

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the harvest and use of fish and wildlife resources in Alaska.

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

3 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the state that the legislature express its position on the
4 harvest and use of fish and wildlife in Alaska; and

5 WHEREAS Alaska has abundant fish and wildlife populations, and other renewable resources,
6 that are managed according to sustained yield principles by competent professional resource managers;
7 and

8 WHEREAS the use and enjoyment of fish and wildlife resources for sustenance is a long and
9 rich tradition among all cultures of Alaska and in all areas of Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS the tradition of use and enjoyment of fish and wildlife in Alaska and of the "Alaskan
11 lifestyle" was recognized by the United States Congress in the Alaska National Interest Lands
12 Conservation Act; and

13 WHEREAS the federal government supports state management of fish and wildlife in Alaska
14 through grants to match state funds collected for fish and wildlife conservation from the purchase of
15 fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, permits, and tags by fishers, hunters, and trappers; and

16 WHEREAS the National Park Service continues to eliminate the opportunity for fishing, hunting,

1 and trapping within national parks and preserves in Alaska in spite of the protection for fishing, hunting,
2 and trapping intended by the Congress; and

3 **WHEREAS** national and international animal rights and protectionist groups continue their
4 campaigns to eliminate the lawful, traditional, and valuable harvest and use of fish and wildlife
5 throughout the United States, including Alaska;

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its strong support for lawful
7 fishing, hunting, and trapping in Alaska; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its strong support for the
9 professional fish and wildlife resource managers who are responsible for conserving Alaskan fish and
10 wildlife for nonwasteful human consumption, clothing, shelter, art, tools, and manufacture of handicrafts;
11 and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature acknowledges the role that the harvest
13 and use of fish and wildlife has played in perpetuating the heritage of resource utilization and
14 conservation in Alaska and the hunter-gatherer tradition in Alaska that is as old as time itself.