

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of Emergency Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor 

FROM: Dan Nelson, Sr. Manager - OEM 

DATE: September 3, 2019

RE: Resolution 2019-049 An Emergency Resolution Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency for Drought in the Native Village of Nanwalek and the City of Seldovia, Located in the Kenai Peninsula Borough

This resolution extends the mayor's declaration of a disaster emergency dated August 29, 2019 for 90 days. The assembly is required to extend any declaration beyond the initial seven days.

Both communities use open reservoir water sources for their drinking water systems. Due to unprecedented hot and dry weather throughout the summer, these reservoirs have not been recharged with rain water as would occur with normal seasonal weather patterns. The City of Seldovia currently has about 15 days of water remaining, with the water level in Nanwalek currently below the level of their intake.

Recent rains over the weekend have helped to return the weather patterns closer to normal for fall, however the long standing drought conditions will require long-term planning and action to return water levels in both communities to sustainable levels. This declaration requests that the State of Alaska provide resources such as engineering and technical expertise to facilitate this long-term process.

Your extension of the declaration is respectfully requested.