

Introduced by:	Mayor, Bagley, Dunne
Date:	10/10/17
Action:	Adopted
Vote:	7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2017-062**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES HOLD ITS
NEXT UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH MEETING ON THE CENTRAL KENAI
PENINSULA**

- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Board of Fisheries is scheduled to meet October 17-19, 2017, and may consider the location and dates for the 2019/2020 meeting cycle which would include a meeting addressing Upper Cook Inlet area finfish; and
- WHEREAS,** Upper Cook Inlet finfish issues are vitally important to and directly impact residents, municipal governments, and communities on the Kenai Peninsula, and the majority of Upper Cook Inlet finfish proposals considered by the Board of Fisheries pertain to central Kenai Peninsula area watersheds; 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,** it would be beneficial for the Board of Fisheries' members to hear from members of the public from the Kenai Peninsula Borough as well as Anchorage and Matanuska Susitna Borough residents, and to view firsthand the rivers and the infrastructure created by the finfish fisheries; 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 its Upper Cook Inlet finfish meeting on the Peninsula since 1999 despite numerous requests that it do so, the Board of Fisheries held a successful work session in early 2017 on the peninsula in 2017, but a work session is not as significant as a regular meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** holding the meeting on the Kenai Peninsula would show local residents, businesses, and communities that the Board of Fisheries listens, cares about, and understands the local impacts of its decisions; and

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

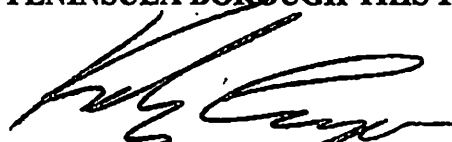
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Alaska Board of Fisheries is respectfully and strongly urged by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to hold the next Upper Cook Inlet finfish meeting on the central Kenai Peninsula.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Bill Walker, Senator Peter Micciche, Senator Gary Stevens, Representative Mike Chenault, Representative Gary Knopp, Representative Paul Seaton, Representative Louise Stutes, Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Sam Cotten, Alaska Board of Fish Director Glenn Haight, and the Alaska Board of Fisheries Members.


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

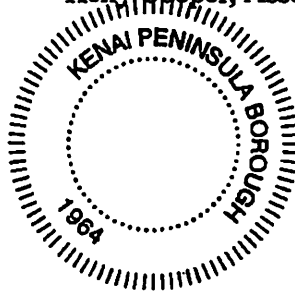
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.



Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bagley, Carpenter, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Ogle, Cooper
No: None
Absent: Schaefer