



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Grant Management

DAVID R. CAREY
BOROUGH MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Assembly

THRU: David R. Carey, Borough Mayor *William for De Carey*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *BA SA CCC*
John Mohorcich, River Center Director *JC for Jm*

FROM: Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *BA*

DATE: September 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2011-19-24, appropriating \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Kenai Watershed Forum to Fund Restoration Projects at Anadromous Stream Crossings

The Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) is dedicated to maintaining the health of Kenai Peninsula watersheds using public education venues, restoration projects and research programs. KWF concentrates efforts to restore culverts impacting critical habitat and impeding fish passage within the borough and outside of cities for the economic and environmental benefits to the borough.

The borough funded two grant awards in the amount of \$100,000 each to KWF through O2007-19-39 and O2009-19 to complete culvert restoration projects.¹ KWF leveraged the borough funds as non-federal match for several grant programs, garnering additional funds for culvert removal and replacements that benefited the Donald E. Gilman River Center, the Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service Area and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Service Area. The assembly will be provided with a list of projects completed or near completion using the first \$200,000.

Upon enactment this ordinance will award KWF \$100,000 to complete culverts that impede fish passage. Following are the areas proposed for these projects at this time:

- 1) Paradise Lane (Nikiski)
- 2) Vandevere Road (Nikiski)
- 3) Messer Street (Soldotna)
- 4) Stickleback Lane (check dam - Nikiski)
- 5) Moose River Drive (2 culverts - Sterling)

¹ R2009-101 authorized the O2009-19 appropriation to award the second allocation in the amount of \$100,000.

KWF worked with Alaska Fish & Game, the river center department and the roads department staff to develop the above-listed projects. Completion of these projects is subject to the availability of funds and costs incurred. Should the assembly choose to authorize these additional funds, KWF has identified a potential matching grant source through the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources. Matching funds are required and the local funding will make the proposed application very competitive.

John Czarneski, Resource Planner, will provide project oversight and Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager, shall provide grant management working in conjunction with Kenai Watershed Forum.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>100.27900 FB</u>
Amount	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
By: <u>CBW</u>	Date: <u>9/28/11</u>