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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging increased restriction of  
6 brown-grizzly bear hunting.

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

8 WHEREAS one of the most unique and impressive big game animals in the  
9 world is the brown-grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*) occurring primarily in Alaska  
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11 WHEREAS traditional management concepts of maximum use and sustained  
12 yield increasingly must be balanced with the interpretation, within our  
13 Constitution, that other uses in addition to harvesting are in the public  
14 interest; and

15 WHEREAS traditionally Fish and Game Board regulations emphasize the  
16 status of animal populations in the present with little consideration of  
17 future or long-term threats; and

18 WHEREAS presently much of the essential brown-grizzly bear habitat has  
19 been dedicated to long-term timber sales, with state fish and game habitat  
20 control in these contract areas minimal if not nonexistent, and increased  
21 oil development and mineral activity in other areas presenting further  
22 direct threats to the species; and

23 WHEREAS at this time the board, responsive to special interests and in  
24 opposition to biological management recommendations, has proposed a regula-  
25 tion change which would increase the bag limit from one bear every four  
26 years to one bear every year;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that, in light of changing public attitudes concerning  
28 the "use" of wildlife, the specter of severe habitat degradation through  
29 increased logging and mineral development, and other inevitable adverse

1 effects resulting from increased access and confrontation, the Governor is  
2 respectfully requested to direct the Board of Fish and Game to amend its  
3 regulations so that (1) the hunting season for brown-grizzly bear (*Ursus*  
4 *arctos*) is open throughout the state only from September 15 to October 15,  
5 and (2) the bag limit is decreased from one bear every four regulatory years  
6 to one bear every five regulatory years.

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