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Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

RE: Objection of Nikiski Area Ordinance 2022-41

Dear Assembly Members:

Salamatof Native Association, Inc. is writing to express its objection of the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Assembly decision to approve the Nikiski Area Advisory Planning Commission (APC) under Ordinance 2022-41. Salamatof's lands encompass the Nikiski and West Side of the Cook Inlet in the proposed ordinance. We as a people have managed our resources for hundreds of years planning and implementing our own land use and economic development. Our resources are our way of life that bind us together. The village of Salamatof relies on our lands to sustain healthy families and a traditional way of life. Passing this ordinance would be a direct threat to the livelihoods of Salamatof and it's shareholders cultural connection to the land.

In consideration of the inclusion of the West Side of Cook Inlet in Nikiski's APC, Salamatof requests immediate reconsideration of the Assembly approval of the Nikiski Area APC. Salamatof urges the Borough Assembly, Administration, and Planning Commission to consider the problematic nature of the APC when applied to the West Side of Cook Inlet and Nikiski area. Salamatof does not support the Nikiski petition and KPB adoption of the Nikiski Area APC under Ordinance 2022-41.

Sincerely,

Salamatof Native Association, Inc

Christopher Monfor
President / CEO