FINDINGS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Moose Populations in GMU 26A 96-99-BOG

- A. Prior Board findings on human use of moose in GMU 26A indicate that high levels of human consumptive use are not a priority in this area. Therefore, adoption of proposal 62 restricting hunting opportunity will not trigger an intensive management process.
- B. The Board finds that restricting moose harvests in this area for conservation purposes will not significantly affect subsistence use because the subsistence moose harvest has, in recent years, been limited to less than seven animals and caribou provide most of the ungulate food resource.
- C. The Board finds that subpopulations of moose outside the lower Colville River drainage have declined greatly. Testimony by ADF&G biologists on the environmental factors influencing these populations indicates that no harvest is possible at this time.
- D. The Board finds that adoption of this proposal will not result in significantly increased costs to individuals. Costs may decline if hunters do not hunt.

4/18/96 Date

Juneau, Alaska

Larry Holmes

Chair

vote: 6-0-0-1