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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that, in light of changing public attitudes concerning
24 the "use" of wildlife, the specter of severe habitat degradation through
25 increased logging and mineral development, and other inevitable adverse
26 effects resulting from increased access and confrontation, the Governor is
27 respectfully requested to direct the Board of Fish and Game to amend its
28 regulations so that (1) the hunting season for brown-grizzly bear (*Ursus*
29 *arctos*) if any, shall be held in the fall of the year and shall not exceed

1 30 days in any one game management unit. This section does not apply to
2 game management units 1 through 8. (2) The bag limit is decreased from
3 one bear every four regulatory years to one bear every five regulatory
4 years.

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