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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Urging increased restriction of brown-grizzly bear hunting.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS one of the most unique and impressive big game animals in the world is the brown-grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*) occurring primarily in Alaska; and

WHEREAS traditional management concepts of maximum use and sustained yield increasingly must be balanced with the interpretation, within our Constitution, that other uses in addition to harvesting are in the public interest; and

WHEREAS traditionally Fish and Game Board regulations emphasize the status of animal populations in the present with little consideration of future or long-term threats; and

WHEREAS presently much of the essential brown-grizzly bear habitat has been dedicated to long-term timber sales, with state fish and game habitat control in these contract areas minimal if not nonexistent, and increased oil development and mineral activity in other areas presenting further direct threats to the species;

BE IT RESOLVED that, in light of changing public attitudes concerning the "use" of wildlife, the specter of severe habitat degradation through increased logging and mineral development, and other inevitable adverse effects resulting from increased access and confrontation, the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Board of Fish and Game to amend its regulations so that (1) the hunting season for brown-grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*), if any, shall be held in the fall of the year and shall

not exceed 30 days in any one game management unit (this section does not apply to game management units 1 through 8); and (2) the bag limit is decreased from one bear every four regulatory years to one bear every five regulatory years.