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ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME  
Resolution #JB-83-11

WHEREAS, Alaska's increasing population has put a corresponding increase in demand on the uses of the State's fish and wildlife resources, and

WHEREAS, the Boards' of Fisheries and Game regulations governing conservation and equitable allocation of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources are ineffective without public acceptance of, and compliance with, those regulations, and

WHEREAS, such acceptance and compliance significantly depends on a substantial fish and wildlife protection presence throughout all Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Game recognizes an ever increasing demand of consumptive uses of Alaska's game resources, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fisheries recognizes the increasing competitive intensity of fishing efforts by all user groups, in some cases requiring drastic regulatory measures to keep some stocks from declining and that new fisheries are rapidly developing in Alaskan and contiguous continental shelf waters, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Board of Game are statutorily charged with the conservation and development of the fish and wildlife resources of the State and the Alaska Constitution mandates maintenance of these resources on a sustained yield basis, and

WHEREAS, the Boards recognize the need for an enforcement effort by the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, Department of Public Safety that is far beyond its present capabilities in manpower, equipment, and funding, now therefore;

The Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game respectfully requests that Governor Sheffield seriously evaluate the currently acute problem crucial to orderly development and allocation of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources. We further request that you direct more adequate fiscal resources to bring the capabilities of the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, Department of Public Safety to a level whereby an orderly development of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources shall occur with maximum benefit to Alaska's peoples. Additionally, we ask that you facilitate and encourage additional cooperation and coordination between the fish, game, and habitat management and enforcement agencies.



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John Shively, Chairman  
Joint Board of Fisheries and Game