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Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 92-04**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE OPTIONS
AND INITIATE ACTIONS FOR THE UTILIZATION OF
KENAI PENINSULA TIMBER RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough and other public and private forest landholders on the Kenai Peninsula own millions of board feet of timber resources with commercial potential; and

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of this timber has been infested by spruce bark beetle and will be wasted if not utilized; and

WHEREAS, the spruce bark beetle infestation is a natural and reoccurring event on the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, participants in the local timber industry have come forward with creative solutions for timber resource utilization which need to be studied, demonstrated, and possibly implemented; and

WHEREAS, one proposed solution brought forward which needs to be studied is to have independent owners/operators harvest timber, then bring the timber to central locations for processing by small mobile dimensional sawmills into products ready for local use and which can be shipped to markets out of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula is experiencing high levels of unemployment and needs to diversify its economy through value-added product development; and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway by the Borough in cooperation with the Economic Development District and state agencies to establish a sister relationship with Akita, Japan, which are intended to open Japanese markets to Kenai Peninsula products and services, including timber products; and

WHEREAS, other boroughs in southcentral Alaska and state and federal agencies have shown interest in cooperating in the development of the timber industry; and

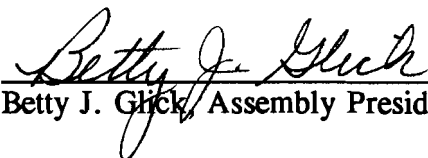
WHEREAS, the best method to examine and initiate actions for the utilization of Kenai Peninsula timber resources is to establish a task force with participants

representing governmental agencies, the timber industry, timber landowners, environmental interests, and the general public;

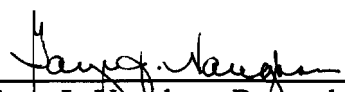
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

- Section 1.** That there is established the Kenai Peninsula Timber Resource Utilization Task Force. The purpose of this task force is to examine options and initiate actions for the utilization of timber resources, with a focus on the boreal forests of the central Peninsula.
- Section 2.** That the task force shall consist of not more than 12 individuals to be appointed by the Mayor. Membership shall include representatives of governmental agencies, the timber industry, timber landowners, environmental interests, and the general public. Additional advisors may be invited by the task force to assist in its activities.
- Section 3.** That the task force shall work in conjunction with the Economic Development District to organize the effort and develop requests for grant funding to state and federal agencies and other potential sources.
- Section 4.** That this task force shall be authorized to continue for a period until December 2, 1992, unless extended by the Borough Assembly. The task force shall provide bimonthly reports of its activities to the Mayor and Assembly.
- Section 5.** That no expenditure of Borough funds may be made to carry out the functions of the task force without prior authorization of the Borough Assembly.
- Section 6.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 1992.


Betty J. Gluck, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk