

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
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A Resolution of the Alaska Board of Game Concerning the Unit 19D (East)
Adaptive Management Team Work

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the moose population in Unit 19D(east) has declined severely during the last decade and is now at extremely low density, and

WHEREAS, the current moose population cannot sustain a harvest necessary to meet the subsistence needs of the villages of McGrath, Nicolai, Telida and Takotna, and

WHEREAS, these same villages have limited alternative subsistence resources, particularly in light of the current salmon crisis, and

WHEREAS, the moose population is unlikely to increase for many years without active intervention to reduce predation by wolves and black bears, and

WHEREAS, Governor Knowles established an Adaptive Wildlife Management Team to address this problem, and

WHEREAS, the Team has produced a set of recommendations to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Board of Game to rebuild the moose population in the area, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Fish and Game and the Governor have accepted the main thrust of these recommendations, which focus on reducing predation over a five year period, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner presented a report and predation reduction plan to the Board on March 1, 2001, based on the Team's recommendations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Game thanks the Adaptive Wildlife Management Team for their careful work on this issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board thanks the Governor and Commissioner for their decision to act on the Team's recommendations.

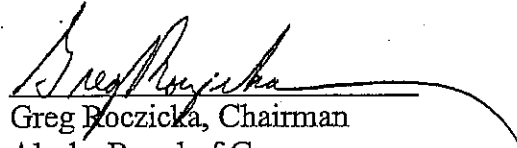
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board endorses the Commissioner's report and predation reduction plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recommends the department take the following actions:

- move forward immediately on the necessary scientific information gathering,

- establish a committee of scientists to review the scientific background for the plan,
- develop and implement an information and education plan in concert with the Governor and Board of Game to inform the Alaskan public on the need for predator management in Unit 19 D(east) and the proposed methods for its implementation,
- begin predator reduction as soon as possible.

ADOPTED DATE: March 11, 2001
Anchorage, Alaska


Greg Boczicka, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game