

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
CITY OF KENAI  
CITY OF SOLDOTNA**

**JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-001**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION 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**

**WHEREAS,** Upper Cook Inlet Finfish issues are vitally important to, and directly impact residents, municipal governments and communities on the Kenai Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS,** many local residents and businesses of the Kenai Peninsula depend on, participate in, and are otherwise affected by decisions made by the Board of Fisheries with regard to subsistence fisheries, sport fisheries, commercial fisheries, personal use fisheries and conservation measures in Upper Cook Inlet; and

**WHEREAS,** when making informed decisions regarding finfish issues in Upper Cook Inlet, the Board of Fisheries should consider the comments and interests from residents of the Kenai Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS,** the costs and travel time to attend meetings outside the Kenai Peninsula pose a significant burden to local residents, limiting participation and the Board of Fisheries' ability to benefit from local knowledge; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alaska Board of Fisheries has not held a regular Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting on the Kenai Peninsula since 1999 despite numerous requests that it do so; and

**WHEREAS,** holding the meeting on the Kenai Peninsula would show local residents, businesses and communities that the Alaska Board of Fisheries listens, cares about, and understands the local impacts of its decisions; and

**WHEREAS,** there are local quality venues of sufficient size with advanced technologic capabilities to host public meetings, as well as exceptional lodging and dining opportunities on the Kenai Peninsula.

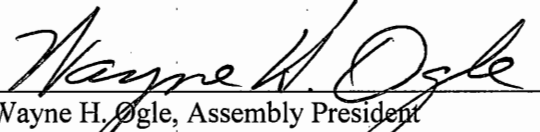
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AND THE COUNCILS FOR THE CITY OF KENAI AND CITY OF SOLDOTNA:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Alaska Board of Fisheries is respectfully and strongly urged by the Kenai Peninsula municipal governments representing their constituents to adopt a policy to rotate the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings between the three principal communities of Kenai/Soldotna, Palmer/Wasilla, and Anchorage.

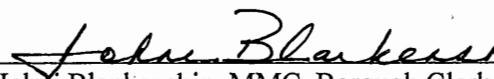
**SECTION 2.** That this Joint Resolution be forwarded to Governor Bill Walker, Senator Peter Micciche, Representative Gary Knopp, Representative Paul Seaton, Representative Mike Chenault, Governor's Chief of Staff Scott Kendall, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Sam Cotton, Alaska Board of Fisheries members John Jensen, Reed Morisky, Orville Huntington, Alan Cain, Israel Payton, Robert Ruffner, Fritz Johnson, Alaska Board of Fisheries Executive Director Glenn Haight.

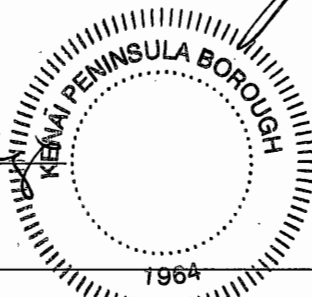
**SECTION 3.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon approval by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and the participating city councils.

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

  
Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly President

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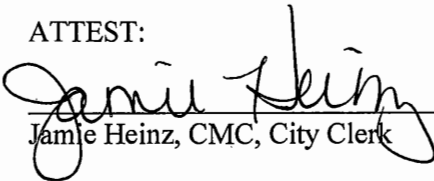
  
John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



**APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.**

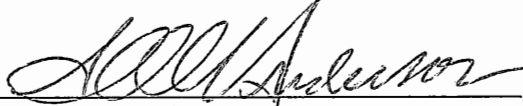
  
Brian Gabriel, Sr., Kenai Mayor

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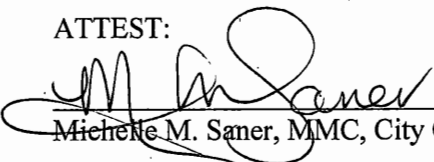
  
Jamie Heinz, CMC, City Clerk



**APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.**

  
Nels Anderson, Soldotna Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Michelle M. Saner, MMC, City Clerk

