

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DAVIES House District 29

House Joint Resolution No. 4 Sponsor Statement Representative John Davies

This House Joint Resolution regarding subsistence, proposes amending the Constitution of the State of Alaska to allow the legislature to provide a priority for subsistence uses of fish, wildlife, and other replenishable natural resources on state land, based on place of residence, dependence upon, or customary and traditional uses of the replenishable natural resources.

This measure is a necessary companion to House Bill 14, which provides a statutory framework for the subsistence use of fish and game that is consistent with ANILCA. House Bill 14 implements my “dotted line” proposal, which provides a compromise version of rural priority that allows maximum opportunity for subsistence use of fish and game by urban residents.

This resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state in the next general election and be made effective immediately upon certification of the election returns by the lieutenant governor. Note that this resolution would not repeal the equal access provision of our Constitution. If this resolution were approved by the voters, and HB 14 by the Legislature, the equal access clause would, for all practical purposes, be fully in effect the vast majority of the time.