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Urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to postpone the proposed cattle slaughter on Simeonof Island.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS cattle have been on Simeonof Island since 1894; and

WHEREAS the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has indicated that it plans to kill the cattle on this island; and

WHEREAS the people in the communities near Simeonof Island are suffering difficult economic times due to the decline of the fishery stocks; and

WHEREAS the people in the communities near Simeonof Island have used the cattle on Simeonof Island as a supplemental food source in the past, and would like to continue to do so in the future; and

WHEREAS there are cattle holding pens and loading chutes on Simeonof Island to facilitate removal of the cattle; and

WHEREAS the Shumagin Village Corporation desires to transplant the cattle from Simeonof Island to Unga Island, but the Shumagin Village Corporation may require until September 1985 in order to do so; and

WHEREAS the slaughter of the cattle would constitute a waste of thousands of pounds of beef that could be used by needy Alaskans in the immediate area; and

WHEREAS the elimination of the cattle will be very expensive; and

WHEREAS the cost of the destruction of the cattle could be used to better advantage to help the Shumagin Village Corporation transplant the cattle to Unga Island;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to postpone its ultimate termination action related to the cattle until at least October 1985; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature respectfully urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to assist the Shumagin Village Corporation in its effort to transplant the Simeonof Island cattle to Unga Island; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Alaska delegation in Congress to ensure that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service postpones the cattle slaughter on Simeonof Island until at least October 1985.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable Donald Hodel, Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.