



SELDOVIA NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

"Our People, Responsibly Managing Our Resources, For Now and the Future."

22 February 2012

The Honorable Mayor Mike Navarre
And
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Mayor Navarre and Members of the Kenai Borough Assembly;

Seldovia Native Association, Inc., a Village Corporation formed by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, is writing to oppose the implementation of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 21.18, entitled Anadromous Streams Habitat Protection, as amended through Ordinances 2000-08 and 2011-12. The Seldovia Native Association, Inc. (SNAI) is a private landowner with large holdings throughout the Kenai Peninsula Borough many of which are located on coastlines on both sides of the Cook Inlet that contain anadromous fish habitat. As stewards of our lands on behalf of our shareholders SNAI has always managed its holdings with high regard for the lifeblood that has sustained us through the centuries - that being the anadromous fish stocks that abound in our waters and coastlines. We write in opposition to this ordinance for the following reasons:

- 1) There already exists a myriad of regulations amongst various governmental entities that govern the protection of fish habitat in our region, to name a few, the National Marine Fisheries Service under the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; The Alaska Department of Natural Resources; the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Agency and the US Army Corps of Engineers.
Duplicating these regulations at the Borough level is a waste of taxpayers' money and a proliferation of bureaucratic infrastructure that is essentially a runaway train.

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- 2) This ordinance and its amendments in essence represents a “taking” of land and resources belonging to private landowners without any consideration given to local, traditional uses and user groups. Additionally, this ill-considered legislation did not provide enough public outreach to all areas of the Borough in its scoping and due diligence prior to being summarily implemented. What user groups were consulted? What private land owners were notified and consulted? What Alaska Native Corporations and Tribes with holdings in the Borough were notified and consulted? The very foundation underlying this regulatory mandate is flawed and without support.

- 3) Economic Development that may have been contemplated by landowners will now have to be reassessed. Another level of regulatory hurdles can only hinder and add cost to any enterprise contemplated along the Borough Coastline. This impediment will slow growth and stifle job creation at time when this country can ill afford such constriction.

For these reasons the Seldovia Native Association, Inc. strongly opposes the implementation of this ordinance and we urge your reconsideration of this action before any further damage is done.

Sincerely,



Leo H. Barlow
Chief Executive Officer
Seldovia Native Association, Inc.

CC: Governor Sean Parnell
Senator Gary Stevens
Representative Paul Seaton
Seldovia Village Tribe
City of Seldovia
Cook Inlet Region, Inc.
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Nanwalek Village IRA
Nanwalek Village Corporation
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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2012 8:23 AM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: FW: Upcoming assembly meeting

Public comment

Johni Blankenship

From: Gina Bogart [mailto:me_joellen@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2012 1:09 PM
To: Knopp, Gary; Knopp, Gary
Cc: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Upcoming assembly meeting

Mr. Knopp,

Please request to pull the following ordinances from the consent agenda:

[Ordinance 2011-19-82](#)

[Ordinance 2011-19-84](#)

Please vote against this ordinance. We are strongly against this. We do not want the borough assuming power to regulate property owners in this way.

[Ordinance 2012-06](#)

Please vote against this ordinance.

[Ordinance 2012-07](#)- We understand that you spoke up at the last borough assembly meeting postponing the vote on this. Thank you for doing so because we want to retain our right to vote. Unfortunately many who feel like we do, are not aware that this issue is even before the assembly.

Sincerely,

Gina Bogart and Christopher Bogart
36875 Bjerke St
Kenai, AK
99611

I feel it is clear that there are other assembly members who do not respect the voters and are misusing their power. I hope to see more citizens participating in local government in the future, both as voters and as representatives, and will be actively working to keep term limits as a first step in getting involved myself. - Gina

From: Bruce Hess [brucehess@puffinelectric.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:46 AM
To: Knopp, Gary; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; Tauriainen, Ray; Navarre, Mike; Mako, Haggerty; Murphy, Linda; McClure, Sue; akjfischer@hotmail.com; Smith, Bill; Pierce, Charlie
Subject: Anadromous Stream Ordinance

As a concerned citizen of the Kenai Peninsula Borough I'd like to express my support for the Anadromous Stream Ordinance.

In my opinion it is the Borough Government's function and responsibility to protect these important resources from the adverse effects of uncontrolled use and development. Without the protections this ordinance puts in place the general welfare of the entire population of the Borough is adversely affected. The ecosystems that this ordinance addresses are a resource that could well be defined as the lifeblood of the Borough.

Thank you

Bruce Hess

Homer

From: Greg Demers [gdemers@horizonsatellite.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 9:55 PM
To: Knopp, Gary; Knopp, Gary; Smalley, Hal; hvsmalley@yahoo.com; Tauriainen, Ray; Tauriainen, Ray; Murphy, Linda; Murphy, Linda; Pierce, Charlie; Pierce, Charlie; McClure, Sue; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Brent, Johnson; Smith, Bill; Smith, Bill; Haggerty, Mako; Mako, Haggerty; Blankenship, Johni
Subject: KPB Ord.21.18

Dear Assembly Members,

I am writing tonight to express my concern over proposals that would potentially weaken protection of riparian zones of anadromous streams which were established by KPB Ord.21.18.

Wild salmon once flourished throughout northern Europe, Asia, northeastern Canada and U.S., Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. Now Alaska is the last place on earth with abundant stocks of wild salmon. And the main reason this is so is because Alaska still has abundant pristine riparian habitat.

Barring a major industrial development, such as a large hydropower dam, damage to anadromous fish habitat generally occurs in small increments. We just chip away at it, one little step at a time. Taken alone each small project has little effect, but over time become cumulative. As the years pass, and then the decades, we can look back and it's obvious that change has occurred.

In coastal Alaska salmon are the primary drivers of not just the ecosystem, but also the economy. The two go hand in hand. The value of wild salmon will only increase as the planet seeks a healthy food supply to feed an increasing population. But without high quality habitat for anadromous fish to spawn and rear juveniles, the system will collapse. We still have a chance to do it right in Alaska. The choice is ours.

Sincerely,
Greg Demers
Anchor Point