

HCR

52

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

1/27  
Ruler

(7)

FURTHER:

1/22/82

Date: Jan 25 1982

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had HCR 52  
Relating to habitat management.

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

do pass [ ] do not pass

[ ] do pass with attached amendments(s)

~~[ ]~~ replace with CS for Resources HCR 52 [  same title  
[ ] new title  
and recommends do pass

[ ] AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" [ ] . New Fiscal Note

[ ] reports it back without recommendation

[ ] referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

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MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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ce - CHAIRMAN

Rules also has a set of four resolutions which came out of the subsistence summit conferences last fall:

HCR 51 and HJR 76, which urges ADF&G to continue to implement predator control programs in areas with depressed game populations, to check into using them in additional areas of the state, and to use local hunters and trappers to get the predators. Game Div. is in strong support of the bill (aerial wolf kills, more moose for hunters, etc)

HCR 52 and HJR 75, which relate to fire management programs, urges DNR and other state and federal agencies to continue selective fire control practices rather than "initial attack" on all fires.

(Rep. Fanning had hoped to schedule these when Tony is out of town....)



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BILL ANALYSIS

Department Fish and Game	Sponsor (Principal) Resources Committee	Bill Number HCR 52
Department Position Favor		
Division/Author Ronald J. Somerville	Date 2/9/82	Completion <i>[Signature]</i> Date 2-11-82

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE USE

Comments:

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Position noted By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY

1. a) Related Bills (Similar or Contrasting) None known	1. b) Other Agencies Affected by Bill DNR
2. a) Organizational Support for Bill Unknown	2. b) Organizational Opposition to Bill Unknown
3. Program Effects of Bill No direct impacts	
4. Fiscal Impact: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Note Attached	
5. Amendments Proposed: None	
6. Comments:	

The Department strongly supports this resolution; it would give strong backing to the current Department efforts to work cooperatively both with the State Department of Natural Resources and with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and to a lesser extent Fish and Wildlife Service. We strongly believe that the development of fire management plans which will provide for selective fire control and prescribed fires, will not only result in the restoration of vast amounts of prime wildlife habitat, but will also save the State money by discouraging the unnecessary fighting of wildfire that will not result in damage to private property or to other resources.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST  
 Bill/Resolution No. HCR 52 and HJR 75  
 Title Habitat Management  
 Requested by House Resources Date 2/2/02

II. FISCAL DETAIL  
 Agency Affected Fish and Game  
 Program Category Affected APMFC  
 BRU, Program, or Subprogram(s) Affected Habitat Division  
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	None	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07
GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07
FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instruction, Section III)

Although the Habitat Division believes that a full range of fire management options need to be considered in land management decisions, the Division is presently prepared to make fire management recommendations for purposes of habitat protection or enhancement. Because we can provide these recommendations to land managers through existing planning and coordination processes the Division does not expect this resolution to have a significant impact on its ongoing workload or funding requirements at this time.

IV. DATE 2/3/02 PREPARED BY Tom Baker  
 AGENCY Fish and Game  
 ORIGINAL: Legislative Finance PHONE 465 305  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) Paul Hwang  
 33-001 (Rev. 12/81)

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Introduced: 1/22/82  
Referred: Resources

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to habitat management.

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

7 WHEREAS different stages of ecological succession favor different plant  
8 and wildlife species; and

9 WHEREAS in many parts of Alaska vegetation in early stages of succession  
10 provides prime food for many highly valued game and fur animals; and

11 WHEREAS fire historically has been the major factor in causing beneficial  
12 habitat changes in large areas of the state; and

13 WHEREAS recent fire control policy generally has been to follow the  
14 principle of "initial attack" on fires whenever possible; and

15 WHEREAS this policy has resulted in significantly less acreage burned  
16 annually, compared to the natural condition, as determined by studies of fire  
17 history in Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS this course of events has resulted in significantly less prime  
19 habitat for browsing species and their predators in many areas of the state;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS during the last three years the state and federal agencies have  
22 developed fire management plans in Interior Alaska to enhance habitat improve-  
23 ment opportunities by providing for selective fire control and prescribed  
24 fires; and

25 WHEREAS the U.S. Forest Service has used prescribed burns on the Kenai  
26 Peninsula to enhance extremely poor moose ranges; and

27 WHEREAS in many areas of the state wild fires or prescribed burns have  
28 substantially increased the population of moose, sheep, grouse and other

1       WHEREAS other forms of habitat manipulation may in some cases also prove  
2 beneficial to wildlife populations; and

3       WHEREAS wildlife population increases resulting from habitat improvement  
4 can contribute to improved hunting and trapping by all resource users;

5       BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the efforts of  
6 state and federal agencies and private landowners to enhance habitats through  
7 management programs, such as cooperative fire management planning, and other  
8 habitat rehabilitation efforts where ecologically appropriate; and be it

9       FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Natural Resources and other  
10 state agencies that deal with habitat management are urged to continue  
11 developing plans for fire management, and to include in their budgets sub-  
12 mitted to the governor plans and funding requests that will ensure the con-  
13 tinuance of cooperative fire management planning and other habitat management  
14 programs.

15       A COPY of this resolution shall be sent to the Board of Game.  
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HR 52 and HR 75

fire management programs  
selective fire control - prescribed burns