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 Title Mangement of Fish and Wildlife BRU \_\_\_\_\_  
 Component \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Taylor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester \_\_\_\_\_ Component Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
Personal Services						0.0
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES [ ]</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1091 Designated Program Receipts						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

POSITIONS	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This resolution is anticipated to have no fiscal impact on state agencies.

Prepared by Senate Resources Committee Phone 465-4907  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/29/99  
 Approved by Senator Rick Halford, Chairman *Rick Halford* Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency \_\_\_\_\_

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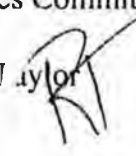
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*Senator Robin L. Taylor*

TO: Representative Scott Ogan, Chair  
House Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Robin Taylor 

DATE: March 9, 1999

RE: SCR 2 Management of Fish and Wildlife

Please schedule SCR 2 for hearing as soon as possible. This resolution is similar to the resolution that was before you last year. Thank you for your consideration in this request. I have attached backup material for inclusion in the packets.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SCR 2

Relating to management of Alaska's wildlife and fish resources.

Over the past few years, we have seen a decline in our wildlife and fish populations in several areas. This decline has continued to the point where serious shortages currently exist and are continuing unabated. For example, moose populations in the Kuskokwim Delta and moose and caribou in the Forty Mile area have declined to the point where there are not enough animals to meet the subsistence demand. Residents of the area testified to this last year before the House Resources Committee when a similar resolution was before the Legislature. Yet to date, our Department of Fish and Game has not implemented a management plan to rectify this situation. On the fish side, Bristol Bay has been declared a disaster area for the past two years because of the poor sockeye runs in that area. The MatSu drainages have had continuing low runs in several species; and, Cook Inlet commercial fishing was closed down early last year because of low sockeye runs there. These are just a few examples, there are more.

The elected leaders of Alaska have the responsibility of protecting our resources by ensuring that the constitutional mandate for sustained yield management of Alaska's wildlife and fish resources is followed for the benefit of all Alaskans. It is in the best interest of all Alaskans that the replenishable resources of our state be managed not only for sustained yield but for abundance as well. An abundance of wildlife and fish will benefit all user groups and will greatly reduce competition among Alaskans for wildlife and fish resources. Abundance of fish and wildlife resources could be a key to solving the subsistence dilemma. Continued passive monitoring of declining wildlife and fish populations is no longer acceptable. Active, aggressive management is mandatory, including predator control where necessary, if we are to achieve and maintain healthy wildlife and fish populations in the future.

Management of Alaska's wildlife and fish resources was delegated to the Alaska Board of Fisheries, the Alaska Board of Game, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game by the Legislature. Therefore the Legislature needs to make it crystal clear that it expects active aggressive management and SCR 2 sends this message. SCR 2 requests the Governor, the Board of Fisheries, the Board of Game, and the Department of Fish and Game to do everything within the scope of their powers, duties, and responsibilities to manage Alaska's wildlife and fish resources on a biological basis for abundance; and, to develop and implement regulations, policies, and programs to restore an abundance of wildlife and fish in Alaska using all methods and means available to accomplish this goal as quickly as possible.

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on that until the members have had a chance to have a look at them. I believe it is the Chairman's thought that we start with the statement of purpose and go right through the article. A few of the articles haven't anything in the nature of a preamble because we are operating somewhat on uncharted seas here. We thought it desirable to include in the outset a statement of purpose, and we feel that shows the Committee's basic thinking; the doctrine of putting all of our resources, both to maximum use while, at the same time, safeguarding the public interest in the avoidance of waste. The second paragraph, which is Section 1, simply repeats the enabling bills and boundary coverage. That's the identical language contained in House Measure 2535. Section 2 indicates the state's proprietary interest, which shall provide for utilization, conservation and development of all of the resources. Now, it was proposed to the Committee by, I believe, Delegate Hurley, yesterday, that our recital of various acts in this language in accordance with provisions and applicable acts of Congress, including the act admitting Alaska to the union, might be redundant, and I'll go along with that. It probably is, but I think it calls attention at once to the Congress that our proposal is subject to the very act which to the Congress is of prime importance as concerns Alaska statehood. I think that it might have some merit, even though redundant, for that reason.

[ Section 3 states that replenishable resources shall be administered on the sustained yield principle. I won't go into that in detail here, beyond saying that, in our reference to sustained yield, we have in mind no narrow definition of "sustained yield," as is used, for example, in forestry, but the broad premise that insofar as possible a principle of sustained yield shall be used with respect to administration of those resources which are susceptible of sustained yield, and where it is desirable. For example, predators would not be maintained on a sustained yield basis. Section 4 merely states the general reservation of fish, wildlife, and the waters. Section 5 is the controversial section which Mr. Smith referred to when he stated that with few exceptions the Committee has gone along with recommendations which have come to it from outside the Committee proper. The members will all recall that we have been advised of the wishes of many in the Territorial Sportsmen Association and the local chapters of that organization. It was the consensus, not unanimous, of the Committee, that the language set forth in Section 5 go into the committee proposal. I'm sure that when we come to that, later, further comment will be made. Section 6 might be a little obscure. Its purpose is to authorize the state to provide those aids and facilities which might assure the fuller utilization of resources, such aids as roads, for example, to undeveloped areas; the provision of soil studies in agricultural areas should the Territory in its administrative structure have such talent at hand to go out in the field and assist settlers in testing their ground for particular agricultural capacity; forest management, advice from any forestry agencies which might be sought from the owners

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