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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to proposed regulations of
6 the Department of the Interior
7 adopted under the Alaska National
8 Interest Lands Conservation Act.

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

10 WHEREAS the Department of the Interior has proposed regulations for the
11 management of the lands under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife
12 Service and the National Park Service, under the Alaska National Interest
13 Lands Conservation Act (P.L. 96-487); and

14 WHEREAS the regulations greatly affect the use of the land by the
15 people of the State of Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS the legislature agrees that portions of the proposed regulations
17 are in the best interests of Alaska and the Nation; and

18 WHEREAS the legislature believes that portions of the proposed regula-
19 tions are not in the best interests of Alaska or the Nation; and

20 WHEREAS public testimony and consideration of the proposed regulations
21 occurred nearly two years ago; and

22 WHEREAS developments in Alaska and the Nation since the last effective
23 opportunity for public involvement create the need for further consideration;
24 and

25 WHEREAS the proposed regulations are of vital concern to Alaska and the
26 Nation and should not be adopted hastily in the absence of sufficient public
27 consultation;

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Honorable James
29 G. Watts, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, is respectfully

1 requested to delay the effective date of the proposed regulations; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary is respectfully requested to direct
3 the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service to conduct
4 further review and to seek public testimony on the proposed regulations.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James G. Watts,
6 Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
7 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representa-
8 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.