Introduced by: Mayor, Johnson

Date: 08/19/25

Hearing: 09/16/25

Action: Enacted

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2025-20

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KPB 21.18.025 TO ADDRESS ADOPTIONS AND DELETIONS OF ANADROMOUS WATERS WITHIN THE WEST DISTRICT OF THE KPB 21.18 APPENDIX

- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) is home to vital watersheds that our salmon require to spawn, rear, and grow in; and
- WHEREAS, maintaining watershed connectivity via riparian habitat buffers along anadromous waterbodies is one crucial tool that has proven to aid in sustaining the Kenai Peninsula's salmon populations; and
- WHEREAS, Goal 2, Objective D, Strategy 2 of the 2019 KPB Comprehensive Plan calls for the identification and protection of critical natural systems of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, its rivers, watersheds, floodplains, and fish and wildlife habitats and resources, specifically through KPB 21.18; and
- WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) maintains the "Atlas and Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fish" (Catalog), and KPB 21.18.030(D) requires that ADF&G's additions and deletions to the Catalog be reviewed every three years and any changes be presented to the Assembly as proposed amendments to KPB 21.18; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting of August 25, 2025, recommended approval by unanimous consent;

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

- **SECTION 1.** That this ordinance amends KPB Code and will be codified.
- **SECTION 2.** That KPB 21.18.025 is hereby amended as follows:

## 21.18.025. Application.

A. The following anadromous waters, as identified in the "Atlas and Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fish" published by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and

listed in the KPB 21.18 Appendix adopted by the assembly and incorporated herein by reference, are subject to this chapter:

1. West District anadromous waters made subject to this Chapter beginning January 1, 2014.

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- a. Including additional substantiated waterbodies identified in the KPB 21.18 Appendix made subject to this chapter on October 1, 2025.
- **SECTION 3.** If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected.

**SECTION 4.** That this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Cox, Cooper, Ecklund, Johnson, Tunseth, Ribbens Yes:

No: None

Absent: Baisden, Dunne, Morton