

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.

Adopted:

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Ron Jolin, Chairman  
Alaska Board of Fisheries