

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**  
**Resolution in Opposition to Placing Sustainable Salmon Policy in Statute**

**2008-258-FB**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska is considering legislation (House Bill 189/Senate Bill 237) to codify the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries contained in Fish and Game regulations (5 AAC 39.222), and

WHEREAS, the legislature previously codified policies of the Board of Game into state statutes, and

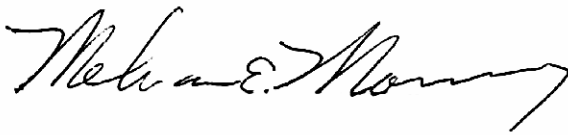
WHEREAS, such codification of Board of Game policies has resulted in an exponential increase in filed lawsuits, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Law anticipates that the direct consequence of entering into statutes the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries will have an identical result, and

WHEREAS, there is no identified problem, indicating that the Board of Fisheries is ignoring in any manner or fashion the policies which it struggled for four years to craft with the aid, assistance, and participation of all concerned user groups,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Board Fisheries is opposed to House Bill 189/Senate Bill 237 and strongly urges the Alaska State Legislature and the Governor of Alaska to oppose this legislation.

ADOPTED this 12th day of February, 2008



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Mel Morris, Chair  
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent