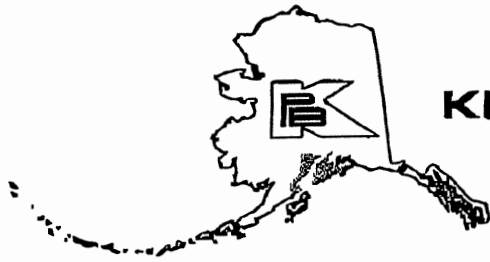


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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
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Re: Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Conservation Plan

Dear Ms. Brix:

Thank you for your letter of May 14, 2004, advising the Kenai Peninsula Borough that the National Marine Fisheries Service ("NMFS"), Alaska Region, is developing a Conservation Plan for the Cook Inlet beluga whales as required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Please be advised that the Kenai Peninsula Borough is very interested in the development of this plan and respectfully requests that it be provided with advance notice of all future planning meetings and opportunities for continued input. Please direct all such notices to the Office of the Mayor for the Kenai Peninsula Borough at the above address.

Sincerely,  
*Dale Bagley*  
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Borough Mayor

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