

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF MOOSE

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Game has statutory responsibilities for the conservation and development of Alaska's game resources, and

WHEREAS, the game resources of Alaska provide great subsistence, recreational, aesthetic, and economic values to the state of Alaska through viewing, tourism, hunting, and guide-outfitting; and

WHEREAS, reducing public resources to private ownership for commercial use has been consistently opposed by the Board of Game for reasons which include:

- (1) allowing sale of moose meat would encourage poaching, and the illegal sale of wild moose meat and complicate enforcement of game regulations,
- (2) the possibility of disease introduction to wild populations from captive stock, and
- (3) allowing moose from captive stock to be bought and sold will diminish the overall value of wildlife, and the aesthetic values of Alaska,
- (4) the foundation for wildlife management in the United States is common ownership by state residents, and the private ownership would compromise successful long-term wildlife management, and
- (5) husbandry of moose is likely to involve requests for control of predators which pose a threat to penned moose,
- (6) research in Alaska has determined that confined moose quickly decimate native habitat and then must be maintained on a special supplemental diet costing approximately \$1800 per year per adult moose making moose farming a costly and likely unprofitable enterprise,
- (7) failure of these moose farming enterprises will place an additional financial burden on the state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

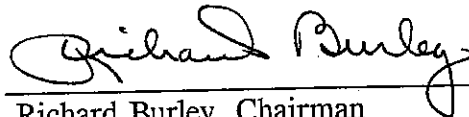
the Alaska Board of Game respectfully requests the Alaska State Legislature not to pass Committee Substitute Senate Bill 46 which would allow private ownership of moose for commercial purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The Alaska Board of Game respectfully requests the Alaska State Legislature to resist all efforts to privatize and commercialize the husbandry of Alaska's game resources, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that copies of the Resolution be promptly transmitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairman of the Senate and House Resources committees.



Richard Burley, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

ADOPTED: March 19, 1993
Anchorage, Alaska
VOTE: 7 Favor 0 Oppose