

HCR

27



## INITIAL ANALYSIS

HCR 27 "Requesting the State to Collect and Use Information on Trapping for Land Use Planning and Land Disposal"

The whereas portion of the resolution states that while trapping has traditionally been a major source of income for some Alaskans, the State in its land planning and disposal policies often does not take trapping into account, yet the information is available through several organizations.

The resolves ask that State agencies involved in land use planning consult with trapping and other organizations and gather information on trapping; and that the State consider trapping to be one of the highest beneficial uses of the land.

## Background for HCR 27

From Rep. Vern Hurlbert's office

HCR 27 is designed to correct a condition that exist in current state land disposal policy, the need to consider trapping as a valuable and vivable use of the land, more important than the disposal as home sites, ag land, development areas or many of the mineral leasing activities. So many of these things are transitory in nature whereas trapping is compatible with nature and can be used for generation after generation.

Alaska's history is rich in trapping lore and is one of the reason's this land was opened to exploitation by European based peoples. Now the state, in its haste to give away its land, is not adequately considering this activity before the disposals are announced. Most people involved in trapping in Alaska depend on the income to help keep them off of the public agency support roles.

The disregard for their rights to continue this activity has got to stop. This resolution is designed to help correct this oversight.

As most trappers know, in any given area there is usually one area that acts as the core breeding area for the fur bearers and some of the larger animal populations. Allowing settlers to move into these areas is a way to insure destruction of the trapping in that area. A cabin on a home site does not seem to take up much physical space, but it does

create a large area that is cut off from use by the wildlife population. The more mechanical equipment, chainsaws, sno-mobiles, generators, ect. the homesteader uses the larger the area the wildlife quits using. Another factor is that once the person is there they will then claim all of the trapping they can reach, regardless of the people that used that area and the length of time they may have used it.

The only reasonable solution is to consider trapping prior to making land disposals and eliminate the areas that are critical to this activity.

Working with regional non-profits to collect data on trapping areas is one way of insuring peoples input into the system. To really have all of the information needed each village, town, or city close to a disposal area should be contacted and ask for specific comments on potential areas. If suggested areas are not acceptable then alternate areas should be suggested by the people living in the area.

The state, as manager of the states wildlife resources, is required to insure vivable stocks for current and future users. By following the guidelines as set out in this resolution it will assist the state in their job.

I. **REQUEST**  
 Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 27  
 Title: Information on trapping  
 Sponsor: Hurlbert  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

II. **FISCAL DETAIL**  
 Agency Affected: DNR  
 Program Category Affected: DRD  
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: Land use planning

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
<b>OPERATING</b>						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		-0-	-0-	-0-		
<b>CAPITAL</b>						
<b>REVENUE</b>						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

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RESOLUTION  
Trapline Documentation & Protection

- WHEREAS, Trappers of Alaska have developed and established use of traplines throughout Alaska;
- WHEREAS, Trappers of Alaska depend upon the continual productivity of their traplines and trapping areas to provide an important element of their overall economic activity;
- WHEREAS, Trapping areas and traplines are threatened everywhere by intrusions such as State and Federal land disposals and surface corridor development,
- WHEREAS, Such intrusions cause competing uses of land supporting fur trapping and intrusions upon existing traplines;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED; The McGrath Subregional Advisory Board of the Tanana Chiefs Conference asks that the State of Alaska document, recognize and protect the uses of traplines by Alaska Trappers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the McGrath Subregional Advisory Board of the Tanana Chiefs Conference asks that appropriate actions be taken by the Alaska State Legislature to assure that documentation, recognition, and protection for traplines and trappers be accorded to trappers who traditionally use a trapline.

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