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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 91-138


**A RESOLUTION URGING THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL TO ANALYZE AND IMPLEMENT TRADITIONAL MANAGEMENT  
METHODS PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF  
AN INDIVIDUAL FISHERY QUOTA SYSTEM**

- WHEREAS,** a number of traditional management proposals have been submitted to the North Pacific Management Council which would potentially eliminate the problems which an Individual Fishery Quota (IFQ) would address; and
- WHEREAS,** there is no urgency for Individual Fishery Quotas to be implemented without adequately using the administrative process to review all proposals prior to selection and implementation of one management proposal; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council's role and responsibility is to analyze all proposals on a given issue before implementing major changes to a fishery; and
- WHEREAS,** analysis and implementation of traditional management proposals to address the problems have not even been reviewed prior to the proposed implementation of an IFQ system; and
- WHEREAS,** an IFQ system is going to take years to implement while the fisheries need extensive traditional management changes not short-term improved management; and
- WHEREAS,** the ability to participate in multiple fisheries and adapt to changing economic and resource conditions are vital characteristics of the Alaska fishing industry; and
- WHEREAS,** IFQ programs under consideration provide much of the resource to be allocated to non-resident users, excluding disproportionate numbers of Alaska fishermen and preclude participation by the growing Alaska longline fishing fleet; and
- WHEREAS,** IFQ programs will deny the opportunity for residents of Alaskan coastal communities to fully diversity and maximize their fisheries creating financial hardships and creating economic impacts; and
- WHEREAS,** IFQs could accommodate offshore processors which will minimize the raw fish tax to Alaskan coastal communities and the State;

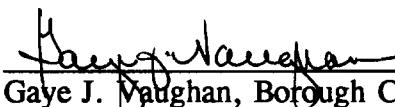
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

- Section 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly respectfully requests the Alaska State Legislature and the Governor analyze the economic impact and hardship of the Alaskan fishermen and Alaskan coastal communities created by the proposed IFQ system.
- Section 2.** That the North Pacific Fishery Management Council analyze and implement traditional management methods prior to any further discussion on an IFQ system.
- Section 3.** That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Walter J. Hickel, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Alaska Senators Paul Fischer, Jay Kerttula and Curt Menard, and Alaska Representatives Gail Phillips, Mike Navarre and Gene Kubina.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1991.**

  
Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk