

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 202(FIN)**

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

**TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 9/27/99**

**Referred: Today's Calendar**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to use  
2 of renewable resources for subsistence 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) When the amount of a fish stock or wildlife population available to be  
10 taken for beneficial uses, consistent with the sustained yield principle, is not  
11 sufficient to provide an opportunity for residents to take the resource for all  
12 beneficial uses, other beneficial uses shall be reduced or eliminated to protect  
13 subsistence uses. The legislature may, consistent with the sustained yield  
14 principle, provide a preference to and among residents for the taking of a wild  
15 renewable resource for subsistence uses on the basis of customary and traditional  
16 use, direct dependence, the availability of alternative resources, the place of**

1           residence, or proximity to the resource.

2           \* **Sec. 2.** Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new  
3 section to read:

4                       **Section 30. Effective Date of Subsistence Amendment.** If the amendment  
5 to Section 4 of Article VIII, regarding use of renewable resources for subsistence, is  
6 adopted at the 2000 general election, the amendment takes effect immediately on  
7 certification of the election returns by the lieutenant governor.

8           \* **Sec. 3.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
9 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
10 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.