

**SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39 (RESOURCES)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 1/31/92**  
**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FOSTER, MacLean, Kubina, Zawacki, Leman, Lincoln, Gonzales, C.Davis, Taylor**

**SENATORS Menard, Adams, Collins, Hoffman, Duncan, Kerttula, Zharoff, Shultz**

**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 annual meeting; and

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

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

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

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

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