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BOROUGH MAYOR**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Milli Martin, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Gary Knopp, Assembly Member *AK*

DATE: August 6, 2009

SUBJECT: Resolution 2009-074, authorizing the mayor to negotiate with the City of Kenai to manufacture and remove rock from Kenai Peninsula Borough rock quarries

The City of Kenai has been attempting to slow the ongoing erosion of the Kenai River bluff for years as it has caused the loss of property, infrastructure, and other improvements, depressing the value of property in the City of Kenai and the borough. As a part of this effort, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a project to determine the feasibility, design, and construction of an erosion control project to eliminate this ongoing erosion.

Significant amounts of armor, filter, and "B" rock are needed for this project. The City of Kenai has asked the Kenai Peninsula Borough to allow the City of Kenai to remove as much rock from borough quarries as may be available for this project and to waive the borough's fees for doing so. In exchange for this removal of large rock, a significant amount of by-product would be produced, resulting in as much as 500,000 tons of smaller processed rock which would be available for borough use and/or sale. The City of Kenai has indicated it could use the large rock as an in-kind contribution and may leverage as much as \$13 million in federal participation for this project.

This resolution would authorize the mayor to negotiate with the City of Kenai to manufacture and remove the necessary filter rock, "B" rock, and armor rock from Kenai Peninsula Borough rock quarries without a borough charge. Your support of this resolution would be appreciated.