

Introduced by: Johnson
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Vote: 3 Yes, 6 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2022-057**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRIVATELY OWNED BOAT TAKE-OUTS ON THE
LOWER KASILOF RIVER**

- WHEREAS,** Dan Murphy opened a drift boat take-out on the lower Kasilof River about 2001; and
- WHEREAS,** Jeanne Maltby begin operating Murphy’s boat-take out in 2002; and
- WHEREAS,** Steve and Jeanne Maltby (the “Maltbys”) bought Murphy’s property in 2004 and opened Kasilof River Lodge and Cabins, which included operation of the boat take-out; and
- WHEREAS,** Steve Maltby is a mechanical engineer and has made improvements in the boat take-out system; and
- WHEREAS,** the Maltby boat take-out has an excellent safety record; and
- WHEREAS,** Maltbys proposed an Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulation change. The change allowed drift boats to have an outboard of ten horsepower, or less. And to use the outboard once fishing ceases. Drift boats typically motor from the Old Kasilof Landing (about river mile 3.8) to Maltby’s Landing (about river mile 1.5); and
- WHEREAS,** in 2022 Maltbys charged \$30 per take-out; and
- WHEREAS,** Maltbys operate their boat take-out from mid-May to mid-September, making it available to everyone; and
- WHEREAS,** the modest price of a take-out and the lack of competition indicates that opening additional take-outs will jeopardize the one now in operation; and
- WHEREAS,** two other drift boat take-outs have operated on the lower Kasilof River. (1) At Coho Cove (new owners bought the property and closed that take-out in 2008 to the public), (2) at Old Kasilof Landing (at the site established by fox farmer and big game guide Al Hardy and his wife, Alice, in 1926. It closed when Jim Trujillo sold the property to the State of Alaska in 2015); and

WHEREAS, Alaska State Parks bought the Truijillo property and plans on developing a drift lower Kasilof River boat take-out there, at the Old Kasilof Landing; and

WHEREAS, that a State Parks operated boat take-out at the Old Kasilof Landing will directly compete with the private boat take-out operated by Maltbys; and

WHEREAS, the former Truijillo property that State Parks now owns has road access by only two roads—Satori Way or Old Kasilof Road; and

WHEREAS, the residents in the subdivisions connected to Satori Way and Old Kasilof Road, including residents of Tallgrass Avenue and Williamson Lane, are unanimously opposed to State Parks developing a boat take-out at the Old Kasilof Landing; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Navarre wrote a letter to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Commissioner in January 2017 citing concerns the Kenai Peninsula Borough has regarding Alaska State Parks opening a boat take-out at the Old Kasilof Landing. It is now nearly six years later and those concerns are still pertinent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports private boat take-out facilities on the lower Kasilof River and opposes government owned boat take-out facilities on the lower Kasilof River.

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes a State-owned boat take-out facility at the Old Kasilof Landing will have negative impacts to the residents living in Coal Creek Country Estates and possibly negative impacts on Borough tax revenues due to State competition with private enterprise.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution will be sent to State legislators representing the Kenai Peninsula region, State Parks Director Ricky Gease, and Superintendent of Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound State Parks, Jack Blackwell.

SECTION 4. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

FAILED

Yes: Chesley, Derkevorkian, Johnson

No: Bjorkman, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Tupper

Absent: None