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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to a revision of Fish and

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Game Board regulation hearing

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procedures.

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

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WHEREAS optimum policy for the promulgation of fish and game regulations

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dictates that public participation in the process be maximized; and

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WHEREAS existing procedures are unclear in their formulation and inequi-

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table in their application; and

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WHEREAS board meetings often last in excess of a week with no schedule

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as to when proposed regulations will be heard, or which areas will be heard

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first, even though their content is published well in advance, all of which

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causes great inconvenience to those members of the public who cannot remain

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throughout a full board meeting; and

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WHEREAS once public testimony is given on a regulation proposal, there

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is presently no opportunity for additional public comment, after Fish and

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Game Department personnel have made their comments on the proposal;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fish and Game is requested to revise

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its hearing procedures for the adoption of administrative regulations in

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conformity with the following:

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(1) in the same manner as the publication of the notice of pro-

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posed regulations and at least 10 days before a hearing on the adoption of

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proposed regulations, publish a schedule of the order in which particular

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regulations will be discussed, with proposed regulations consolidated into

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appropriate geographical areas, in order to facilitate public comment;

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(2) provide, in the consideration of each proposal, that public

1 testimony be taken first, fish and game personnel testimony second, and then
2 immediately after official testimony, a further opportunity for public
3 comment;

4 (3) provide, as nearly as possible, that the board make its final
5 determination on whether a proposed regulation will be adopted or rejected,
6 immediately concluding public and official comment; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that these revised hearing procedures be established
8 before the April 1972 board meeting.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Commissioner of Fish and
Game and to each Member of the Board of Fish and Game.

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