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IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to the management of Alaska's
wildlife resources.

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

WHEREAS the State of Alaska, through its Board of Fish and Game and Department of Fish and Game, has undertaken the management of its fish and game resources under provisions of the Alaska Statehood Act; and

WHEREAS the jurisdiction over the management of these resources existing on federally established game refuges has traditionally been acknowledged by the Department of the Interior and its refuge management personnel; and

WHEREAS management practices covering the musk ox herd on Nunivak Island have been developed by the State of Alaska in cooperation with federal refuge management personnel; and

WHEREAS it is the will of the Alaska State Legislature that the state's jurisdiction over its wildlife resources be honored by the Secretary of the Interior and that sound management practices be allowed to go forward; and

WHEREAS, according to news reports, the state's jurisdiction over the musk oxen on Nunivak Island is under challenge by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature views with deep concern and alarm any threat to Alaska's jurisdiction over its fish and game resources;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Secretary of the Interior to allow the refuge management personnel of federal wildlife refuges to continue the high degree of cooperation with the state's Department of Fish and Game free from interference.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Walter J.

1 Hickel, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M.
2 Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs;
3 the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the House Committee on Interior
4 and Insular Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
5 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.
6 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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