RESOLUTION 01-86
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

WHEREAS, declining revenues from a nonrenewable resource, oil,
are causing a reduction in the operational budgets for
management of renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, those budget reductions are resulting in a decrease or
elimination of fish population surveys performed by the
Alaska Department of Fish and Game; and

WHEREAS, lack of information on fish populations may result in
damage to the fish stocks and loss of income to the
fishing industry and the state; and

WHEREAS, the department's test fish fund could be used to
partially offset the cost of fish population surveys
without increasing expenditures from the general fund or
reducing other programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Department of
Fish and Game be encouraged to utilize their test fish
fund to conduct fish population surveys, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that fish taken in those surveys be
sold by the department and the receipts be placed in the
fund to defray the costs of the fish population surveys;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department hold public
meetings before implementing test fish funded fish
population surveys in order to measure industry support
for the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if substantial industry opposition
to a specific survey funded by fish sales occurs, that the
department seek approval from the Board of Fisheries prior
to implementing the survey.

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Ron Jolin, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries