

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

Resolution #95-95-BOG

Whereas fish and wildlife Management in the United States has largely been funded through the Federal Aid to Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs derived primarily from excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment; and

Whereas these programs are intended chiefly for the conservation of the approximately 100 species that are hunted or fished and most other species must be threatened with extinction before a source of funding is available for conservation efforts; and

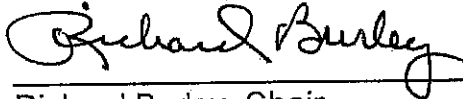
Whereas currently, funding for the conservation of non-hunted vertebrate species, for the enhancement of wildlife-related recreation other than hunting, fishing and trapping and for wildlife education is highly variable and inadequate; and

Whereas the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative is modeled from the successful Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Acts whereby funds would be distributed to states on a 3-to-1 match based upon an allocation formula of one-third area and two-thirds population and would be used exclusively for state-based wildlife conservation, education and recreation programs that are not now sufficiently funded; and

Whereas the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative would provide a reliable and adequate funding source for state-based fish and wildlife conservation, recreation and education programs which will benefit all Alaskans.

Therefore be it resolved that the Alaska Board of Game supports the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative and the department's efforts in its behalf.

Date: October 27, 1995

  
Richard Burley, Chair

Vote: 7-0