

RESOLUTION NO. 90-4A-ROG

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

RELATING TO THE USE OF FURBEARERS BY
RURAL ALASKANS, INCLUDING ALASKA NATIVES

- WHEREAS, recent media coverage of the Alaska Native use of furbearers for commercial purposes has resulted in increasing negative perceptions of Alaska Natives' harvest and use of furs, and
- WHEREAS, Alaskans have historically hunted, trapped, and otherwise harvested furbearers as a part of their traditional lifestyle, and
- WHEREAS, furs are known to have been used by all mankind for thousands of years of recorded history, and
- WHEREAS, furs have historically been used for clothing and other purposes by man, and
- WHEREAS, furs have been an integral element of commercial activity conducted by rural Alaskans, including Alaska Natives, and
- WHEREAS, the production of fur products by rural Alaskans, including Alaska Natives provides an important economic base for their communities and the individuals therein, and
- WHEREAS, many cultural traditions of Alaskan Natives have been impacted negatively by certain modern technologies and ideologies, and
- WHEREAS, it is necessary that rural Alaskans, including Alaska Natives maintain a viable economic base for existence in the contemporary world, and do so through participation in the capitalistic marketplace, and
- WHEREAS, unique cultural value is deemed to exist for Alaska Native trapped and sewn fur clothing, and
- WHEREAS, rural Alaskans, including Alaska Natives recognize the importance and necessity for wildlife management programs that insure sustained yield of the wildlife resources of Alaska, and
- WHEREAS, historical evidence indicates that rural Alaskans, including Alaska Natives exhibit concern and understanding of environmental impacts of subsistence lifestyles;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

the Alaska Board of Game supports the efforts of Alaska Natives in the development of programs to maintain the traditional harvesting of furbearers for use in the making of clothing and other commodities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

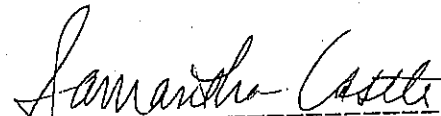
the Alaska Board of Game recognizes the responsibility of the board in assuring a sustained yield of game resources for all Alaskans, and for the development of regulations relating to the conservation and development of fish and game resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

the Alaska Board of Game recognizes the historical role of furs and their commercial value to the economies of rural Alaskans and to Alaska Native cultures, and supports the efforts of Alaska Natives to develop programs relating to the continued infusion of such benefits to the culture and economies of Alaska Native peoples; 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