

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**Referred: Resources, House Special Committee on International Trade and Tourism,
Finance**

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to management of Alaska wildlife and fish resources.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the wildlife and fish of Alaska are important renewable resources that
4 must be properly managed; and

5 **WHEREAS** sport hunters, sport fishers, and trappers contributed \$11,400,000 toward
6 the management of wildlife and fish in Alaska through the purchase of sport hunting, sport
7 fishing, and trapping licenses in 1992; and

8 **WHEREAS** sport hunters, sport fishers, and trappers have contributed more than
9 \$100,000,000 toward the management of wildlife and fish in Alaska through the purchase of
10 sport hunting, sport fishing, and trapping licenses since 1980; and

11 **WHEREAS** the federal Pittman-Robertson Act (16 U.S.C. 669 - 669i) and the federal
12 Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux Act (16 U.S.C. 777 - 777i) have provided tens of millions of
13 dollars, collected from a federal excise tax on sport hunting and sport fishing equipment, to
14 the State of Alaska for wildlife and fish management projects; and

15 **WHEREAS** many non-Alaskans would like to advise the State of Alaska on the
16 management of wildlife and fish in Alaska; and

17 **WHEREAS** many nonhunters, nonfishers, and nontrappers consider themselves to be

1 nonconsumptive users of Alaska wildlife and fish, but they are in fact consumptive users of
2 wildlife and fish because they also live on this planet and affect and displace wildlife and fish;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS** nonhunters, nonfishers, and nontrappers do not contribute financially
5 toward the cost of wildlife and fish management programs in Alaska; and

6 **WHEREAS** nonhunters, nonfishers, and nontrappers should be given the opportunity
7 to contribute financially toward the cost of wildlife and fish management programs in Alaska;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS** the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, division of
10 tourism, expresses grave concern about the opinion of the people of the world regarding the
11 soundness of wildlife management programs in Alaska;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that there are no nonconsumptive
13 users of wildlife and fish in Alaska; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that persons who are
15 interested in the management of the wildlife and fish of Alaska but who do not purchase sport
16 hunting, sport fishing, or trapping licenses should be given the opportunity to contribute
17 financially to the support of wildlife and fish management programs in Alaska and to show
18 their sincere concern for the wildlife and fish of Alaska; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the Department
20 of Commerce and Economic Development, division of tourism, to issue a token license "to
21 advise the State of Alaska on the management of wildlife and fish resources."