

RESOLUTION #JB-84-~~12~~
ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME

WHEREAS the commercial salmon fisheries are one of the most valuable industries in Southeast Alaska;

WHEREAS the scientific data and knowledge needed to predict the impacts of road building and timber harvest on salmon habitat is lacking;

WHEREAS the Kadashan River is the third most productive pink salmon stream in all of Southeast and the most productive in northern Southeast;

WHEREAS the Kadashan River is used by the Department of Fish and Game to annually predict the health of returning pink stocks and to set the timing for openings;

WHEREAS the city of Tenakee Springs, the United Fishermen of Alaska, the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, and the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists have all supported no roading or logging in Kadashan;

WHEREAS Kadashan is the last major unlogged or roaded drainage in Tenakee Inlet and is an important area for subsistence and sport hunting;

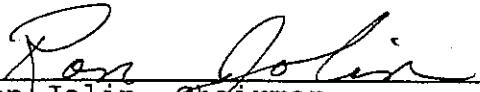
WHEREAS ongoing bear research by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is relying on Kadashan to stay in its pristine condition;

WHEREAS the U. S. Forest Service has targeted road building activities in the Kadashan River to begin in the spring of 1984 and timber harvest to commence after 1986;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Joint Board of Fish and Game that:

1. The U.S. Forest Service should indefinitely defer timber harvest in the Kadashan River drainage;
2. The U.S. Forest Service should discontinue any plans or preparation for road construction in the Kadashan River, now or in the future;
3. The U.S. Forest Service should reclassify the Kadashan River as a Land Use Designation I or II during the 1989 revision of the Tongass Land Management Plan;
4. The Commissioner of Fish and Game request the Governor to direct the Attorney General to intervene in the lawsuit of

the City of Tenakee Springs and Southeast Alaska Conservation Council versus John Block, which was filed in Federal District Court, Anchorage, Alaska, on January 18, 1984, in the effort to halt all road construction planned for the Kadashan drainage.



Ron Jolin, Chairman
Joint Board of Fisheries and Game

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Anchorage, Alaska

Vote 14/0

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