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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to wildlife conservation.

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

7 WHEREAS the Department of Fish and Game is charged with preserving,  
8 protecting, maintaining and managing all fish and wildlife resources in the  
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS to date constraints of public priorities, funding sources, and  
11 available manpower and time have properly led the Department of Fish and  
12 Game to stress management and maintenance of fish and wildlife for public  
13 fishing and hunting; and

14 WHEREAS management programs of the Department of Fish and Game for  
15 species traditionally taken by fishing and hunting increasingly include plans  
16 for recreational uses of fish and game such as viewing, photography and  
17 nature study; and

18 WHEREAS the nature of public demand has changed to such an extent that  
19 in 1974 fewer than 20 per cent of Alaska citizens were licensed hunters and  
20 a significant number of citizens pursued avocations such as viewing, photo-  
21 graphy and nature studies of diverse species of fish and game; and

22 WHEREAS formal management programs do not exist for more than 350  
23 species of nonhunted birds and mammals, plus an unknown number of fish and  
24 amphibian species, and added support is needed for management programs  
25 emphasizing nonconsumptive uses of fish and game species traditionally taken  
26 for consumptive purposes; and

27 WHEREAS management programs recently implemented in Washington, Colorado,  
28 California, Oregon and other states for wild species not traditionally taken  
29 for consumption have resulted in substantial benefits to citizens of those

1 states, often at no cost to those states' general funds;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is  
3 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Fish and Game to prepare  
4 for its consideration by the first day of the Ninth Legislature, Second  
5 Session, recommendations for a program to preserve, protect, and maintain  
6 fish, amphibians, birds and mammals not normally sought by man for consump-  
7 tive purposes, as well as to enhance nonfishing and nonhunting management  
8 programs for species traditionally sought for consumptive purposes; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that these recommendations should include plans for  
10 inventory, research, management, and public education appropriate to the  
11 above goals and should recommend sources of funding for implementing the  
12 programs.  
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