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Opposing a ceiling on federal appropriations from the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson funds for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects.

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

WHEREAS the current federal budget submitted to the Congress by the Office of Management and Budget proposes a ceiling of \$100,000,000 on appropriations for the federal aid to wildlife restoration program, known as the Pittman-Robertson program, and for the sport fish restoration program, known as the Dingell-Johnson program; and

WHEREAS federal funds for the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson program are derived from taxes and duties on sporting equipment and fuel paid by sportsmen and other recreational users of wildlife and fish resources; and

WHEREAS Pittman-Robertson funds and Dingell-Johnson funds are allocated among the states and can be used only to support specific activities related to wildlife, sport fish, and public access projects; and

WHEREAS the proposed ceiling on Pittman-Robertson funds and Dingell-Johnson funds will drastically affect the activities of the divisions of wildlife conservation and sport fish in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game by a 40 percent reduction in funding for research and management on wildlife and sport fish and for acquisition of public access; and

WHEREAS the sport hunting and sport fishing industries in the state provide thousands of jobs and generate millions of dollars to the state economy; and

WHEREAS subsistence users of the state's wildlife and fish resources annually harvest millions of pounds of these resources for personal use and benefit from the active research and

management of wildlife and fish resources supported by the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson program;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully expresses its strong opposition to the proposal to place a ceiling on appropriations for the Pittman-Robertson program and the Dingell-Johnson program.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable George J. Mitchell, U.S. Senate Majority Leader; the Honorable Gerry E. Studds, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment of the U.S. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; 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.