

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 09/26/00
Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2000-086**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE ON
MOTORIZED OIL TRANSPORT AND PROMOTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
IN THE PROCESS**

- WHEREAS,** oil spills of any kind into marine waters can cause severe damage to the environment and create social and economic distress for the citizens of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** more oil spills occur from nontank vessels and non-crude oil tank vessels than from crude oil tank vessels; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska is the only state on the West Coast that has not extended its contingency plan laws to include nontank vessels; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of the state of Alaska expect the same level of oil spill prevention and response from all marine vessels; and
- WHEREAS,** the 21st Alaska Legislature established a Task Force on Motorized Oil Transport to establish reasonable oil spill prevention and response rules for the Alaska Railroad and nontank vessels; and
- WHEREAS,** during the past ten years the Regional Citizens Advisory Councils for Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound have proven that citizens oversight is an effective method to prevent oil spills and increase oil spill response readiness; and
- WHEREAS,** Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council has been selected to represent citizen interest on the Task Force.


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

- SECTION 1.** That the Task Force on Motorized Oil Transport and the state of Alaska are urged to seek and support public comment from residents of coastal communities during its deliberations.
- SECTION 2.** That the Task Force on Motorized Oil Transport and the state of Alaska are urged to recognize the effectiveness of citizen oversight as an oil spill prevention tool.

SECTION 3. That the Task Force on Motorized Oil Transport is urged to include in its report to the Alaska Legislature a recommendation that Regional Citizens Advisory Councils be designated to review oil spill prevention and contingency plans for all nontank vessels exceeding 400 gross registered tonnage.

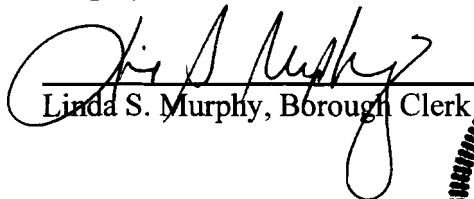
SECTION 4. This resolution becomes effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2000.



William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

