes back to the bottom line, which is that the new rules relax water quality standards in Alaska. We are the only state in the U.S. that can boast about its amazingly clean streams and lakes, but this will not last if the State allows relaxed mixing zone standards.

We strongly support RESOLUTION 2005-106: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S PROPOSAL TO ALLOW INCREASED MIXING ZONES IN SPAWNING AREAS AND SUPPORTING AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL and urge you to vote for it.

Our fisheries are the envy of the nation and comprise a vital and sustainable part of Alaska's economy. Allowing mixing zones threatens commercial, subsistence, and sport fisheries, all-important components of many Kenai Peninsula communities. The State cannot effectively promote fresh, wild salmon through a marketing campaign emphasizing the clean, healthy, organic qualities of Alaskan salmon if mixing zone regulations are downgraded. Mixing zones are pollution zones that allow higher pollution levels. The State can try to dress it up anyway it wants but it is still an outmoded and discredited method of handling waste and should not be allowed.

The compromise proposed in the resolution is acceptable. Alaskans and residents of the Kenai Peninsula have been very clear on this topic-they do not support mixing zones! Send a message to the State on our behalf by passing this Resolution. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust and Edgar Bailey

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From: penny mcclain [pmcclain@wildmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2005 9:19 AM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: Resolution 2005-106

Ms. Biggs, This email is in response to Milli Martin's proposed resolution 2005-106 which would oppose the Murkowski administration's mixing zone proposal. As a long time Kenai Peninsula voter and a concerned citizen of Alaska, I too am strongly opposed to the Murkowski administration's proposed relaxed mixing zone regulation. At a time when we are promoting Alaska wild salmon, we need to protect our world reknown isheries and the economy it brings to the Kenai Peninsula and Alaska. Stop the Murkowski administration from threatening our wild salmon species. If the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports this resolution we could set a precident for the rest of Alaska. Please copy this to all the borough assembly members. Thank you, Penny McClain, Kasilof, Alaska

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Essert, Sue Ellen

From: John Mouw [mouw@alaska.com]
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 11:29 AM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us; sessert@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: Strong support for Resolution 2005-106

Ron Long, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly President and Assembly Members

Alaska's pristine waters are an extremely valuable asset, significantly adding to the value of our fisheries, our tourism industry, and the quality of life of all Alaskan residents, now and forever. The arguments against increasing mixing zones are strong and many and need not be repeated here. I strongly support the adoption of Resolution 2005-106.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

John Mouw
PO Box 212
2975 Kachemak Drive
Homer

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December 5, 2005

Resolution 2005-106

Dear Assembly,

The issue of allowing mixing zones in our waters is so reprehensible I find it hard to imagine who in the world would ever support them as the Murkowski administration proposes. I fully support Resolution 2005-106 brought before you by assembly member Milli Martin. A loud and clear voice needs to be sent to the Murkowski administration that polluting our waters for any reason is simply not acceptable and should never be allowed. I urge each of you to support sending this message through this resolution. I think Ms. Martin has carefully considered the balance of continuing to allow for the processed discharge that is currently being released but making it clear that we are not in support of the state administration's proposal of allowing mixing zones.

Thank you for your unified voice on this issue and I will listen to hear how this vote goes.

Rika Mouw

Homer

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From: emily emily [inletchicke@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 1:30 PM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: support for Resolution 2005-106

Dear Ms. Biggs,

I would like to express my support for Assemblywoman Milli Martin's Resolution 2005-106 opposing the Murkowski Administration's proposal to allow polluting mixing zones in Alaska salmon streams. We cannot mess with the quality of our streams and rivers. It's a public health issue as well as a state economy issue. Please forward this to all Assembly members.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Emily Ward
PO Box 2672
Homer

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From: Marie McCarty [mlm@xyz.net]
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 8:26 PM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: Mixing zones

Dear Assembly Members,

I am writing a brief note in support of Assembly member Martin's Resolution 2005-106 opposing the Governor's proposal to permit polluting mixing zones in Alaskan salmon streams. It seems almost unbelievable that the State would again suggest that this measure would be beneficial to the interests of the State. We should not allow the passage of a proposal that allows the denigration of waters so key to both our quality of life and the Alaskan economic base. Please support Resolution 2005-106.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Marie McCarty
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From: phoenix@xyz.net
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 9:32 PM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: KPB Reso. 2005-106

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
Sherry Biggs, Assembly Clerk

