

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY SENATOR JACKO**

**Introduced: 1/11/93**  
**Referred: RES, JUD, FIN**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**  
2 **subsistence use of fish and wildlife by residents and establishing an effective date**  
3 **for that amendment.**

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

5 **\* Section 1. Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new**  
6 **section to read:**

7 **SECTION 19. SUBSISTENCE USE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE. Subsistence**  
8 **use is the priority beneficial use of fish and wildlife resources belonging to the State.**  
9 **Consistent with the sustained yield principle, the legislature may grant a preference to**  
10 **and among residents in the taking of fish and wildlife for subsistence use on the basis**  
11 **of rural residency, community or area characteristics, geography, customary and**  
12 **traditional use, direct dependence, local residence, or the availability of alternative**  
13 **resources.**

14 **\* Sec. 2. Article XV, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new**  
15 **section to read:**

16 **SECTION 29. EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBSISTENCE AMENDMENT.**

1       Section 19 of Article VIII, regarding subsistence use of fish and wildlife, takes effect  
2       immediately upon certification of the election returns by the lieutenant governor.

3       \* Sec. 3. The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of  
4       the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the  
5       State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.