

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR SALO

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A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that the Federal Subsistence Board not adopt the proposed subsistence
2 moose hunting regulations for the Kenai Peninsula and the customary and
3 traditional use determination for certain communities on the Kenai Peninsula.

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

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

8 WHEREAS this will be the first time that communities will have been given new
9 subsistence preferences since the federal government took over the management of subsistence
10 of hunting on federal lands; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS there was not sufficient opportunity for peninsula residents to testify

1 before the Federal Subsistence Board to address their concerns about these drastic changes in
2 hunting regulations on the Kenai Peninsula; and

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

6 **WHEREAS** the residents of the communities of Hope, Cooper Landing, and Ninilchik
7 should not receive special preference over other residents of Kenai Peninsula communities;
8 and

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

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully and urgently
12 requests that the Federal Subsistence Board not approve the proposed subsistence moose
13 hunting regulations, and customary and traditional use determinations for the communities of
14 Hope, Cooper Landing, and Ninilchik; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that
16 the Federal Subsistence Board refrain from changing any of the customary and traditional use
17 determinations for Kenai Peninsula communities in federal regulations until January 1, 1997,
18 to allow the new administration, the legislature, and Alaska's Congressional delegation the
19 opportunity to build consensus among all Alaskans to provide a solution to the subsistence
20 dilemma that will return management of Alaska's fish and game resources to the State of
21 Alaska.

22 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President
23 of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond,
24 President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S.
25 House of Representatives; the Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of Interior; the Honorable
26 Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
27 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
28 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the Federal Subsistence Board.