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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATORS THERRIAULT, Wilken, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Huggins, Dyson, Wagoner, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Ben Stevens**

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**Referred: Resources**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Supporting legislation before the United States Congress that reaffirms the right of the**  
2 **states to regulate hunting and fishing.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** individual states within the United States exercise primary authority over  
5 management of fish and wildlife resources within each state's boundaries; and

6 **WHEREAS** states also possess general police powers to regulate matters of legitimate  
7 local concern, even though interstate commerce may be affected; and

8 **WHEREAS** a state's regulation of hunting and fishing and the conservation and  
9 enhancement of its wildlife populations represent matters of legitimate local concern; and

10 **WHEREAS** states are best situated to regulate hunting and fishing within their  
11 boundaries; and

12 **WHEREAS** regulation of hunting and fishing may include efforts to provide benefits  
13 to a state's citizens and residents, raise revenue for wildlife conservation from residents and  
14 nonresidents, and ensure public safety;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports HR 731 in the United  
16 States House of Representatives, reaffirming the authority of the states to regulate hunting and

1 fishing activities within their respective boundaries and stating that silence on the part of the  
2 United States Congress should not be construed to impose any barrier under the federal  
3 Commerce Clause to state regulation of hunting and fishing; and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature also supports S. 339 in the  
5 United States Senate, declaring that continued regulation of access to hunting and fishing by  
6 the states is in the public interest and that silence on the part of the United States Congress  
7 should not be construed to impose any barrier under the federal Commerce Clause to the  
8 regulation of hunting and fishing by the states.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens, President Pro  
10 Tempore of the U.S. Senate and member of the Alaska delegation in Congress; the Honorable  
11 J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and the Honorable Lisa  
12 Murkowski, U.S. Senator, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
13 the Alaska delegation in Congress.