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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 21-128**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE BOROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED REGARDING ISSUES OF WILDLIFE AND PROVIDE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE ASSEMBLY IN 2022.

WHEREAS, the ordinance establishing the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission ("FWC") was enacted in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the FWC has a seat designated for a "hunting representative"; and

WHEREAS, the FWC is to advise and make recommendations in the areas of fish, wildlife, and habitat; and

WHEREAS, the FWC has been active and engaged to promote the interests of Borough citizens in fish allocation to ensure fish in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's rivers; and

WHEREAS, the FWC has shown itself to be diligent, knowledgeable, and effective when it comes to promoting the interests of fishing; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the FWC has not been as active or engaged in the area of wildlife and specifically game animals; and

WHEREAS, wildlife and game are of importance to the residents of the Borough for the same reasons as fish; and

WHEREAS, wildlife and game are an important source of food, recreation, and businesses in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly sees a need for the FWC to become more active and engaged in the area of wildlife and game; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for hunting while minimizing game conflicts are important goals in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the FWC has the expertise and know-how to recommend and advocate for the interests of the Borough within the areas of fish and wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly directs the Fish and Wildlife Commission to become more active in analyzing and recommending measures affecting wildlife, and in particular, game animals. The goal of these activities should be to protect and enhance the availability of game animals and hunting opportunities in the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fish and Wildlife Commission shall report to the Assembly in March, June, September, and December 2022 as to the status of their activities as directed by this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 7 day
of December, 2021.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)

YES: McKee, Yundt, Tew, Sumner, and Bernier

NO: Hale and Nowers