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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 a significant number of citizens pursued avocations such as viewing,
20 photography and nature studies of diverse species of fish and game; and

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

25 WHEREAS management programs recently implemented in Washington, Colorado,
26 California, Oregon and other states for wild species not traditionally taken
27 for consumption have resulted in substantial benefits to citizens of those
28 states, often at no cost to those states' general funds;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is

1 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Fish and Game to prepare
2 for its consideration by the first day of the Ninth Legislature, Second
3 Session, recommendations for a program to preserve, protect, and maintain
4 fish, amphibians, birds and mammals not normally sought by man for consump-
5 tive purposes, as well as to enhance nonfishing and nonhunting management
6 programs; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to implementing a program to preserve,
8 protect, and maintain the fish, amphibians, birds, and mammals identified
9 to be included in this wildlife conservation measure, the Department of
10 Fish and Game shall obtain confirmation and approval from the regional
11 Native associations that these identified species are not used for subsis-
12 tence purposes and are not sought by man for consumptive purposes; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that these recommendations should include plans for
14 inventory, research, management, and public education appropriate to the
15 above goals and should recommend sources of funding for implementing the
16 programs.

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