

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 202(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 9/27/99
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**
2 **subsistence use of wild renewable resources by residents.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article VIII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

5 **Section 4. Sustained Yield. (a)** Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all
6 other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and
7 maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial
8 uses.

9 **(b) The legislature may, consistent with the sustained yield principle and**
10 **sound resource management practices, provide a preference to and among residents**
11 **for a reasonable opportunity to take a wild renewable resource for subsistence uses**
12 **on the basis of customary and traditional use, direct dependence, the availability of**
13 **alternative resources, the place of residence, or proximity to the resource. When**
14 **the harvestable surplus of the resource is not sufficient to provide for all**
15 **beneficial uses, other beneficial uses shall be limited to protect subsistence uses.**

16 * **Sec. 2.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new

1 section to read:

2 **Section 30. Effective Date.** If Section 4 of Article VIII, as amended,
3 regarding wild renewable subsistence resources, is adopted at the 2000 general
4 election, the amendment takes effect immediately on certification of the election
5 returns by the lieutenant governor.

6 * **Sec. 3. PURPOSE.** The purpose of the amendments proposed by this resolution is to
7 provide for a preference for subsistence uses of fish, wildlife, and other renewable natural
8 resources; to ensure state management of fish and wildlife throughout the state; and to bring
9 the state into compliance with Title VIII, Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act
10 (P.L. 96-487).

11 * **Sec. 4.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of
12 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
13 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.