



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Relating to an Arctic closed area to the taking of fish, game and fur animals.

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### BE IT RESOLVED

#### BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS once construction of the pipeline haul road from the Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay has begun, there will be a vast influx of resident and nonresident hunters, trappers and tourists into this Arctic area; and

WHEREAS there has been little trapping or hunting in the proposed road area for many years; and

WHEREAS because of the latter fact, the increased accessibility, and the pressure of population, animals in this Arctic area would be particularly vulnerable to trapping and hunting during the construction period; and

WHEREAS activities such as hunting and trapping in an area of heightened construction activity pose additional safety threats to personnel and equipment; and

WHEREAS one of the highest duties imposed on the state is adequate protection of its people and game resources;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that immediately after a permit is issued by the Secretary of the Interior for the construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline the Commissioner of Fish and Game is urgently requested to close, by emergency order, an area to the taking of game by trapping, fishing or hunting within a strip five miles wide on either side of a center line which runs through an area designated by the United States Bureau of Land Management, land office serial number AA 6116 for

at least the time necessary for completion of the trans-Alaska pipeline and its accompanying haul road.