

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY REPRESENTATIVES FOSTER, MacLean, Kubina****Introduced: 4/5/91****Referred: Resources****A RESOLUTION****1 Relating to a bowhead whale allocation for the City of Diomede.****2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:****3 WHEREAS** the City of Diomede is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of Alaska and
4 its citizens are residents of Alaska; and**5 WHEREAS** the citizens of the City of Diomede have traditionally used the bowhead whale for
6 subsistence; and**7 WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of this legislature to represent the interests and protect the
8 rights of the residents of Alaska; and**9 WHEREAS** the citizens of the City of Diomede, as expressed in the city's Resolution 90-11,
10 desire to obtain a bowhead whale allocation; and**11 WHEREAS** to obtain the allocation the International Whaling Commission must increase the
12 bowhead whale subsistence quota for Alaska Natives; and**13 WHEREAS** the City of Diomede's request for an allocation has been endorsed by the Alaska
14 Eskimo Whaling Commission, the local organization that oversees the management of the Eskimo
15 bowhead whale hunt through a cooperative agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
16 Administration in the United States Department of Commerce; and**17 WHEREAS** before the International Whaling Commission will approve the increased bowhead

1 whale subsistence quota, the subsistence needs of the City of Diomedes must be documented, and the
2 Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission has confirmed that the documentation is underway; and

3 **WHEREAS** the request for the increase in the bowhead whale subsistence quota must be
4 scheduled for consideration at the commission's May meeting or its consideration will be postponed
5 another year or longer; and

6 **WHEREAS** a recent certified population census indicates that the population of bowhead whales
7 has increased;

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature heartily endorses Resolution 90-11 of the
9 City of Diomedes and its attempt to obtain a bowhead whale allocation; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the International Whaling
11 Commission to grant the request of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission to increase the annual
12 bowhead whale subsistence quota for the Natives of Alaska upon the submission of the subsistence needs
13 report for the City of Diomedes; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature, in light of the certified population
15 census indicating an increase of bowhead whales, and, in light of the traditional and documented use of
16 the bowhead whale by the people of the City of Diomedes, strongly endorses the request by the Alaska
17 Eskimo Whaling Commission for an increased bowhead whale subsistence quota to enable the City of
18 Diomedes to obtain a bowhead whale allocation.

19 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the
20 United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S.
21 House of Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
22 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
23 Congress; and to the International Whaling Commission; the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission; and
24 the City of Diomedes.