

**SCR**

**2**

# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

## First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/22/99

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: 1/28/99  
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 2/8/99

Resources Committee considered

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
- same title
  - new title
- House Bill:**
- same title
  - technical title
  - new: SCR# \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Lynne Green</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Scott Parrell</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pete Kelly</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Demetrius</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Richard Halford</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
CHAIR: <i>Richard Halford</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHAIR:			

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department                      Date      Zero      Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
<i>RESOURCES</i>	<i>1/29</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department                      Date      Zero      Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SCR 2

Revision Date 1/22/99 Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title Management 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>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES [ ]</b>						
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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						
1091 Designated Program Receipts						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

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  
 Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by Senator Rick Halford, Chairman *Rick Halford*  
 Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 465-4907  
 Date 1/29/99  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*Senator Robin L. Taylor*

## 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 in the Forty Mile area have declined to the point where there are not enough moose 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 shut down early for the past two years because of the poor sockeye runs in that area. On the Kenai River, in 1997, there were almost no coho salmon. It would appear that we have not allowed enough escapement to provide for the perpetuation of these runs. These are just a few examples, there are many 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 biologically managed for abundance. An abundance of wildlife and fish will benefit all user groups and will greatly reduce competition among Alaskans for wildlife and fish resources. Continued passive monitoring of declining wildlife and fish populations is no longer acceptable. Active aggressive management is mandatory, including predator control, 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 this type of active aggressive management. SCR 2 sends this message. It 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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