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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

SCR-24(Res)

BY: SENATOR BERT SHARP

SCR-24 SIMPLY PUT IS A REQUEST BY THE LEGISLATURE TO THE GOVERNOR TO REMOVE THE NAME DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND REPLACE IT WITH THE DIVISION'S FORMER NAME, DIVISION OF GAME.

THE FIRST WHEREAS NOTES THAT, THEN GOVERNOR COWPER, IN 1989 RENAMED THE DIVISION OF GAME, THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION.

WHAT'S IN A NAME YOU SAY? A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME SMELLS JUST AS SWEET YOU SAY.

THE ROSE, (DIVISION OF GAME) THAT EVERYONE COULD RECOGNIZE AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF GAME RESOURCES WAS REPLACED BY A BROAD ARRAY OF FLOWERING PLANTS THAT EMITS SUCH A RANGE OF SCENTS THAT EVERY POSEY SNIFFER CLAIMS TO DETECT THEIR FAVORITE AND DEMANDS THAT THEIR SENSE OF SMELL IS THE MOST ACCURATE AND OVERPOWERING.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE ROSE WHICH REPRESENTED THE DIVISION OF GAME'S COMMITMENT TO THE MANAGEMENT OF GAME, BASED ON SOUND SCIENTIFIC DATA, HAS DETERIORATED TO A MANGY BRAMBLE.



REPRESENTING  
GOLDEN HEART  
OF ALASKA

THE FRAGRANCE FROM THIS BRAMBLE IS NOW THE LEAST DETECTABLE ELEMENT OF THE SWIRL OF SMELLS EMITTING FROM THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION. NO LONGER IS THE SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT OF ALASKA'S GAME RESOURCES THE DIVISION'S PRIMARY GOAL.

THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING HIGH SUSTAINABLE POPULATION LEVELS OF GAME ANIMALS FOR PERSONAL USE HARVEST AND VIEWING BY ALASKANS IS NO LONGER A COMMITMENT OF THE DIVISION. NO LONGER IS HANDS ON ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE RESOURCE CONSIDERED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

THEIR MISSION NOW IS MORE FOCUSED ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HARVEST GAME.

THEY NOW ADVOCATE THE NEED TO MANAGE PUBLIC OPINIONS AS ONE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, SUCH AS THEIR NEWLY PROPOSED "HUMAN DIMENSIONS" PROGRAM COSTING OVER 1/4 MILLION DOLLARS.

THE FACT IS THAT 100% OF THIS DIVISION'S BUDGET IS PAID FOR BY TAXES AND FEES ON HUNTERS, SHOOTERS, SPORTFISHING ACTIVITIES AND THEIR ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.

THE NAME CHANGE IN 1989 TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ENCOURAGED THE FRAGMENTATION OF THE DIVISION'S MISSION INTO MANY PARTS, MANY WITH DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSING GOALS. THE DIVISION'S RESOURCES HAVE BEEN REDIRECTED TOWARD BENEFITING NON-HUNTERS, GATHERING AND MANIPULATION OF PUBLIC OPINION FOR NON-USERS-PAYER BENEFIT AND VIRTUALLY ABANDONING THE MANAGEMENT OF ALASKA'S GAME RESOURCE FOR ABUNDANCE.

I SUBMIT THAT A NAME CARRIES A SIGNIFICANT MEANING. ASK THOSE ENGAGED IN THE COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY, WOULD THEY FAVOR A CHANGE OF NAME FROM DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES TO THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION OF MARINE LIFE? I THINK NOT. LET'S SEND A MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNOR. LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS,

LET'S GET BACK TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GAME  
RESOURCE AS A HARVESTABLE RESOURCE FOR ALASKANS,  
LET'S RE-ESTABLISH A DIVISION OF GAME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SCR 24

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Dept. Fish & Game  
 Title: Reestablish ADFG Division of BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
Game Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Senator Sharp  
 Requester: Senate Resources Committee COMPONENT SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 100	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )	0	0	0	0	0	0
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of any current year (FY96) cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Division: Senator Loren Lemar, Chairman Date: 2/8/96  
 Approved by Commissioner: *Ron A. Brown* Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mar. 18, 1996

The Honorable Joe Green, Co-Chair  
House Resources Committee  
Alaska State House  
Juneau, Ak. 99801

Dear Representative Green:

The Alaska Outdoor Council is very interested in a piece of legislation which is currently sitting in House Resources Committee. The bill in question is SCR 24, which would change the name of the Division of Wildlife Conservation back to the Division of Game.

The support of SCR 24 comes from a strong desire within the hunting community to put the Department of Fish and Game and the administration on notice that we are not satisfied with the way our money is being utilized in management of Alaska's wildlife. It is our contention the movement within the Department to accommodate non-participatory members of the public in major policy decisions concerning scientific wildlife management and the resulting social engineering that has caused must be turned around. We feel strongly the changing of the name back to the Division of Game will help clarify this division's major responsibility to manage game primarily for the hunting and trapping public.

The Alaska Outdoor Council and its members urge the House Resources Committee to expedite the movement of this bill towards action on the floor. We strongly support this legislation for the reasons cited above, and your favorable consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Eddie Grasser