

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**  
**Resolution in Opposition to Placing Sustainable Salmon Policy in Statute**

**2008-254-FB**

WHEREAS, House Bill 189 (Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries) would place in statute a policy of the Alaska Board of Fisheries (5 AAC 39.222) placed in regulation, and

WHEREAS, this policy took over four years to properly and fully develop, and

WHEREAS, all interested and affected stakeholders actively participated in formulating the final wording, and

WHEREAS, since its passage, the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries has been actively and successfully used in helping to guide decisions of the Board of Fisheries, and

WHEREAS, as changes in usage may identify minor improvements to the language,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Board Fisheries is adamantly opposed to House Bill 189 and to any effort to reduce, constrain or otherwise handcuff the ability of the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Department of Fish and Game to make free, intelligent and wise decisions based on the best available current information.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008



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Mel Morris, Chair  
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed