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Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 94-005**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SPORT CHARTER INDUSTRY AND
REQUESTING THAT THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL (NPFMC) EXEMPT SPORT CHARTER OPERATIONS FROM A
HALIBUT CAP AND LOOK AT ALTERNATE MEANS OF MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough has a diverse economy made up of oil development, commercial fishing, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, a large part of the tourism industry relies on the ability of visitors to the Kenai Peninsula to access the near coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, the sport charter industry provides a valuable service to the tourism industry as a whole, by providing that service; and

WHEREAS, the task of the NPFMC is to manage and provide long term planning for the health of our offshore resources through the Magnuson Fisheries and Conservation Act; and

WHEREAS, a halibut cap reached during mid season could shut down sport charter operations causing a chain of negative affects throughout the tourism industry;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to give direction to the International Pacific Halibut Commission and Alaska Department of Fish & Game to study the actual catches and affects on the halibut resource.

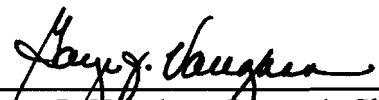
SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly encourages the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council to use other means of management, rather than placing a halibut cap on the sport charter fleet.

SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council Chairman, Rick Lauber and all members of the NPFMC, Governor Hickel's Fishery Representative Clem Tillion, ADF&G Commissioner, Carl Rosier, Senators Georgianna Lincoln, Fred Zharoff, Judy Salo and Suzanne Little, Representatives Gail Phillips, Mike Navarre, Gary Davis, Cliff Davidson, and Irene Nicholia.

ADOPTED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 1994.


Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk