

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. CHAPADOS AND TAYLOR
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the management of
6 the buffalo herd at Big Delta.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION
8 ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

9 WHEREAS, there is presently a substantial herd of buffalo
10 near the town of Big Delta; and

11 WHEREAS, the buffalo represent a tourist attraction which is
12 an economic benefit to the entire area; and

13 WHEREAS, the Department of Fish and Game has indicated that
14 it may soon take action to reduce the Big Delta herd to prevent
15 possible property damage to newly developed homestead areas ad-
16 jacent to Big Delta resulting from the proximity of the buffalo to
17 the area;

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second
19 Legislature, First Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that
20 the Governor of Alaska direct the Department of Fish and Game to
21 undertake the following steps in accordance with the desires of
22 the Legislature. First, study all possible means to relocate the
23 buffalo in areas far enough away from Big Delta, so that damage
24 will be kept to a minimum; and second, if game management practice
25 requires, hold a limited and controlled hunt on the animals
26 during which no more than 30 animals may be taken. If good
27 management practices, as substantiated by studies, and after
28 practical efforts, such as salt lick placement in areas away
29 from the homestead area still indicate to the department that

1 it is necessary to reduce the heard by slaughter beyond the
2 limited and controlled hunt, such slaughter shall be made only
3 after full hearings are held in the Big Delta area, with adequate
4 notice to interested parties.

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