ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
RESOLUTION 2000-FB-202

Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to allow the State of Alaska to Limit Entry in to the Guided Sport Fishing Industry in Alaska

WHEREAS, long term stability in the guided sport fishing industry in Alaska is a common goal of guides, resident sport anglers and commercial fishermen; and,

WHEREAS, unmanaged growth in any user group sector on fully utilized fishery resources threatens stability of the resource, the users and local communities; and,

WHEREAS, limited entry into the guided sport fishing industry in Alaska has been identified by all user groups as a necessary tool to accomplish predictable management and long-term stability for guided and commercial fishing interests; and,

WHEREAS, effective management and conservation of Alaska fishery resources would be greatly facilitated by the ability to implement limited entry programs for guided sport fisheries around the state; and,

WHEREAS, fishermen across the state have repeatedly testified before the Board of Fisheries regarding significant conflicts resulting from the currently unlimited growth of the guided sport fishing industry; and,

WHEREAS, fishermen from all user groups, including the guided sport fishing industry, have requested that the Board of Fisheries take a proactive stance to secure limited entry as a tool to regulate the guided sport fishing industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Board of Fisheries urges the Alaska Legislature to place a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot to allow implementation of limited entry programs for guided sport fisheries in Alaska

Dated on this 27th day of March, 2000
Anchorage, Alaska

Vote: 7/0/0

Dan K. Coffey, Chairman
Board of Fisheries