

ALASKA BOARD OF FISH AND GAME

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, trapping has traditionally played an important role in the heritage of Alaska; and

Whereas, trapping is recognized by professional wildlife managers as a valuable furbearer management tool; and

Whereas, trapping is often the most efficient and practical method of controlling local wildlife numbers to prevent overpopulation and disease transmission, and

Whereas, trapping has traditionally been a socially acceptable method of harvest of valuable furbearer pelts, and

Whereas, the fur resources of Alaska contribute significantly to the regional health and welfare of thousands of Alaskans involved in the deeply-rooted and gainful pursuit (trapping) which provides a type of "employment" in areas where alternate job opportunities are limited or nonexistent, and

Whereas, the furbearer resources of Alaska are not endangered, threatened, nor depleted, and currently and continuously exist in adequate numbers primarily because they are representative of renewable resources produced by healthy habitats,

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved that the Alaska Board of Game endorses and encourages responsible trapping as a legitimate use of our renewable Alaskan furbearer resources and,

Be it Further Resolved that this Board feels that the trapping industry should continue to develop and adopt methods of trapping which are the most humane in accordance with modern technology.

Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Game Dec. 11, 1975