

RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Game is mandated by the Alaska Constitution to manage wildlife resources on a sustained yield basis for all of the people of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the present forest management practice of clearcut logging in the Tongass National Forest occurs on a rotation which precludes regeneration of a forest with high volume old-growth characteristics; and

WHEREAS, research on Sitka black-tailed deer within the last two decades has indicated diverse high volume old growth stands are necessary for the continuation of viable populations; and

WHEREAS, Sitka black-tailed deer is the single most important wildlife species for the residents of Southeast Alaska for nonconsumptive and consumptive uses including subsistence, and

WHEREAS, forests with high volume old-growth characteristics are necessary to other wildlife species, which are also important to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, continued present forest practices affect the Board of Game's ability to carry out its constitutional mandate to manage wildlife on a sustained yield basis,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: by the Alaska Board of Game that the Tongass Land Management Plan be revised to protect forests with high volume old-growth characteristics to an extent providing for long-term maintenance of harvestable wildlife populations.

DATED this 19th day of March, 1993



Dick Burley, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

VOTE: 7 Favor; 0 Oppose