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> MIKE NAVARRE BOROUGH MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
	Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Mike Navarre, Mayor Multi Dale Bagley, Assembly Member DLB

DATE: September 28, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution 2017-<u>062</u>, Requesting the Alaska Board of Fisheries Hold its Next Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting on the Central Kenai Peninsula (Mayor/Bagley)

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) meets every three years to consider regulations governing fishing for Upper Cook Inlet finfish. While the BOF has met on the Kenai Peninsula for some work sessions and task force meetings, it has not had a full regular meeting on the Kenai Peninsula since 1999. The management and health of Upper Cook Inlet finfish has a major impact on residents and visitors to the Kenai Peninsula. Attending these meetings in Anchorage can be cost prohibitive to many people from the Kenai Peninsula, regardless of how they participate in the fishery.

The Board of Fisheries will be considering the location for the next Upper Cook Inlet finfish meeting during its work session on October 17-19, 2017. The Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Cities of Kenai and Soldotna submitted a letter requesting that the meeting be held in the central Kenai Peninsula area. This resolution strongly urges the Alaska Board of Fisheries to hold its next regular Upper Cook Inlet finfish meeting on the central Kenai Peninsula.

Your consideration is appreciated.