

## **Resolution 2008-07 of the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board**

WHEREAS, the Kenai River Special Management Area was created to protect the Kenai River for the maximum benefit of all Alaskans; and,

WHEREAS, the River's habitats and adjacent areas, its fisheries and wildlife are its most important resources which must be protected; and,

WHEREAS, increased participation among user groups has created overcrowded, hazardous and unpleasant conditions that increased use on the river endanger the fish and wildlife habitats; and,

WHEREAS, the KRSMA Advisory Board, comprised of individuals representative of user groups, was created to prepare a Comprehensive Plan to protect the KRSMA habitats for sustained fishery and wildlife resources, and to implement and monitor compliance with that Plan by providing sensible advice to municipal, state and federal agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan was prepared with extensive public input and testimony; and,

WHEREAS, the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan was formally adopted by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 1997 and 1998; and,

WHEREAS, the recommendations in the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan have not been fully implemented after 10 years resulting in a continuing threat to its habitats and adjacent areas, and to the fish and wildlife resources of the Kenai River; and

WHEREAS, the KRSMA Advisory Board actively works for implementation of the Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan to protect the habitats for sustained fishery and wildlife resources through an open public process, which is both fair and equitable to all user groups.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the KRSMA Advisory Board adopts the following guidelines for developing specific recommendations to protect the KRSMA and adjacent habitats to sustain fish and wildlife resources:

- All users should share of the burden of any KRSMA use restrictions in proportion to that user's contribution to the problem sought to be remediated.
- The Kenai River Comprehensive Management Plan will be used as a guide in developing all Board proposals through a public process.
- Proposed KRSMA regulations shall be consistent with long term planning, based on reasonable projections and most current data and evidence.
- All users and their proposals are entitled to respectful consideration by the Board and its committees.
- Public testimony and other input shall be actively solicited and thoroughly considered before any significant Board decision is made.
- The Board shall make every reasonable effort to involve all segments of the public, regarding proposed regulations.

- In considering proposed regulation changes, the Board shall consider cost impacts and any unintended consequences, whether the proposal fully or partially remediates the problem, and/or causes any disproportionate effect on any user.

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President

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Date