



Fairbanks North Star Borough

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MEMORANDUM

To: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly

From: Bryce Ward, Mayor *for BW*

Date: March 25, 2021

Subject: Resolution 2021 - 11
Supporting Efforts to Eradicate the Invasive Weed Species Elodea in Area
Streams and Lakes

Attached for your consideration is a resolution supporting an effort to conduct Elodea eradication in area lakes and streams. Elodea is a freshwater invasive plant species that has been discovered in area lake and streams, to include Harding Lake, Birch Lake, Piledriver Slough, Chena Slough and the Chena River. The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District will be working to coordinate Federal, State and local efforts on this project.

I urge your adoption of this resolution.

attachment: Resolution

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By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
Introduced: 03/25/2021

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 11

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ERADICATE THE INVASIVE WEED ELODEA
IN FAIRBANKS AREA LAKES AND STREAMS

WHEREAS, Elodea is a freshwater invasive plant and considered a threat to
Alaska’s fish and freshwater resources; and

WHEREAS, Small fragments of Elodea can be picked up and then easily
spread within and to other water bodies; and

WHEREAS, Once small fragments of Elodea become present in a freshwater
lake or stream, they grow quickly - rapidly degrading freshwater ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Elodea has recently been discovered in Fairbanks area
freshwater bodies such as Birch Lake, Harding Lake, Piledriver Slough, Chena Slough and
the Chena River; and

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks community must act quickly to stop degradation
of its freshwater lakes and streams; and

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) is
planning and overseeing Elodea eradication efforts in Fairbanks North Star Borough
streams and lakes; and

WHEREAS, The FSWCD is seeking financial support in the form of an Alaska
State Legislative grant to fund the cost of the chemical herbicide needed to conduct
Elodea eradication work in Harding, Birch and Lost Lakes as soon as possible; and

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WHEREAS, The Fairbanks community values its local streams and lakes as sources of food, fresh water, recreation and natural beauty, ultimately contributing to Interior Alaska’s high quality of life.

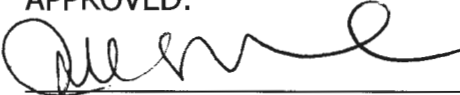
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly supports local, State, and Federal efforts to eradicate the invasive weed species Elodea in Fairbanks area lakes and streams.

ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2021.

Mindy O’ Neall
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED:


Jill S. Dolan
Borough Attorney