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CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE BAKER

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to subsistence use of replenishable natural resources by state residents; and providing for an effective date for the amendment.

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

*** Section 1.** Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 19. Subsistence Use of Replenishable Natural Resources.

Consistent with the sustained yield principle, the legislature shall provide a preference to and among rural residents of the State in the taking of a replenishable natural resource for subsistence use based on customary and traditional use, direct dependence, the availability of alternative resources, place of residence, and proximity to the resource. The legislature shall limit other beneficial uses of replenishable resources to protect subsistence uses of the resource. Providing the rural residents of the State, Alaska Native and non-Alaska Native alike, the opportunity to harvest replenishable resources in the State's public domain, where Alaska Natives have

1 traditionally harvested renewable resources for subsistence uses, is essential to the
2 physical, economic, and traditional existence of the State's rural residents, the social
3 existence of the State's non-Alaska Native rural residents, and the cultural existence of
4 the State's Alaska Native rural residents.

5 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the
6 state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State
7 of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.

8 * **Sec. 3.** If adopted by the voters at the next general election, the amendment proposed by
9 sec. 1 of this resolution takes effect immediately upon certification of the election returns by
10 the lieutenant governor.