

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48(RES) am S**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 5/16/95**

**Offered: 5/6/95**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES NAVARRE, G.Davis, Green**

**SENATORS Salo, Torgerson**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Requesting that the Federal Subsistence Board not adopt the proposed subsistence  
2 moose hunting regulations for the Kenai Peninsula, and refrain, until January 1,  
3 1997, from adopting federal regulations that would grant subsistence preferences  
4 for fish or game or changing any customary and traditional use determinations.**

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

**6 WHEREAS** the Federal Subsistence Board has proposed granting new subsistence  
7 preferences to several communities on the Kenai Peninsula for the purposes of subsistence  
8 hunting; and

**9 WHEREAS** the adoption of any new federal regulation changes for subsistence may  
10 create additional conflicts with subsistence hunting and fishing and further divide residents of  
11 Alaska; and

**12 WHEREAS** this will be the first time that communities will have been given  
13 comprehensive new subsistence preferences since the federal government took over the  
14 management of subsistence hunting on federal lands; and

**15 WHEREAS** this federal proposal does not address the adverse effects on the 44,400  
16 residents of the Kenai Peninsula, most of whom do not agree with this plan; and

1           **WHEREAS** a petition opposing the Federal Subsistence Board's proposal was signed  
2 by 1,800 residents of the Kenai Peninsula within 10 days after the petition began to be  
3 circulated; and

4           **WHEREAS** there was not sufficient opportunity for peninsula residents to testify  
5 before the Federal Subsistence Board to address their concerns about these drastic changes in  
6 hunting regulations on the Kenai Peninsula; and

7           **WHEREAS** the public is poorly informed about the process of the regional subsistence  
8 advisory councils and the degree of deference given to those regional councils by the Federal  
9 Subsistence Board; and

10           **WHEREAS** the residents of the communities of Hope, Cooper Landing, Whittier,  
11 Seldovia, and Ninilchik should not receive special preference over other residents of Kenai  
12 Peninsula communities; and

13           **WHEREAS** Alaskans are working for a comprehensive solution for regaining state  
14 management of fish and game;

15           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully and urgently  
16 requests that the Federal Subsistence Board not approve any subsistence regulations which  
17 conflict with the Alaska State Constitution; and be it

18           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the  
19 Federal Subsistence Board to refrain, until January 1, 1997, unless concurred in by the  
20 commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, from

21                   (1) adopting any future federal regulations that would grant subsistence  
22 preferences for fish or game; and

23                   (2) changing any of the customary and traditional use determinations in order  
24 to allow the new administration, the legislature, and Alaska's Congressional delegation the  
25 opportunity to build consensus among all Alaskans to provide a solution to the subsistence  
26 dilemma that will return management of Alaska's fish and game resources to the State of  
27 Alaska.

28           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President  
29 of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond,  
30 President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S.  
31 House of Representatives; the Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of Interior; the Honorable

**1** Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
**2** Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
**3** members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the Federal Subsistence Board.