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Date: 02/05/19
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2019-013**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH MEETING 2020
BE HELD ON THE KENAI PENINSULA**

WHEREAS, the Upper Cook Inlet (“UCI”) finfish industry is a vital and long-standing component of the Kenai Peninsula Borough (“borough”) economy and communities; and

WHEREAS, all borough residents are affected by UCI fisheries either directly or indirectly; and

WHEREAS, the regular UCI Finfish Alaska Board of Fisheries (BoF) meeting has not been hosted on the Kenai Peninsula since 1999; and

WHEREAS, all borough residents and businesses benefit from healthy fisheries management, strategies and practices; and

WHEREAS, sound management, strategies and practices are developed by transparent processes, accessible public meetings and user participation, knowledge and representation; and

WHEREAS, during the Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish meeting held in Anchorage on January 18, 2019, Chairman Morisky indicated that the board would again be taking up the issue of the location of the 2020 Finfish meeting, with no advanced public notice and after the public comment period had closed; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the BoF at the January 18, 2019 meeting and the lack of public process regarding the vote to hold the 2020 UCI Finfish meeting location at their March 6-9 meeting in Anchorage was surprising; and

WHEREAS, elected and public officials of the borough indicate they were misled when they were informed by the chair on two separate occasions that the vote on the 2020 meeting location would not take place that day;

WHEREAS, the BoF has a responsibility to ensure that official actions are beyond reproach; and

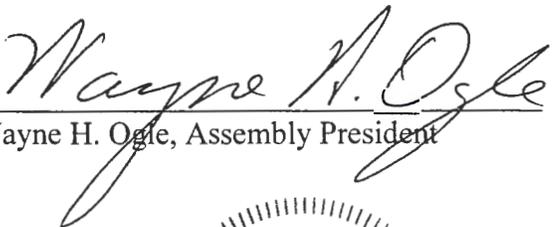
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and administration respectfully request that the BoF rescind its action to move the 2020 UCI Finfish meeting to Anchorage, which would allow for adequate notice to revisit the issue in a process that includes full and appropriate public participation.

SECTION 2. That the Alaska Board of Fisheries is respectfully and strongly urged to schedule its full Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting of 2020 and future such meetings on the Kenai Peninsula on a semi-regular basis.

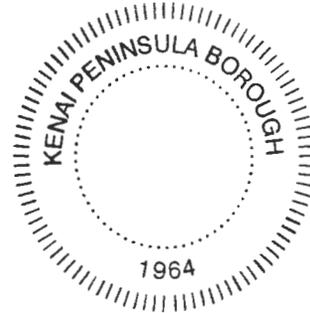
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.


Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle
No: None
Absent: None