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From: Michael Chihuly [<mailto:chihuly@ptialaska.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 3:35 PM

To: Blankenship, Johni

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I would like it to be known that I do not support this ordinance (2015-14).

We need all the protection we can get for riparian/wetland areas so valuable to fish and wildlife.

That includes all waterbodies, whether lakes or streams here on the Peninsula.

The Anchor River, Ninilchik River, Deep Creek, Stariski Creek, etc., are all just as important as the Kenai River.

It's all about habitat and without it, we will have nothing.

I have lived in this state for 60 years and cringe every time I see someone clear their land right down to the sandbar or lake shore, removing all the valuable habitat so they can have gravel to park a car or play volleyball on, or reduce mosquitos.

I know we all want our piece of the earth (lake front property) but we, me included, should all be willing to make this small sacrifice for the good of our land, people, its resources, and the perpetuation of a healthy sustainable environment.

Please protect and maintain the largest buffers you possibly can on all bodies of water that support the very resources we want and so need.

Thank you for your consideration

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From: Carol Ford [mailto:akwhoville@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 4:32 PM

To: Blankenship, Johni

Subject: Ordinance 2015-14

Dear Assembly Members,

Please vote no on Ordinance 2015-14 and retain 50 foot buffers on anadromous waters in our Borough. It's not just the Kasilof and Kenai watersheds that need protecting.

We live on Daniels Lake in Nikiski, and the back of our home, built decades ago, lies just within the 50 foot buffer. Because of our proximity to the lake, this older home is experiencing rotting from the moist conditions. When we set about to repair this, we contacted the River Center to see about a permit. We so enjoy the privilege and pleasure of watching the lake all year, that we wanted to make sure our activities would do no harm to the lake edge and its many inhabitants. Then we got worried! These repairs are necessary, but would it be a hassle? Would they let us? Would it cost a lot of time and money? Karyn Noyes is a Resource Planner with the Kenai Peninsula Borough River Center Department and has been very easy to work with. She understood our situation, was helpful and quick in getting us permitted and letting us know how best to proceed. It has all been very pleasant and positive.

We all love these places and these resources or we wouldn't live here. Please continue to protect the 50 feet along the water's edge on all anadromous streams and lakes. It helps us all.

Larry and Carol Ford
Nikiski, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Penny Vadla <penny.vadla@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 5:26 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2015-14

I, along with many residents of the KPB who attended the June 2015 Borough Assembly meeting, urge the assembly to vote NO on Ordinance 2015-14!

The people spoke loudly in 2013 and again at the June 2015 meeting last month to retain the buffers that are currently in place so our streams and rivers are protected, our banks are protected from erosion and other harmful practices, our property values remain strong, and our salmon remain a sustainable resource.

Please vote NO on this ordinance!!!

Thank you,

Penny Vadla

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Blankenship, Johni

From: Penny Vadla <penny.vadla@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 6:35 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Ordinance 2015-14 _Please share with Assembly Members

Dear Clerk Johni Blankenship,

Please urge the Assembly to vote "NO" on Ordinance 2015-14 because this ordinance removes the protection that was put in place on the anadromous waterways in the borough!

I, along with many constituents who testified both in 2013 and just last month in June, spoke clearly in favour of the ordinance currently in place which offers protection of the riverbanks by eliminating the encroachment imposed through the amended Ordinance 2015-14 set before you that has the potential to (a) cause erosion and pollution, (b) weaken property values, (c) and diminish and/or destroy healthy salmon runs.

Again, I URGE you to vote No on Ordinance 2015-14.

Thank you for your time

Penny Vadla