

Presented by: Mayor & Assembly
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1902

A Resolution Urging the Legislature to Resolve Issues Related to Rural Subsistence Hunting and Fishing.

WHEREAS, the federal government proposes to increase its control of Alaska's fish and game resources if the state does not undertake a program to comply with federal statutes establishing a priority for rural subsistence uses, and

WHEREAS, fish and game management is an essential public service that should be provided by Alaskans to Alaskans, and

WHEREAS, federal management of fish and game resources could distort long-range management plans, complicate or destroy the limited entry fisheries system, and waste careful state planning, and

WHEREAS, Alaskans could suffer these ill effects without enjoying any more protection for subsistence users than can and should be provided by Alaskans themselves, and

WHEREAS, a distinguished panel of Alaskans, including Lieutenant Governor Fran Ulmer, former Governor Jay Hammond, Senate President Mike Miller, House Speaker Gail Phillips, Alaska Permanent Fund Director Byron Mallott and Former Attorney General Charlie Cole have recommended steps that would avert a federal takeover of our fish and game resources, and

WHEREAS, these or similar steps are necessary for Alaska to maintain leadership over an issue that has been central to the history, culture, and spirit of all Alaskans before and since statehood;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Assembly urges the administration and the legislature to work together on issues related to subsistence hunting and fishing, and to act with all deliberate speed to implement or initiate the steps necessary to avert a federal takeover of Alaska's most cherished natural resources.

Section 2. The clerk shall distribute copies of this resolution to the state legislative delegation, the Governor, and the Lieutenant Governor.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 1997.



Dennis Egan, Mayor

Attest:



Marian J. Miller, Clerk