

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DYSON

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Referred: Resources, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**
2 **subsistence use of fish and wildlife.**

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

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

6 **Section 19. Subsistence Use of Fish and Wildlife.** (a) When the harvestable
7 surplus of a fish or wildlife population in a fish or wildlife management area is not
8 sufficient to provide for all beneficial uses of the population, lawful subsistence use of
9 the population is the highest priority beneficial use of the population in the fish or
10 wildlife management area where the insufficiency exists.

11 (b) Each resident of the State shall have, consistent with the sustained yield
12 principle and in accordance with law, a reasonable opportunity for subsistence use of
13 the harvestable surplus of a fish or wildlife population based on the resident's direct
14 use of the population as a component of sustenance and the resident's proximity to the
15 population.

16 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of

- 1 the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the
- 2 State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.