

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAKER

Introduced: 2/20/24

Referred: Resources, Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

1 **Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to**
2 **subsistence use of replenishable natural resources by state residents; and providing for**
3 **an effective date for the amendment.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 **Section 19. Subsistence Use of Replenishable Natural Resources.**

8 Consistent with the sustained yield principle, the legislature may provide a preference
9 to and among residents of the State in the taking of a replenishable natural resource for
10 subsistence use based on customary and traditional use, direct dependence, the
11 availability of alternative resources, place of residence, or proximity to the resource.
12 When the harvestable surplus of a replenishable resource is insufficient to provide for
13 all beneficial uses, other beneficial uses shall be limited to protect subsistence uses of
14 the resource.

15 * **Sec. 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the

1 state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State
2 of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.

3 * **Sec. 3.** If adopted by the voters at the next general election, the amendment proposed by
4 sec. 1 of this resolution takes effect immediately upon certification of the election returns by
5 the lieutenant governor.