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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (3)
ORDINANCE 2015-14

1. JAKOS, Margritta.....Kenai
2. BRISTOL, Tim..... Homer
3. ANDERSON, Jeffryunknown
4. PERRY, Chris..... Homer

Blankenship, Johni

From: margritta jakos <hellomargritta@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 5:09 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Re: Tonight's meeting

Sorry,
Here is the correct address:

Dear Assembly President,

My name is Margritta Jakos and I just purchased a home on Daniels Lake this past September. I had been searching for close to ten years for a home in the Nikiski area, and worked here in Alaska for 38 years for the privilege of retiring to Kenai, the All American City.

I love nature and the ecological order of things. I go organic and am concerned about our future ecology. I see the purpose and support the intent. However, I believe Chapter 21.18 overreaches what is necessary and places restrictions that are uncalled for. I support the exclusion of specific Districts, (ordinance 2015-14). I also have observed that my neighbors appear sensitive to keeping our lake in good balance as recent Elodia tests have demonstrated. I hope that continues on our own volition without the intervention of mandates and restrictive ordinances not only on Daniels Lake but also other Kenai lakes.

Thank you,
Margritta Jakos

Blankenship, Johni

From: Tim Bristol <TBristol@tu.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 5:44 PM
To: Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako; Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Trout Unlimited's comment on Ordinance 2015-14

Dear Kenai Borough Assembly members:

My name is Tim Bristol, I am the Alaska Program Manager for Trout Unlimited. Our mission is to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain North America's coldwater fisheries and the habitat they depend on. On behalf of the thousands of TU members and supporters in Alaska, I am writing to urge you to vote no on Ordinance 2015-14. The salmon setback ordinance now in place within the Borough is the product of sound science and strikes a careful balance between private interests and the public good. As a Kenai Borough resident and an avid angler, I personally spend a significant amount of money pursuing the Kenai's salmon and trout. A very significant number of our Alaskan members do the same.

As I am sure you are already aware, sport and commercial salmon fishing generate over a billion dollars of economic input into the Kenai Peninsula Borough every year. The current 50 foot salmon setbacks are a common sense, low cost investment in protecting this vital resource. There is no compelling scientific nor economic reason for repealing these protections. I encourage you to vote no on Ordinance 2015-14.

Thank you for your service to the people of the Kenai Peninsula.

Respectfully

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Subject:

FW: Responding to Request for Information from Mr. Ogle

From: Anderson, Jeffrey [mailto:jeffry_anderson@fws.gov]**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 2:10 PM**To:** Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako; Blankenship, Johni; Ostrander, Paul**Subject:** Responding to Request for Information from Mr. Ogle

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information during last night's Assembly Meeting. Following is the information requested by Mr. Ogle.

The text for my testimony last night was taken almost verbatim from Page 58 of the Strategic Action Plan for the Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership discussing Riparian Integrity. The Plan is available using the link below (I apologize, but my e-mail server does not allow me to include direct hyperlinks). I wrote that section of the plan back in 2007 during the initial development of the Partnership's Strategic Action Plan, and the original text includes references to peer-reviewed scientific literature. I am acknowledged on Page 1 as co-editor of the 2008 plan.

Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership Strategic Action Plan: <http://www.matsusalmon.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/2013-Strategic-Action-Plan.pdf>

More recently, the Strategic Plan of the Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership discusses residential development in riparian zones as a potential threat to fish habitat on page 8 of the Freshwater Plan available using the link below.

Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership Strategic Plan: http://www.kenaifishpartnership.org/?page_id=303

The role of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other Federal agencies in the Fish Habitat Partnerships is outlined on Pages 25-28 of the Strategic Plan for the National Fish Habitat Partnership available using the link below.

National Fish Habitat Partnership Strategic Plan: http://static.fishhabitat.org/sites/default/files/www/NFHP_AP_Final_0.pdf

I've also included links to the other USFWS national habitat programs my office administers as I mentioned last night:

Coastal Program: <http://www.fws.gov/coastal/>

Fish Passage Program: <http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/whatwedo/NFPP/nfpp.html>

National Fish Habitat Partnership: <http://fishhabitat.org/>

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program: <http://www.fws.gov/partners/>

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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Turner, Michele

Subject: FW: Ordinance 2015-14

From: Chris Perry [mailto:fishyarns@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Hartley, Patricia
Subject: Ordinance 2015-14

To all borough assembly members and borough mayor,

Please vote against the changes to the riparian changes ordinance 2015-14.

It's clearly understood in the scientific community that intact riparian habitat around our lakes and streams is important to sustain and propagate wild salmon. Habitat buffers along our lakes and streams prevent inordinate erosion at critical times when salmon are spawning and rearing, and they help retain vegetative cover which provides important habitat throughout the salmonid lifecycle. Furthermore, these setbacks help protect property values by stabilizing lake and stream banks, and reducing the impacts caused by flooding.

Ordinance 2015-14 actually recognizes the benefits of salmon habitat buffers because it retains them in the Kenai and Kasilof watersheds. It makes little sense, however, to protect just two watersheds in the Kenai Borough, while leaving hundreds of other lakes and streams unprotected.

The 50 foot habitat buffer currently in-place is a reasonable compromise; there's ample evidence that larger setbacks are warranted in many systems that support wild salmon. Please retain the sensible safeguards currently in place.

Thank you,
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Sent from my iPad