

The following quotes from testimony by well-respected sportsmen and conservation organizations and by individuals who are experts in their fields, have been totally ignored in legislation thus far:

"I feel it is very unconstitutional to use the word subsistence to define the way of life of one person over another. But our government says we must do just that. It seems that we are being forced to discriminate against each other both here in Alaska and other citizens who make up the U.S. A very undesirable condition . . . I see no fair way or means to really honestly define subsistence for one citizen over another. It is a task like it would be to tell one of my children that he should get more than the other . . ."

—Ron Skoog, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, "Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment, on April 6, 1978"

"That areas with significant sport hunting (and fishing) opportunities be placed in some category other than National Parks; and . . . The State of Alaska must manage resident species of fish and wildlife, including subsistence uses; . . ."

—International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies before the U.S. House of Representatives Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, on April 6, 1978.

"Increasingly Congress is willing to legally zone Federal lands for wilderness administration without subjecting the lands involved to thorough-going analysis. Many who have worked for and supported wilderness are beginning to ask whether Congress knows where it is headed on this issue . . . H.R. 39 violates a long-standing national policy, well-known to members from the public land states, that management responsibility for resident fish and wildlife on Federal lands is exercised by States and that such a Federal incursion into an area of traditional State authority will not be accepted quietly."

—Senator Mike Gravel, Personal Correspondence, May 24, 1978

—Sidney Huntington, Native representative to the Alaska Board of Game, "Testimony before the U.S. Senate Energy & Resources Committee, on May 23, 1978"

"You will discover that subsistence embodies its share of myths. The concept that subsistence is an exclusive ethnic pursuit is a myth. In some form, living off the land permeates almost every Alaskan lifestyle with varying degrees of dependency. The concept that all existing subsistence endeavors and the mechanisms for harvest are traditional is erroneous. All of the modern conveniences (airplanes, snowmobiles, motor boats, modern weapons) in most cases have made 'traditional subsistence' a thing of the past."

—National Wildlife Federation before the U.S. House of Representatives Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, on April 6, 1978.

" . . . the resolution recognizes the need to protect fish and wildlife habitat of Alaska, decries creation of 'instant wilderness', urges management of subsistence under State supervision, and adamantly opposes Federal preemption of State authority over the management of resident fish and wildlife . . ."

—Wildlife Management Institute before the Public Lands and Resource Committee, United States Senate, on June 6, 1978.

" . . . and the impractical method of insuring access across conservation system lands to adjacent state and private lands . . . are what I find most objectionable in the House bill. I do not think this bill comes even close to meeting the needs and desires of most Alaskans."

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