

From: [Blankenship, Johni](#)
To: [Warner, Avery](#)
Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 12:44:05 PM

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 12:38 PM
To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>; Mayor's Department <MayorDepartmental@kpb.us>
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Gordon and Sonja Nisler

Your Email: gs2aa@yahoo.com

Subject: 2022-057

Message:

We would like to express our support for this resolution not only because the state should not go into competition with existing private businesses but also because of the the negative impact on the neighborhood (Coal Creek Subdivision) that a state take out would have. We are worried about extra traffic, safety, road destruction, trash accumulation, no state law enforcement on site as well as many other issues that will destroy the current fabric of the neighborhood. Thanks for your consideration. By the way, we live in this neighborhood.

From: [Blankenship, Johni](#)
To: [Warner, Avery](#)
Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 8:52:18 AM

Public comment

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 9:23 PM
To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>; Mayor's Department <MayorDepartmental@kpb.us>
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Patrick E Murray

Your Email: mrpm@alaska.net

Subject: Old Kasilof Landing resolution 2022.057

Message:

Please support the resolution (2022.057) and oppose the development of the Old Kasilof Landing in our neighborhood as it will infringe on a private drift boat retrieval business.; it supports maintaining the private drift boat retrieval business.

The concerns are many;

1. Increased traffic, garbage, noise, etc.
2. Unpaved roads in the neighborhood will result in dust, dirt, and destruction of road surfaces. Most don't want paving I think.
3. I would love to launch my boat there. So would many others. We fear dipnetting issues will creep into the site and neighborhood.
4. There will inevitably be efforts to convert it to a launch.
5. Forcing the closing of private business that has met the demand.

Thank you for considering our concerns

From: [Blankenship, Johni](#)
To: [Warner, Avery](#)
Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 1:09:49 PM

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 12:52 PM
To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>; Mayor's Department <MayorDepartmental@kpb.us>
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Monte Roberts

Your Email: montesfishing@lalska.net

Subject: Proposed resolution

Message:

Dear Assembly Members, I support the development of a public "takeout" at the Kasilof and have been involved with the planning process with the state and have seen the compromises that have attempted to address most of the concerns raised in the draft resolution I encourage you to vote against this proposed resolution on those grounds and in hopes that this will not add to further delays in the public getting a much deserved access point to reliably have access to this Public Resource.

Thanks

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Shannon Martin

Location:

Submitted At: 2:17pm 11-15-22

Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) is opposed to resolution 2022-057: A Resolution Supporting Privately Owned Boat Take-Outs on the Lower Kasilof River and opposing government owned boat take-out facilities on the lower Kenai River.

KRSA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, fishery conservation organization that works to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of fish resources in the Kenai River and elsewhere in Alaska, through education and advocacy of sport and personal-use fisheries and the promotion of science-based fish management. KRSA represents thousands of members and they have a responsibility to advocate for responsible public access to public resources.

In 2008, a second privately-owned boat take-out closed to the public. Since that time, the State started the public process and acquired two parcels to build a public take-out. Throughout the public process, the State has made changes to their design plans to address concerns of homeowners and stakeholders. Our community has been dealing with this issue for almost 15 years and it has had a full public process.

The Kasilof, Kenai, and all of Alaska's rivers are public resources and they belong to the public. The State has an obligation to provide adequate and safe public access. A fatality was caused by an unsafe privately owned lower Kasilof take-out and our community deserves better. Now is the time to build responsible, safe public access to the lower Kasilof River.

Many thanks for your kind consideration of our thoughts.

Sincerely,
Shannon Martin
KRSA Executive Director

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Sean Smart

Location:

Submitted At: 7:40am 11-15-22

I do not support this. The ramp operated for over 20 years previously. If the State ran this this it will only generate revenue to help maintain and improve all State park ran facilities. Not too mention that the Kasilof should have at least one public take out point. This is the reason why the State bought the property. Property owners need to realize that living on a fishable river will have boat ramps and this one needs to be open. All other ramps have been closed due to properties being purchased. We cannot limit public access to our rivers especially when we only have one non public option.

Mark Glassmaker

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52am 11-15-22

This is an illegal and self serving resolution and would create a precedent for favoritism and discrimination.

Matt Bowser

Location:

Submitted At: 10:43pm 11-14-22

We are writing in support of Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 2022-057, A Resolution Supporting Privately Owned Boat Take-outs on the Kasilof River.

We have lived in the Coal Creek subdivision since 2009, at which time the private boat take-out at Old Kasilof Landing was operated by Jim Trujillo. At that time we did experience traffic from guides driving through our neighborhood, but this was limited. We are concerned that development of a state-operated boat retrieval site would greatly alter this part of Kasilof. We have been here long enough to see the results of expanding parking at the beach on the north shore of the Kasilof River mouth, where the parking is now filled beyond capacity during dipnetting season, with commensurate growth of trash, traffic, and derilict vehicles since the expansion. We do not want another part of the Kasilof River to become like the beach in these ways.

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If the state was to open a boat retrieval site at Old Kasilof Landing, we expect that traffic, trash, and trespassing in the Coal Creek subdivision would greatly increase. We are particularly worried that, even if the site was initially opened as a boat retrieval site, it would someday become a way to access the Kasilof dipnet fishery, either by a rule change or through individuals ignoring the rules. This could turn the Kasilof dipnet fishery into a crowded boating situation similar to the dipnetting from boats that currently goes on near the mouth of the Kenai River.

Rather than a state-owned retrieval site, we would very much prefer to have privately operated take-outs on the lower Kasilof River. This would ensure continued access by guides and their clients while benefiting local private businesses, limiting traffic, trash, and other problems that would be likely to result from a state-operated retrieval site.

Sincerely,
Matt and Kim Bowser

Sandra Matthews

Location:

Submitted At: 8:49pm 11-14-22

I am in favor of Assembly President Johnson's proposed resolution 2022-057 supporting privately owned boat take outs on the Kasilof River.

The State plans to open and operate a boat take out in Coal Creek Country Estates at Old Kasilof Landing which is upriver from Kasilof River lodge and Cabins, a currently operating boat pull out on the lower Kasilof River. The Maltbys have owned and operated their lodge and boat take out safely for many years. The State opening a boat take out upriver from the Maltbys take out would have a negative impact on the income from the Maltbys boat pull out. The financial impact could be devastating.

A new boat take out at Old Kasilof Landing would also negatively impact the Borough due to lost tax revenue and the need for increased road maintenance. The State has said it would not improve or maintain the roads to Old Kasilof Landing so that financial burden would fall on the Borough.

The residents of Coal Creek Country Estates where Old Kasilof Landing would be located would also be negatively affected by the State operation of a boat take out in a residential neighborhood. The State has bought properties in residential

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subdivisions on the Kenai River to operate as State Park boat ramps and it does nothing about overflow parking, noise, trash, or fish waste. In my experience the State doesn't care as long as a pet project is fulfilled.

Please support this resolution.

Sandra Matthews

Jerrold Matthews

Location:

Submitted At: 7:06pm 11-14-22

I respectfully request your support for this resolution. I have three properties that are on Satori and Old Kasilof Road and have lived here for thirty-one years. The State should not be competing with private business on this level. Beside the increase in traffic and trash brought into our neighborhood, the borough loss of tax revenue from both sales and property taxes and increase in road maintenance cost are factors to consider. Also consider the problems created at Crooked Creek, Eagle Rock, The Pillars, and Kasilof Beach Access both on the north and south. The issues of overflow parking on the roadway could cause real life safety problems.

Thank You for your consideration

Jerrold Matthews