

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DYSON

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Referred: Resources, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to subsistence**
2 **use of wild food resources and to the harvest of fish and wildlife.**

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

4 * **Section 1.** Article I, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
5 section to read:

6 **Section 26. Right to Subsistence.** Subject to the sustained yield principle, the
7 right of the people to use wild food resources that are needed for subsistence for
8 personal or family consumption is recognized and shall not be infringed. The
9 legislature shall implement this section.

10 * **Sec. 2.** Article VIII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended to read:

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

15 * **Sec. 3.** Article VIII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a
16 new subsection to read:

1 (b) The harvest of fish and wildlife has significant social, economic,
2 nutritional, and cultural value. The legislature shall provide a preference for the
3 harvest of fish and wildlife.

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