

Introduced by: Mayor and
Assembly Members
Date: 02/20/18
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2018-007**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES TO ADOPT A
POLICY ROTATING THE REGULAR UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH MEETINGS
AMONG THE THREE PRINCIPAL COMMUNITIES OF KENAI/SOLDOTNA,
PALMER/WASILLA, AND ANCHORAGE AND APPROVING
JOINT RESOLUTION 2018-001**

- WHEREAS,** the Upper Cook Inlet finfish industry is a vital and long-standing component of the Kenai Peninsula Borough economy and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** all Kenai Peninsula residents are affected by Upper Cook Inlet fisheries either directly or indirectly; and
- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Board of Fisheries' regular Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings have not been hosted on the Kenai Peninsula since 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** all Kenai Peninsula residents and businesses benefit from healthy fisheries management, strategies and practices; and
- WHEREAS,** sound management, strategies and practices are developed by transparent processes, accessible public meetings and user participation, knowledge and representation; and
- WHEREAS,** conducting the regular Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings on Upper Cook Inlet Finfish exclusively in Anchorage instead of rotating locations between Anchorage, Palmer/Wasilla and on the Kenai Peninsula on a semi-regular basis greatly hampers public participation by Kenai Peninsula residents due to the substantial expense of attending those meetings in Anchorage; and
- WHEREAS,** all users of public resources are entitled to reasonable access to public meetings and processes concerning matters affecting their economy and lifestyle; and
- WHEREAS,** holding some of the regular Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings on the Kenai Peninsula would also improve the amount of testimony about local traditional knowledge to the board, which is a great resource to the Alaska Board of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents and visitors to the Kenai Peninsula, Palmer/Wasilla and the Anchorage areas to maintain healthy well-managed finfish stocks and provide opportunities and access for diverse user groups; and

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 2018-001 of the assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and councils of the City of Kenai and the City of Soldotna, requesting the Alaska Board of Fisheries to adopt a policy to rotate the regular Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings between the three principal communities of Kenai/Soldotna, Palmer/Wasilla, and Anchorage, is proposed to be sent to the Alaska Board of Fisheries and other interested officials for consideration;

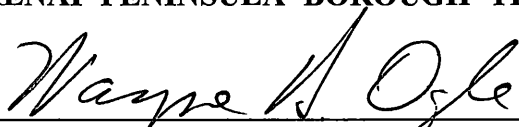
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Alaska Board of Fisheries is respectfully and strongly urged to adopt a policy to rotate the regular Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings between the three principal communities of Kenai/Soldotna, Palmer/Wasilla, and Anchorage.


SECTION 2. That the assembly approve Joint Resolution 2018-001 and Assembly President Wayne Ogle is authorized to sign it on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

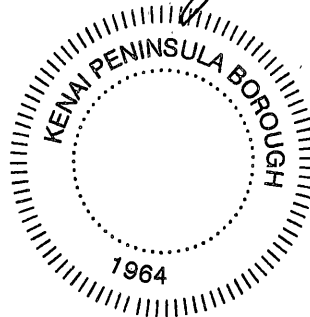
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.


Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle
No: None
Absent: None