


Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter Ribbens, Assembly President
Members, KPB Assembly

FROM: Peter A. Micciche, Mayor 

DATE: January 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution 2025- 005, Requesting the Governor of the State of Alaska to Designate by Proclamation the Area of the Upper Cook Inlet East Side Set Net Fishery as an Area Impacted by an Economic Disaster in 2024 and Supporting a Recovery Plan (Mayor)

The Upper Cook Inlet East Side Set Net (ESSN) fishery is an important and uniquely Alaskan fishery. Approximately 80% of ESSN permit holders are residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. For the past several years the ESSN fishery has experienced devastating restrictions and severe losses. The year 2024 was the second consecutive year that the ESSN fishery was closed for the entire season, resulting in substantial economic loss severely impacting the livelihood of the individuals, families and businesses that participate in this fishery.

This resolution supports a request to Governor Dunleavy to designate the Upper Cook Inlet ESSN Fishery as an area impacted by economic disaster and to implement a recovery plan for the benefit of all that rely on this important fishery. This resolution also supports a request from the State of Alaska to the U.S. Department of Commerce and other federal agencies to provide private and public assistance to all affected entities and persons.

Your consideration is appreciated.