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**BOROUGH MAYOR**

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Wayne Ogle, Assembly President  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor *chi*  
Max Best, Planning Director *mb*  
Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer *mm*

**FROM:** Keith Snarey, Land Management Agent *KS*

**DATE:** January 4, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2018-002, Classifying 66.5 +/- Acres of Borough Land in the Cooper Landing Area as Recreational (Mayor)

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Pursuant to KPB 17.10.080 classification provides direction on how the borough should manage its land. The Cooper Landing Rifle and Sportsman's Club, which has been in continuous operation since 1947, has submitted an application for the negotiated lease of 66.5+/- acres for the relocation of its shooting range. The current location has seen significant development surround it through the years. The concept of relocating the shooting range to this new location was broadly supported during the borough's land selection process, leading to the current proposal.

The Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission has requested that the lands identified for relocation of the shooting range be classified as recreational. The classification proposal is a planning step towards management for a shooting range. The location of the borough parcel is north of the Sterling Highway at milepost 40 near Cooper Landing. Taking together a review of the Cooper Landing Rifle and Sportsman's Club's proposed Development Plan with the location and characteristics of the land, a recreational classification would set a viable management direction for this land and allow for the leasing of the property for a community shooting facility. Authorization to lease the property will be addressed by separate ordinance.

The attached resolution would establish a recreational classification for the 66.5+/- acres which the Cooper Landing Rifle and Sportsman's Club seeks to lease.

Upon introduction, please postpone action on this Resolution until February 20, 2018 to coincide with the hearing on the ordinance to amend the Cooper Landing Land Use Plan.