

Introduced by: Bagley, Johnson, Mayor
Date: 11/25/14
Action:
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2014-066**

**A RESOLUTION ASKING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO
COMPLETE THE 2014 KASILOF RIVER SOCKEYE SMOLT ENUMERATION
PROJECT AND TO CONTINUE THAT PROJECT IN THE FUTURE**

WHEREAS, the Kasilof River sockeye run is important both to the economy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and to commercial, personal use and sport fisheries; and

WHEREAS, any disease or fresh water survival problems for sockeye will appear in smolt migration numbers two or three years before the problem can be recognized in adult returns; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has, together with Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, counted Kasilof River sockeye smolt out-migration numbers for most years since 1980; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a KPB Resolution requesting funding for a 2014 Kasilof River sockeye out-smolt enumeration project, the Alaska State Legislature gave a grant of \$25,000 to Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association to perform the field work part of said study; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$10,000 is needed to do the lab work and to analyze the data for the information collected in the 2014 season sockeye smolt count; and

WHEREAS, the ADF&G predicts sockeye annual returns for the Kasilof River and uses smolt enumeration estimates in those calculations; and

WHEREAS, sockeye predictions are very useful for fishers, for salmon processors, and for biologists;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly asks the State of Alaska and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to provide the \$10,000 needed to fund the analysis portion of the 2014 Kasilof River sockeye smolt enumeration.

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly asks the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to perform sockeye out-migration enumerations in the Kasilof River in 2015.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Kenai Peninsula Borough legislative delegation and the Commissioner of ADF&G.

SECTION 4. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 25TH DAY NOVEMBER, 2014.

Dale Bagely, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: