

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/24/99

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR TAYLOR

REPRESENTATIVES Coghill, James

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to management of Alaska's wildlife and fish resources.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the State of Alaska requires that the replenishable
4 resources of Alaska shall be managed on a sustained yield basis; and

5 **WHEREAS** the elected leaders of Alaska have the responsibility to protect the people,
6 land, and resources of Alaska by ensuring that the constitutional mandate for sustained yield
7 management of Alaska's wildlife and fish resources is followed; and

8 **WHEREAS** shortages currently exist in numerous wildlife and fish populations in
9 Alaska and are continuing unabated; and

10 **WHEREAS** the passive monitoring of declining wildlife and fish populations is no
11 longer acceptable; and

12 **WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of all Alaskans that the replenishable resources
13 of Alaska are biologically managed for abundance; and

14 **WHEREAS** an abundance of wildlife and fish will benefit all user groups and will
15 greatly reduce competition among Alaskans for wildlife and fish resources; and

16 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Board of Fisheries, the Alaska Board of Game, and the Alaska
17 Department of Fish and Game have the responsibility for management of Alaska's wildlife

1 and fish resources;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature declares its intent to do
3 everything within the scope of its powers, duties, and responsibilities to manage Alaska's
4 wildlife and fish resources on a biological basis for abundance with the exception of predators
5 that the Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game have determined to be a detriment to the
6 resources used for human consumption; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
8 Governor Tony Knowles, the Alaska Board of Fisheries, the Alaska Board of Game, and the
9 Alaska Department of Fish and Game do everything within the scope of their powers, duties,
10 and responsibilities to manage Alaska's wildlife and fish resources on a biological basis for
11 abundance; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
13 Governor Tony Knowles, the Alaska Board of Fisheries, the Alaska Board of Game, and the
14 Alaska Department of Fish and Game to use their significant powers and influence to develop
15 and implement regulations, policies, and programs to restore an abundance of wildlife and fish
16 in Alaska using all methods and means available to accomplish this goal as quickly as
17 possible.