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Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 92-51**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SOLDOTNA GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR
KENAI RIVER REVEGETATION PROJECTS INTENDED TO CONTROL
RIVER BANK EROSION AND ENHANCE FISH HABITAT**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Soldotna has applied for grants to design and construct demonstration projects on sections of the Kenai River at Soldotna Creek and Centennial Park which are intended to prove whether revegetation methods can control bank erosion and enhance fish habitat; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai River provides habitat for salmon which are world-renowned for their size and numbers; and
- WHEREAS,** these salmon species are the mainstay of a \$40 million annual sport and commercial fishing industry; and
- WHEREAS,** the revegetation bioengineering technology to be tested in these demonstration projects could be a relatively inexpensive means of controlling erosion and enhancing habitat which may have application on not only the Kenai River, but other Alaska rivers, including the Kasilof and Anchor Rivers; and
- WHEREAS,** this technology may also be applicable to highway embankment stabilization projects; and
- WHEREAS,** the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association pledged a \$10,000 grant to stimulate interest in this technology by federal, state and local governmental agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** this project has been endorsed by eleven (11) state and federal agencies who have jurisdiction over development and use of the Kenai River and its adjacent property; and
- WHEREAS,** a federal "Coastal American Grant" valued at \$208,000 in cash and in-kind services has been offered to assist with the financing of these demonstration projects; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Soldotna has offered \$97,850 in cash and in-kind services to serve as the lead agency for managing design and construction of the projects;

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

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly has added its endorsement to approval of grants for the design and construction of demonstration projects on the Kenai River which will prove whether revegetation methods can control bank erosion and enhance fish habitat.

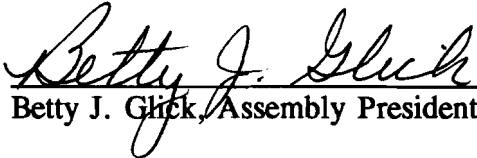
Section 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges:

A. That the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation approve a \$100,000 grant to the City of Soldotna to bring the "bioengineering technology" to Alaska and teach local engineers, planners, land owners, and land use regulators how to use revegetation techniques; and


B. That the Alaska Legislature appropriate \$311,150 as a municipal capital project grant to the City of Soldotna for the remainder of the financing needed for construction of the demonstration projects.

Section 3. That the Borough Clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation, Senator Paul Fischer, Representative Mike Navarre, Representative Gail Phillips, the Kenai Peninsula Caucus and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Economic Development District, Inc.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL, 1992.


Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk