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MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: David R. Carey, Mayor *DKC*
Max Best, Planning Director *MB*
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FROM: Julie Denison, Land Management Technician *JD*

DATE: September 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution 2011-097, to classify certain borough lands in Homer pursuant to KPB 17.10.080 and 17.10.090

This resolution proposes to classify an 80-acre parcel of borough land in the Homer area as preservation. KPB 17.10.250(W) defines preservations as:

"Preservation" means lands needed for stabilization or maintenance of natural features, historic value, known nesting areas of migratory birds or required to maintain the integrity of certain types of easements or as buffers, green belts, water sheds or other reservations to preserve natural resources and aesthetic qualities. Soils may be of such a nature as to not be usable for construction of buildings.

Based on the land characteristics and surrounding land use a preservation classification is appropriate.

In 2010 City of Homer adopted Ordinance 09-04(S) recommending approval of the 2008 City of Homer Comprehensive Plan. KPB Ordinance 2010-24 adopted the City of Homer comprehensive plan for that area of the borough within the boundaries of Homer. The subject parcel is within the Homer city limits. The comprehensive plan land use recommendation for this parcel is conservation. On June 13, 2011, the City of Homer adopted Resolution 11-063 encouraging the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to designate 80 acres, KPB parcel number 179-010-26 northwest of the Homer airport as wildlife habitat.

The attached resolution would classify the 80-acre parcel consistent with the recommendation by the City of Homer and the findings contained in the staff report. Your consideration is appreciated.