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Supporting continued use of Alaska's renewable furbearer resources.

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

WHEREAS Alaska's furbearer populations are renewable natural resources; and

WHEREAS none of the furbearer species in Alaska are threatened or endangered; and

WHEREAS these furbearer populations are professionally managed by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS trapping is an important wildlife management tool that can help maintain healthy furbearer populations; and

WHEREAS the diversity of both trapping conditions and furbearing species requires the use of a variety of tools, including snares, foot-hold traps, and body-gripping traps; and

WHEREAS trapping is a traditional activity for many Alaskans; and

WHEREAS the harvest and use of furbearers provides food, income, and clothing for many Alaskans; and

WHEREAS trapping is compatible with other activities on public land, including national wildlife refuges; and

WHEREAS trapping provides social benefits by enhancing self-reliance and maintaining traditional lifestyles;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the continued harvest and use by humans of Alaska's renewable furbearer resources consistent with the principles of sustained yield.