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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2000-013**

**A RESOLUTION TO THE ALASKA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO  
OPPOSE ANY LIMITED RESTRICTIVE MEASURES ON COMMERCIAL  
FISH PROCESSORS IN THE GULF OF ALASKA**

**WHEREAS,** under the American Fisheries Act, the Bering Sea Pollock resource is now closed to any new processors and the ability of fishermen to sell their Pollock product to new markets is severely restricted; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a movement in the Gulf of Alaska by several processors, represented by the Groundfish Data Bank, to achieve a similar restrictive access to Pollock and other groundfish resources; and

**WHEREAS,** the testimony to Congress given by the Groundfish Data Bank implies representation of the whole Gulf of Alaska including the Kenai Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes fisheries and processing shifts are subject to significant cyclical variations and recognizes its primary processing seaports of Seward, Kenai, Homer and Seldovia have gone through great shifts in processing companies and capacity in the past thirty years; and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes that to have the resident or future processors limited to specific species in the Gulf of Alaska would be detrimental to the overall economy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough strongly urges the Alaska Congressional Delegation to oppose any proposal that would limit the processing opportunities of current or future processors in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

**SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough:

- a. Strongly supports the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the Regional Council process set up for implementing changes to regional fisheries;
- b. Encourages the Alaska Congressional Delegation to demand any Congressional changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Act be reviewed by the appropriate Regional Fisheries Management Council set up for that purpose; and
- c. Requests that any measures regarding restrictive access to fishing or processing in the Gulf of Alaska first be addressed at the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

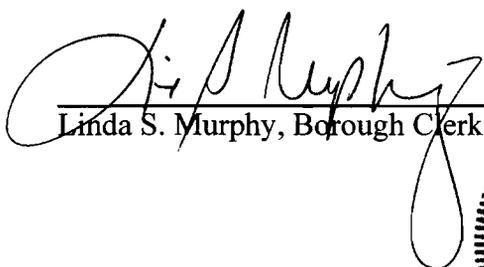
**SECTION 3.** That a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Frank Murkowski, Congressman Don Young, Senator John Torgerson, Senator Jerry Ward, Senator Georgianna Lincoln, Representative Gail Phillips, Representative Gary Davis, Representative Hal Smalley and Representative Carl Morgan.

**SECTION 4.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 29TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2000**

  
William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

