

RESOLUTION NO. 90-47-RQG

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

RELATING TO THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF MOOSE AND OTHER WILDLIFE

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Game has wide-ranging statutory responsibilities for the conservation and development of Alaska's game resources, a common property resource; and

WHEREAS, the game resources of Alaska provide great subsistence, recreational, aesthetic, and economic values to the state of Alaska through viewing, tourism, hunting, and guide-outfitting; and

WHEREAS, reducing public resources to private ownership for commercial use has been consistently opposed by the Board of Game for reasons which include:

(1) allowing sale of moose meat would increase poaching and compromise enforcement of game regulations, and

(2) the greater possibility of disease introduction to wild populations, and

(3) allowing wildlife to be bought and sold will reduce its overall values, and

(4) the foundation for wildlife management in the United States is common ownership by state residents, and the private ownership would compromise successful long-term wildlife management, and

(5) proliferation of privately owned wildlife can result in habitat loss and competition with other species;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

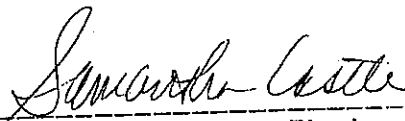
the Alaska Board of Game respectfully requests the Alaska State Legislature not to pass House Bill 516 which would allow private ownership of moose for commercial purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

the Alaska Board of Game respectfully requests the Alaska State Legislature to resist all efforts to privatize and commercialize the husbandry of Alaska's game resources, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that copies of this Resolution be promptly transmitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairman of the Senate and House Resources committees.



Samantha Castle, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

ADOPTED: April 2, 1990
Anchorage, Alaska

VOTE: 7 Favor 0 Oppose