

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
97-112-BOG

Relating to the management of Alaska's fish and game resources.

WHEREAS, since statehood, the management of Alaska's fish and game resources have been responsibly managed according to a system developed by the Alaska Legislature, namely, the Alaska Board of Fish and Game, and more recently, the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Board of Game, and

WHEREAS, the clear intent of this process of management through a citizen's board distinct from the administrative and the legislative branches of state government was to insulate management decisions from undue political influence which could be detrimental to Alaska's fish and game resources, and

WHEREAS, it is also the clear intent to have the best scientific and historical data and information available to the Boards of Fisheries and Game when deciding management issues, and

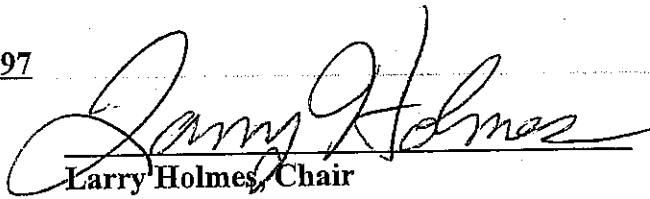
WHEREAS, management of Alaska's fish and game resources through the ballot initiative process does not allow for the consideration of this information, and may cause decisions to be made which could be detrimental to Alaska's fish and game resources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Board of Game does not endorse the initiative process for management of Alaska's fish and game resources, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska Board of Game would encourage the Alaska Legislature to place before the voters a constitutional amendment which would prohibit management of Alaska's fish and game resources through the ballot initiative process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairs of the Senate and House Resources Committees.

ADOPTED DATE: October 30, 1997
Nome, Alaska


Larry Holmes, Chair
Alaska Board of Game

VOTE: 6-0-1