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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to protection of wildlife
6 resources on the North Slope and urg-
7 ing an additional appropriation to the
8 Department of Fish and Game budget
9 for such purpose.

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

11 WHEREAS the legislature has recognized the economic need to develop
12 wisely the natural resources, both renewable and nonrenewable, found in the
13 state, but it cannot condone the development, extraction or harvest of one
14 resource at the expense or detriment of another; and

15 WHEREAS, because of the possible impact of industrial development on the
16 resources of Alaska, the Department of Fish and Game was requested to present
17 the projected programs, with costs, which would provide a measure of protec-
18 tion and supply the knowledge to minimize the impact of industrial develop-
19 ment on the wildlife resources of the state, with special emphasis on the
20 North Slope; and

21 WHEREAS intensified oil developments, since the sinking of large dis-
22 covery wells near Prudhoe Bay, have led to increased concern and demand for
23 field investigations, project assistance and surveillance by the department;
24 and

25 WHEREAS the present budgets of the department did not include the addi-
26 tional programs necessary to adequately monitor the increased North Slope
27 activity; and

28 WHEREAS, since the lack of knowledge about the wildlife resources in
29 the North Slope area is of utmost concern, program priorities revolve around

1 the need for surveys and inventories required to provide data on fish and
2 game populations, to measure the habitat changes that are bound to occur, to
3 measure the effects of the changes on the wildlife resources and to provide
4 additional law enforcement in the area; and

5 WHEREAS the department has estimated that the immediate institution of
6 these vitally necessary programs will require an addition to their present
7 budget of approximately \$192,000;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature supports the Department of Fish and
9 Game's comprehensive wildlife resource protection programs for the North
10 Slope and urges that the cost of the programs be provided for in their
11 present budget.

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