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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Gary Knopp, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** David R. Carey, Mayor *DR Carey*  
John Mohorcich, River Center Director

**FROM:** *GW* Gary Williams, Coastal Zone Management Program Coordinator

**DATE:** February 3, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2011-005, supporting a legislative extension of the Alaska Coastal Management Program

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Legislation adopted by the Alaska State Legislature in 2003 significantly changed the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) including a provision that requires the legislature to reauthorize the program by June 30, 2011 or the program will “sunset.” This resolution seeks your support for continuation of the ACMP.

The Coastal Zone Management Program is a federal/state partnership. Its goal is to bring to the “table” jurisdictions that are affected by developments that require state and federal permits. The objective is to provide local input on aspects of development that may effect the social, economic and environment systems on which we depend. The ACMP is a legal means by which the Kenai Peninsula Borough and 27 other coastal districts in Alaska have an opportunity to review projects that state and federal governments may permit to proceed within our respective coastal zones.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough has been a participant in the ACMP since 1990 and has processed thousands of project reviews seeking to help applicants comply with borough policy. The borough’s coastal zone program also provides an outreach function to help those who seek help navigating the ACMP and helping borough residents with resources and information that may help them protect or enhance their property. The State of Alaska provides about 50 percent of the full cost of the Coastal Program Coordinator.

Finally, it is the borough’s coastal program office that manages the Coastal Impact Assistance Program and a program of grant funded studies that are building our knowledge base regarding coastal processes on the Kenai Peninsula.