

1 IN THE SENATE BY BRADLEY AND RODEY

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging the Board of Fish and Game to
6 further restrict brown bear hunting in
7 Game Management Unit 9.

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

9 WHEREAS the brown bear, one of the most valued game animals in Alaska,
10 is receiving such increased hunting pressure that a double season is no
11 longer justifiable in the foreseeable future; and

12 WHEREAS there is at present substantial pressure on the federal level to
13 classify this animal as an endangered species; and

14 WHEREAS reasonable limitation of the take on the part of the state may
15 serve to forestall federal action; and

16 WHEREAS public sentiment in the state is mounting against the taking
17 of fall bear due to its obvious vulnerability when feeding on animal car-
18 casses and spawning salmon;

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
20 that the Board of Fish and Game close the fall hunting season on brown
21 bear in Game Management Unit 9 immediately following the 1975 spring bear
22 season and continue to close fall hunting seasons until the population and
23 size of brown bears in that unit reaches an adequate level, in the determina-
24 tion of the board; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that the board divide Game Management Unit 9 into
26 appropriate subunits with a limited take for bear prescribed for each sub-
27 unit by the board for residents and nonresidents.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to all members of the Board of
29 Fish and Game.

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