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Representative Mark Neuman

Rep.Mark.Neuman@legis.state.ak.us

March 26, 2012

Dear Senator Paskvan and Senator Wagoner

Subject: HCR 25, Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Please consider scheduling this legislation for a hearing at your earliest convenience. We appreciate the opportunity to present this resolution to members of your Committee and believe it will have broad support in the Senate. I have asked the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to be available to answer any questions the committee may have. Attached is a committee package.

Included are the following:

- Letter of Request
- Sponsor statement.
- Current version of the Resolution
- 2012 Fiscal Notes
- Background Info

Please feel free to contact myself or my aide Rex Shattuck (465-2696) with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Neuman".

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Sponsor Statement

HCR 25, Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program

American hunters and anglers were some of the first conservationists to realize the importance of our natural resources and that without their support they would be in peril if not properly managed. They understood the necessity to regulate harvests and preserve habitat.

Throughout the history of the conservation movement, hunters and anglers have led the way in supporting legislation to stop excessive harvest of fish and wildlife, and establish federal and state fish and game agencies to protect fish, wildlife, and habitat.

The revenue generated from the purchases of hunting and fishing licenses fund agencies efforts to conserve natural resources for future generations.

Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs began 75 years ago with the passage of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937. Thirteen years later in 1950, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act created an effective "user pay - public benefit" system.

Since 1939, contributions to state fish and wildlife agencies by wildlife and sport fish restoration programs have exceeded \$13,000,000,000. This represents the greatest single conservation effort in the history of the United States and the nation's primary means of funding conservation.

The Alaska State Legislature, on the 75th anniversary of the nation's greatest conservation story, recognizes the leading roles of hunters, anglers, boaters, recreational shooters, industry, state fish and wildlife agencies, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in restoring healthy populations of fish, wildlife, and other natural resources, both game and nongame, to the abundance enjoyed today.

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Summary of Changes

CSHCR 25, Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program

Changes in version 27-LS1350\B

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The committee added two organizations to the Resolutions distribution list.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version HCR 25
 Fiscal Note Number _____
 () Publish Date _____

Identifier (file name) HCR25-LEG-COU-2-29-12 Dept. Affected Legislature
 Title "Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program." Appropriation Legislative Council
 Allocation Session Expenses
 Sponsor Reps Neuman, Johnson, Chenault, Stoltze, Olson...
 Requester House Special Committee on Fisheries OMB Component Number 782

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs _____ (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Initial Version

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 Approved by Pamela Varni, Executive Director
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Phone 465-6626
 Date/Time 2/29/12 8:53am
 Date 2/29/2012

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HCR 25

Analysis

This Legislation has zero fiscal impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25(FSH)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Offered: 3/2/12

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES NEUMAN, Johnson, Chenault, Stoltze, Olson, Fairclough, Feige, Thompson, Costello, Hawker, Saddler, Keller, Petersen, Lynn, Gara, Gatto, Millett, Muñoz, Pruitt, Tuck, Seaton, Doogan, Kerttula, Peggy Wilson, Holmes

A RESOLUTION

1 **Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS**, more than a century ago, hunters and anglers were among the first
4 conservationists to realize that the natural resources of the country were in peril and could not
5 be sustained without regulated harvests and habitat preservation; and

6 **WHEREAS** hunters and anglers have historically supported legislation to stop
7 excessive harvest of fish and wildlife, establish fish and game agencies to protect fish,
8 wildlife, and habitat, and assess special fishing and hunting license fees to help fund agency
9 efforts to conserve natural resources for future generations; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that the primary authority to
11 protect and manage fish and wildlife in the state lies with the state's fish and wildlife agencies;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, when hunters and anglers realized that licensing fees were insufficient to
14 restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, they supported placing excise taxes
15 on firearms, ammunition, and archery, hunting, and fishing equipment to raise funds to
16 support fish and wildlife restoration and enhancement efforts by state agencies; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program in the United States
 2 Fish and Wildlife Service, which began 75 years ago with the passage in 1937 of the Federal
 3 Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act and later expanded with the passage in 1950 of the Federal
 4 Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, represents an effective "user pay, public benefit" system;
 5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, since 1939, contributions to state fish and wildlife agencies by the
 7 Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program have exceeded \$13,000,000,000, representing
 8 the greatest single conservation effort in the history of the United States and the nation's
 9 primary means of funding conservation; and

10 **WHEREAS** manufacturers of firearms, ammunition, and hunting, fishing, and boating
 11 equipment have collected excise taxes in firearms, ammunition, archery equipment,
 12 manufactured fishing tackle, electric trolling motors, marine electronics, and motorboat fuel
 13 that have been distributed to the states through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;
 14 and

15 **WHEREAS** manufacturers of firearms, ammunition, and hunting, fishing, and boating
 16 equipment have supported wildlife and sport fish restoration programs and continue to exhibit
 17 a spirit of cooperation with federal and state fish and wildlife agencies; and

18 **WHEREAS** the cooperative partnership between industry, hunters, anglers, boaters,
 19 and recreational shooters, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and state natural
 20 resource agencies is the most successful model for fish and wildlife management in the world
 21 and has resulted in the restoration of fish and wildlife populations from Alaska to Hawaii;

22 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature, on the 75th anniversary of the
 23 nation's greatest conservation story, recognizes the leading roles of hunters, anglers, boaters,
 24 recreational shooters, industry, state fish and wildlife agencies, and the United States Fish and
 25 Wildlife Service in restoring healthy populations of fish, wildlife, and other natural resources,
 26 both game and nongame, to the abundance enjoyed today.

27 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the
 28 Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
 29 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; to Terry Holliday, President, Safari Club
 30 International, Alaska Chapter; and to the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses
 31 Executive Council.