

Initiative challenge failes in Hydaburg

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ANCHORAGE—The Alaska Supreme Court upheld Thursday the wording of the ballot summary for the initiative measure seeking repeal of the state's subsistence law.

A group of Hydaburg residents had challenged the summary, written by Lt. Gov. Terry Miller, as misleading. They said it did not accurately reflect the consequences if the subsistence law is repealed.

Ketchikan Superior Court

Judge Thomas Schulz dismissed the complaint and Robert Bacon, clerk of the appellate courts, said the Supreme Court upheld that decision with a two-sentence order Thursday afternoon.

The subsistence law gives hunting and fishing priority to rural residents when fish and game stocks are low. Several sportsmen's groups obtained enough petition signatures to put the repeal question on the general election ballot in November.