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Adopted: 01/21/14

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 14-010**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES REQUESTING THE BOARD TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON STOCKS BY IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS RESTRICTING THE UPPER COOK INLET DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY TO THE EXPANDED KENAI AND EXPANDED KASILOF SECTIONS.

WHEREAS, 7 of 11 statewide salmon stocks of concern are in the Northern District of Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the sustainability of wild runs of all salmon species in the Northern District are at risk due to over-exploitation of mixed stock commercial fisheries in the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the Central District Drift Gillnet fishery while targeting dominate Kenai and Kasilof sockeye salmon stocks, intercepts smaller stocks of northern bound salmon in a mixed stock fishery; and

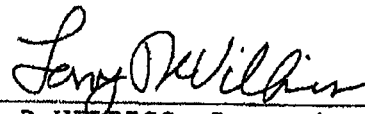
WHEREAS, the Board of Fisheries in 2011 adopted regulations to assist in a recovery and conservation of northern salmon stocks by directing harvest by the drift fishery to the Expanded Kasilof and Kenai Sections instead of fishing area wide; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fisheries will consider proposals that will expand use of the Expanded Kasilof and Kenai Sections to rebuild northern salmon stocks and also consider proposals

which seek to rollback protections for northern district stocks and exploit mixed salmon stocks; and

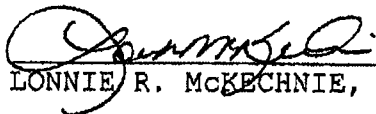
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough requests the Board of Fisheries, and the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game to expand the targeted harvest by the drift fishery within the Expanded Kasilof and Kenai Sections to insure that Northern District stocks can pass safely through the Central District, and to defeat proposals which would repeal or roll back Board adopted conservation measures requiring fishing within the Expanded Kasilof and Kenai Sections.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 21 day of January, 2014.



LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Arvin, Colligan, Salmon, Colver, and Halter

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES OPPOSING ANY REGULATIONS THAT REDUCE TIME, OPPORTUNITY, OR HARVEST OF THE UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHERY.

WHEREAS, personal use fishing is a valuable economic and recreational activity for residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and provide the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough with major economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary issues concerning current personal use fisheries is allowing opportunity and regulatory windows for delivery of fish in sufficient numbers to provide reasonable fishing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, thousands of South-central residents participate in Kenai and Kasilof personal use fisheries due to the lack of comparable local opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the state of Alaska mandates that fish and game are a common resource for all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, personal use fishing is important to residents living near the Northern District stream drainages of Upper Cook Inlet because it provides salmon for personal consumption; and

WHEREAS, personal use fisheries have occurred only twice in the last ten years in Northern District waters due to poor sockeye salmon returns; and

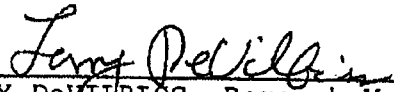
WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is concerned about fisheries management decisions that have affected the delivery of fish in sufficient numbers to provide for personal use fishing opportunities, and crowding and habitat degradation caused by concentrating fishing in limited openings and areas; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Fish and Wildlife Commission has developed recommendations to present to the Board of Fisheries at their Upper Cook Inlet meeting in January 2014, to remedy problems of fishing opportunity and crowding with Upper Cook Inlet personal use fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough requests the Alaska State Board of Fisheries, and the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game does not adopt regulations that reduce opportunity, participation or harvest in the Kasilof River personal use set gillnet, Kenai and Kasilof dip net fisheries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is opposed to Proposals 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, and supports Proposals 142 and 282 to maximize the opportunity of Mat-Su residents to participate in personal use fisheries.

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21 day of January, 2014.


LARRY DeWILIBISS, Borough Mayor

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES REQUESTING THE BOARD TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON STOCKS BY ESTABLISHING SUSTAINABLE ESCAPEMENT GOALS FOR ALL SALMON SPECIES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF COOK INLET.

WHEREAS, 7 of 11 statewide salmon stocks of concern are in the Northern District of Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, spawning escapement goals are the cornerstone of fisheries management; and

WHEREAS, escapement goals do not exist on the Susitna River for coho, chum, and pink salmon, even though this drainage is the largest producer of these species in the Upper Cook Inlet; and

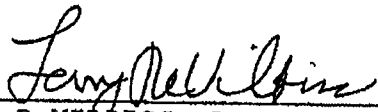
WHEREAS, without escapement goals, the health of salmon stocks will continue to be unmanaged; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough considers it essential that escapement goals be established for all salmon species in the Susitna River drainage.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough requests the Board of Fisheries, and the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game to establish escapement goals for

all salmon species and systems in the Northern District of Cook
Inlet.

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LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

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