December 5, 2005

Dear Ms. Biggs,

I write to voice support for approval by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly of Resolution 2005-106. The Alaska salmon industry has recently been successful in its stepped-up efforts to brand and market wild Alaska salmon to increasingly demanding consumers worldwide. Our wild salmon are known world-wide for being clean, fresh, and healthy. The economic generator that is the salmon industry supports many families and communities across the state. Between the economic importance of the sport and commercial fishing industries and the parallel cultural values of abundant salmon for subsistence, this resource cannot be replaced.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Barbara Seaman
PO Box 2843
Homer, Alaska 99603

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From: Joseph Spaeder [jjspaeder@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2005 3:58 PM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: Support Resolution 2005-106 Opposing the Murkowski Administration's proposal to allow polluting mixing zones in Alaska salmon streams

Dear Ms. Biggs, Please distribute to all Assembly Members:

Dear Assembly Members,

I am writing to strongly support Resolution 2005-106 Opposing the Murkowski Administration's proposal to allow polluting mixing zones in Alaska salmon streams for the following reasons:

- **Polluting Salmon Streams Will Hurt Fish Marketing Efforts.** In response to the global glut of farmed salmon, the Alaska salmon industry is successfully branding and marketing wild, fresh and clean Alaska salmon to consumers who demand quality seafood. If the Administration adopts the proposed rules, farmed fish vendors will have a powerful argument to undermine Alaska salmon sales. Heightened pollution from mixing zones will undercut niche marketing efforts such as **Kenai Wild** brand.
- **Alaska Law Rightly Prohibits Mixing Zones in Salmon Streams.** Alaska law currently prohibits mixing zones in salmon streams because mixing zones allow pollution at levels **above state standards** designed to protect fish. In its proposal, the state would allow dischargers to develop "mitigation plans" to address fish losses resulting from mixing zones.
- **Alaskans Have Already Spoken and They Oppose Mixing Zones in Salmon Streams.** A sample of those opposed to this proposal includes: the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Coal Point Seafood Co, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, United Fishermen of Alaska, the communities of Juneau, Kenai, and Port Graham, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Ketchikan-Gateway Borough, Lake and Peninsula Borough, the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Council, and the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association.

I urge you to support Resolution 2005-106 Opposing the Murkowski Administration's proposal to allow polluting mixing zones in Alaska salmon streams.

Respectfully,

Joseph Spaeder

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Essert, Sue Ellen

From: frank mullen [frank.mullen@RaymondJames.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2005 10:34 AM
To: sbiggs@borough.kenai.ak.us; sessert@borough.kenai.ak.us
Subject: info for todays meeting

Hi Sherry,

I am a board member and vice president of the United Cook Inlet Drift Association. UCIDA represents over 500 drift gillnet fishermen in Cook Inlet, most of whom are Kenai Peninsula Borough residents.

At our November meeting we discussed the State of Alaska's proposal to allow mixing zones in state waters, including anadromous streams. The attached resolution was passed as a result of that discussion. Please see that a copy of the resolution reaches each assembly persons packet so that they may consider it when they discuss Resolution 2005 - 106 this evening.

Thank you,

Frank Mullen
Vice President, UCIDA

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United Cook Inlet Drift Association

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UCIDA RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE INCREASED POLLUTION IN ALASKA SALMON STREAMS

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Environment Conservation recently proposed new rules to allow "mixing zones" in Alaska fish streams;

WHEREAS, mixing zones allow pollution at levels that violate water quality standards designed to protect fish and fish consumers;

WHEREAS, Alaska's wild salmon are renowned worldwide for being clean, fresh, and healthy, and Alaska salmon require clean water and healthy habitats to thrive and reproduce;

WHEREAS, Alaska salmon fisheries support countless families and communities throughout the state and form part of the cultural fabric which makes Alaska unique;

WHEREAS, salmon health, salmon habitat, and salmon marketing will suffer under a broad new rule allowing increased pollution into Alaska's salmon streams;

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska has limited technical and financial resources to assess the consequences of allowing increased pollution into Alaska's salmon streams;

WHEREAS, Alaskans resoundingly opposed a similar proposal last year;

NOW, THEREFORE, the United Cook Inlet Drift Association does hereby oppose Governor Murkowski's /Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's proposal to allow increased pollution (mixing zones) in salmon streams.

Date: 11/30/05

Steve Tvenstrup
Steve Tvenstrup, President

by Cindy Hall, UCIDA office manager