

# Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**FROM:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President BJ

**DATE:** December 1, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2022-060, Declaring a Local Economic Disaster For 2021 and 2022 and Requesting the Governor of the State of Alaska Declare an Economic Disaster for 2021 and 2022 For The Upper Cook Inlet East Side Set Net Fishery And Supporting A Recovery Plan (Johnson)

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The Upper Cook Inlet East Side Set Net (ESSN) fishery is an important and uniquely Alaskan fishery. Approximately 80% of permit holders are residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. In recent years the ESSN fishery has experienced devastating restrictions and severe losses. Alaska Department of Fish & Game's Board of Fish regulations pertaining to King Salmon management has led to eastside setnetters bearing the brunt of the conservation burden. As an example of this, the Kenai Section of the ESSN fishery fished only twice in 2022.

This resolution requests that Governor Dunleavy issue an economic disaster declaration for the ESSN fishery.

Your consideration is appreciated.