WHEREAS, the incidental kill of brown bear around garbage dumps is acknowledged to be a contributing factor to the reduced bear population in Game Management Unit 4; and

WHEREAS, the waste of this valuable resource is in many cases an unnecessary act and could be prevented through relocation of garbage dumps and/or an amendment of applicable air quality standards allowing the installation of garbage incinerators at logging and mining camps and other garbage sites in rural villages;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alaska Board of Game respectfully requests the Department of Environmental Conservation to:

(1) Determine in conjunction with the Department of Fish and Game where garbage dumps should be relocated and take all necessary and appropriate measures to have these dumps relocated;

(2) Require as part of the standard permit procedure, the installation of appropriate incinerators at all new logging, mining, and other remote camps;

(3) To the maximum extent possible, require, request, or encourage the relocation of garbage dumps or the installation of incinerators, where appropriate and necessary at existing logging, mining, or other camps for which a permit is required.

Samuel J. Harbo, Jr., Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

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VOTE: 6/0