



**Kenai
Area
Fisherman's
Coalition**

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P. O. Box 375 Kenai, Ak. 99611

Subject: Kenai City Dock Boat Launch Fee Adjustment for Seniors

Jan. 24, 2012

To: Mayor Pat Porter and the Kenai City Council
Thru City Manager, Rick Koch

From: Dwight Kramer, Chairman
Kenai Area Fisherman's Coalition

Dear Mr. Koch,

As you know Kenai Area Fisherman's Coalition (KAFC) represents private anglers in our area. In recent years it has become more difficult for some of our area seniors, on a fixed income, to make ends meet because of increased costs of living. With the increased costs of gasoline, outboard oil and boat launch fees their ability to participate in local fisheries is one of the areas they have had to cut back on.

We fully appreciate why the City of Kenai felt they had to raise their boat launch fees to offset expenses incurred by the PU fishery, however, having the \$20.00 in affect for the entire year has had limiting affects on local seniors that would like to participate in the early King season and the fall Coho fishery.

We would appreciate it if the council would consider a fee reduction to \$10.00 for senior citizens 60 years and older throughout the year except for the PU season July 10 thru the end of the PU season (generally July 31). We understand that there may be other options for consideration but we have chosen this particular one because it does not discriminate between resident and non-resident or a local area option that may be difficult to administer. By virtue of the time periods involved most participants would be local area residents anyway. We chose the 60 year definition simply because the State of Alaska issues a permanent license at this age so it would be easy to verify. Additionally, this option does not require any additional administrative costs except for signage and deposit envelope changes. This fee would also parallel the \$11.00 fee that the City of Soldotna charges everyone that launches at Centennial Park.

We would be glad to attend both the Harbor Commission meeting and the City Council meeting where this might be discussed to answer any questions that may arise.

Thank you again for consideration of this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight Kramer
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