ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME

Resolution #78-3-JB

Relating to the Regulatory Structure of the Department of Fish and Game

WHEREAS the State of Alaska presently provides the most democratic system for public participation of any of the fifty states in the fish and game regulatory process; and

WHEREAS the present Alaskan system incorporates two, lay member statewide boards to promulgate fish and game regulations and the assistance of 55 advisory committees with a potential of 825 members for broad, public input, as well as a system designed to accept public proposals from any interested citizen; and

WHEREAS planned modifications to the present process include changes adding support staff to the statewide Boards and local staff to coordinate and work with the local advisory committees; and

WHEREAS state funds are being used to support the local advisory committees to defray travel costs to local and statewide board meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the statewide Boards of Fisheries and Game, meeting in Joint Session do hereby affirm their unanimous support of the present regulatory system promulgating fish and game regulations as the most effective in protecting and conserving fish and game resources and creating the most equitable system of providing for all user groups of these resources.

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