JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS the Exxon Valdez oil spill of March 24, 1989 was of unprecedented magnitude in North America; and

WHEREAS oil spread to areas rich in wildlife, fish, and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS state agencies have initiated studies to assess the impacts on natural resources from the spill; and

WHEREAS the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game have statutory responsibilities for Alaska's fish and game resources and recognize that habitat viability is central to fish and wildlife abundance in the long-term; and

WHEREAS an understanding of the long-term effects of the spill on fish, wildlife and their habitat is of major concern to the boards; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the boards strongly urge the Alaska State Legislature and the governor to continue the funding of studies which will assess spill impacts on a long-term basis.

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