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CITY OF KENAI

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA OPPOSING ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES PROPOSAL NUMBER 203 EXTENDING THE SEASON AND LIBERALIZING THE BAG LIMIT IN THE KENAI RIVER PERSONAL USE FISHERY WHEN THE SONAR ESTIMATE IS PROJECTED TO EXCEED 1.2 MILLION SOCKEYE.

WHEREAS, Proposal Number 203 allows the Commissioner to extend the Personal Use Salmon Fishery through August 10 if sockeye salmon escapement numbers can be projected to exceed 1,200,000 fish; and,

WHEREAS, when the Fishery is closed on July 31 or by emergency order, the City of Kenai reduces staffing levels and dismantles all of the infrastructure that supports the Fishery including dumpsters, porta potties, pay shacks, and IT infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, if the Fishery were to be re-opened after a closure, the City would have to reinstitute its support of the Fishery, incurring significant cost to the City; and,

WHEREAS, if adopted, Proposal Number 203 would have potential negative impacts to the finances of the City of Kenai; and,

WHEREAS, if the Fishery were to extend into August, it is likely that participation during the first ten days of August would be lower, resulting in lower revenues to the City from participant fees without a commensurate reduction in costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, that the Council of the City of Kenai opposes Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal Number 203 extending the season and liberalizing the bag limit in the Kenai River personal use fishery when the sonar estimate is projected to exceed 1.2 million sockeye salmon.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, this 15th day of February, 2017.


BRIAN GABRIEL SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


Sandra Modigh, City Clerk 