By:

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Action:

Approved

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 25-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DOES NOT ADOPT THE FULLER LAKE, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.59 - LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AS WRITTEN.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Comprehensive Plan includes the goals to 1) protect and enhance the public safety, health, and welfare of Borough residents and 2) protect and enhance the Borough's natural resources including watersheds, groundwater supplies, and air quality; and

WHEREAS, the overall objective for Rural Residential Areas in the Meadow Lakes Community Comprehensive Plan is to maintain the low-density residential pattern and to protect environmental quality, particularly the quality of surface and subsurface water used for domestic purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was given the power to regulate motorized use on waterways by the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Fuller Lake, Lake Management Plan provides management guidelines to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of all residents and visitors to the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Lake, Lake Management Plan was initiated with a valid petition signed by the owners of sixty-one percent of shoreline property owners around Fuller Lake; and

WHEREAS, a ballot was mailed to 28 shoreline properties around Fuller Lake to gauge community interest in initiating a Lake Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, fifteen ballots returned showing a seventy-nine percent majority in favor of initiating a Lake Management Plan on September 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, following the ballot process, the Planning Department facilitated three public meetings, both in person and virtual, to provide several opportunities for public involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Fuller Lake community was extremely involved in the development of the Fuller Lake, Lake Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the shoreline property owners of the Fuller Lake identified their concerns for safety, water quality, loss of wildlife and wildlife habitat, protection of personal property, and protection of the quiet recreational character of the lake; and

WHEREAS, sixty-one percent of ballots returned prove that a

majority of shoreline property are in favor of a Lake Management

Plan for Fuller Lake; and

WHEREAS, A total personal watercraft ban and a 5 horsepower

boat engine limit on this state owned lake would unreasonably

reduce the access, use, and enjoyment of Fuller Lake by Alaska

residents:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna

Borough Planning Commission herebyrecommends the Borough Assembly

does not adopt the Fuller Lake, Lake Management Plan; and

BF. FURTHER RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Planning Commission hereby recommends the Borough Assembly does

not adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-079 adopting the Fuller Lake,

Lake Management Plan and amending MSB 17.59 - Lake Management

Plan Implementation.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission

this 21st day of July, 2025.

Doug Glenn, Vice-Chair

Olivieri, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Glenn, Allen, Scoggin, McCabe, Carpenter

NO:

