

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Planning Department – Land Management Division

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Mike Navarre, Mayor *MN*  
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*  
Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer *RRFMM*

FROM: Julie Denison, Land Management Technician *JD*

DATE: October 13, 2022

RE: Resolution 2022-054, Approving the Acquisition of a Public Access Easement from the State of Alaska for Watermelon Trail (Mayor)

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Watermelon Trail is an existing multi-use public trail accessing backcountry and Kenai Peninsula Borough (Borough) lands, primarily across state and Borough lands. Across Borough lands, the trail is maintained year-round by Snomads, Inc. (Snomads) through a Community Trail Management Agreement (CTMA). Where Watermelon Trail traverses state land, Snomads has applied for an easement with the State of Alaska, with the Borough requested to become the grantee.

Borough acceptance of the trail easement from the State of Alaska would enable the Borough and Snomads to amend the CTMA Trail Management Plan to include the segments of Watermelon Trail extending across state lands.

Your consideration of the resolution is appreciated.