



KENAI RIVER

Special Management Area

"Working together...for the river"

ADVISORY BOARD

Boating Safety

Mandatory PFD (Life Jacket) Requirements on the Kenai River

KRSMA Resolution 2015 - 01

Whereas, The Kenai River is experiencing record recreational use and this use trend is expected to continue growing as nearby populations increase and future demand on Kenai River resources continues to grow: and

Whereas, Boating safety was identified in the, 2010 Kenai River Recreation Study, as one of the highest priority items among all users: and

Whereas, Boating accident statistics compiled by the USCG indicate that 90% of the people who drown in a boating or water accident would be alive today if they had been wearing a life jacket at the time of the accident: and

Whereas, PFDs can save lives, but only if they are worn. An emergency situation, such as high wakes, rough water or dangerous boating traffic, can occur suddenly, leaving little or no time to locate, retrieve, or find proper fitting sizes for all onboard occupants and put on life jackets properly:

Now therefore be it resolved, That the Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board requests DNR / State Parks to adopt the following regulatory requirements for mandatory PFD use in the KRSMA waters of the Kenai River;

No person may occupy a vessel, underway or on anchor, in the flowing waters of the KRSMA on the Kenai River unless they are wearing a U. S. Coast Guard approved PFD (Life Jacket) in serviceable condition and of the appropriate size for the wearer. (Vessel: includes all boats, rafts, canoes, kayaks and pontoon boats)

Passed this 9th day of April, 2015

Ted Wellman, President

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Commissioner of Natural Resources, The Governor of Alaska, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor's Office and the Director of the Alaska Division of Parks.US Forest Service Regional Office and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.



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