

ALASKA BOARDS OF FISHERIES AND GAME

Resolution #78-2-JB

Relating to 17(d)(2) Legislation

WHEREAS 17(d)(2) legislation (HR 39) has passed the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee is considering this bill; and

WHEREAS Senator Gravel has drafted proposed legislation with major titles similar to those in HR 39; and

WHEREAS the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will be preparing for mark-up sessions on (d)(2); and


WHEREAS 17(d)(2) legislation involves critical provisions relative to the State of Alaska and states' abilities to manage state fish and wildlife resources

NOW THEREFORE, the Alaska Boards of Fisheries and Game hereby resolve that the following provisions of HR 39 as now drafted are unacceptable to the State of Alaska:

1. Access to public lands and waters, including easements;
2. Fish and wildlife management provisions including those on subsistence which essentially supplant an integrated statewide management system with a fragmented system under federal government direction;
3. Excessive land designations that are closed or restrict hunting, fishing, trapping, and other recreational pursuits in much of the critical acreage of the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Boards of Fisheries and Game hereby direct the Department of Fish and Game to provide copies of this resolution with supporting information to all Fish and Game Advisory Committees in Alaska requesting their immediate consideration and action in the form of resolutions to be directed to Alaska's Governor and Congressional representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Boards of Fisheries and Game request Governor Hammond, Senator Stevens, Senator Gravel, and Congressman Young to accept no compromise which in any way infringes upon the authority of the State of Alaska to manage the fish and wildlife within its boundaries.

  
Gordon Jensen, Chairman  
Alaska Boards of Fisheries and Game

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Anchorage, Alaska