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RESOLUTION
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
RE: HB 168

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries has reviewed CS for HB 168 and has received input from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Department of Law and the office of the sponsor of the bill regarding its content, intent and possible effects on the future operation of the Board of the Fisheries, and;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries has concerns that the bill in its current form could significantly hamper the boards ability to regulate commercial, subsistence, sport or personal use fisheries, and;

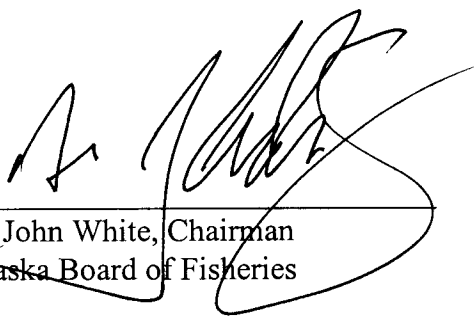
WHEREAS, even though the office of the sponsor has stated its intent to not effect the board's ability to regulate commercial fisheries, the board concerns about subsistence, sport and personal use fisheries still remain, and;

WHEREAS, the bill contains significant terminology which is undefined and open to wide interpretation, and;

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Alaska Board of Fisheries that the intent of this bill is not aimed at addressing any problems created by any previous or contemplated action of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and;

WHEREAS, the Alaska legislature already possesses the authority to redress a regulatory action of the Alaska Board of Fisheries on a case by case basis.

THEREFORE, be it resolved the Alaska Board of Fisheries recommends that the Alaska State House of Representatives does not pass CS for HB 168 in its current form and recommends there is no need for this legislation in relation to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.



Dr. John White, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

cc: House Speaker Gail Phillips
Representative Beverly Masek
State House Rules Committee