

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

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/26/07**

**Referred: Today's Calendar**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES OLSON, Fairclough, Seaton**

**SENATORS Wagoner, Bunde, Therriault, McGuire, Wilken, Huggins**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Requesting the Federal Subsistence Board to rescind 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 rescind 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.