

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
RESOLUTION 2000-FB-202

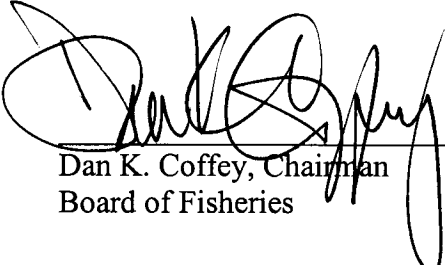
Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to allow the State of Alaska to Limit Entry in to the
Guided Sport Fishing Industry in Alaska

- 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