

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(FSH)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Offered: 3/5/07
Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES OLSON, Fairclough

A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the Federal Subsistence Board to reconsider its decisions regarding the**
2 **subsistence fishery priority given to Ninilchik, Happy Valley, Hope, and Cooper**
3 **Landing residents.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** the communities of Ninilchik and Happy Valley have not exhibited a
6 long-term and traditional fishing history in the Upper Kenai or Kasilof drainage waters on
7 federal land; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in making the customary and traditional use determination for the
9 communities of Hope and Cooper Landing, the Federal Subsistence Board failed to follow its
10 own regulatory criteria for making that decision; and

11 **WHEREAS** a survey by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game did not support
12 these communities' receiving a subsistence priority; and

13 **WHEREAS** the residents of these communities fall short of meeting the eight factors
14 the Federal Subsistence Board considers when determining if an area has a subsistence
15 priority;

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Federal Subsistence
2 Board is requested to reconsider its decisions granting Ninilchik, Happy Valley, Hope, and
3 Cooper Landing residents a subsistence fishery priority.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent by electronic transmission and by mail to the
5 Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Mike
6 Johanns, United States Secretary of Agriculture; the members of the Federal Subsistence
7 Board; the Office of Subsistence Management, United States Department of the Interior; and
8 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
9 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.