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1 IN THE HOUSE BY SHULTZ

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the appointment of a Delta

6 Junction bison range advisory committee.

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

8 WHEREAS the Delta Junction bison herd is a highly valued state wild-

9 life resource; and

10 WHEREAS drawing permits issued for the hunting of Delta Junction bison

11 constitute a valuable source of state revenue; and

12 WHEREAS the Delta Junction bison herd has established the Delta agri-

13 cultural project as a fall and winter range; and

14 WHEREAS the feeding, wallowing, and traveling by the Delta Junction

15 bison herd within the Delta agricultural project has resulted in damage to

16 crops, monetary loss to local farmers, legal conflicts, and physical harm

17 to the herd; and

18 WHEREAS the bison range concept is a proven means of keeping bison in

19 an area as long as adequate forage is available on the range; and

20 WHEREAS the current state of development of the Delta Junction bison

21 range area is inadequate to sustain bison for more than a few weeks; and

22 WHEREAS the expansion of available forage on the Delta Junction bison

23 range area is required to provide a winter range for the Delta Junction

24 bison herd and to effectively keep the herd from grazing within the Delta

25 agricultural project; and

26 WHEREAS a bison drift barrier must be constructed along the southern

27 boundary of the Delta agricultural project to prevent the Delta Junction

28 bison herd from drifting onto the project and causing further harm to

29 crops;

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is
2 requested to appoint a seven-member Delta Junction Bison Range Advisory
3 Committee with members representing the following interests:
4 (1) two members representing the Delta agricultural project;
5 (2) two members representing Delta Junction sport hunters and
6 the state fish and game advisory committee;
7 (3) one member representing nonconsumptive wildlife users;
8 (4) one member representing timber, mining and other consumptive
9 natural resource industries; and
10 (5) one member representing the tourism industry; and be it
11 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is requested to provide that the
12 committee shall consult with and offer its advice to the Department of Fish
13 and Game, the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and the
14 Alaska Agricultural Action Council, on matters relating to the game manage-
15 ment plan required under AS 16.20.310 and the construction and maintenance
16 of a bison drift barrier along the southern boundary of the Delta agricul-
17 tural project; and to provide that a member of the advisory committee is
18 not entitled to per diem, travel, or other compensation from the state for
19 the performance of acts as a committee member.