

REAL ALASKA COALITION MEMBER GROUPS

Territorial Sportsmen
(Juneau, Alaska)
Sitka Sportsmen's Association
(Sitka, Alaska)
Interior Wildlife Assoc. of Alaska
(Fairbanks, Alaska)
Chitina Digneters
(Fairbanks, Alaska)
TVS Rifle and Pistol Club
(Fairbanks, Alaska)
Alaska Fur Trappers Association
(Tok, Alaska)
Matanuska Valley Sportsmen Assoc.
(Palmer, Alaska)
Baranof Pistol and Rifle Club
(Sitka, Alaska)
Old Sitka Trap Club
(Sitka, Alaska)
Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Assoc.
(Fairbanks, Alaska)
Interior Alaska Trappers Assoc.
(College, Alaska)
Coalition of Interior Alaska
Outdoorsmen
(Fairbanks, Alaska)
Chena River Sports Club
(Fairbanks, Alaska)
Alaska Chapter Safari Club Internat'l.
(Anchorage, Alaska)
Alaska Professional Hunters Assoc.
(Anchorage, Alaska)
Juneau Rifle and Pistol Assoc.
(Juneau, Alaska)
Snow Shoe Gun Club
(Kenai, Alaska)
Nome Sportsmen Club
(Nome, Alaska)
Moose Pass Sportsmen Assoc.
(Moose Pass, Alaska)
Kodiak Rifle and Pistol
(Kodiak, Alaska)
Alaska State Rifle and Pistol Assoc.
(Anchorage, Alaska)
Isaac Walton League
(Eagle River, Alaska)
Alaska Sports and Wildlife Club
(Ketchikan, Alaska)
Alaska Gun Collectors
(Anchorage, Alaska)
Alaska Rifle Club
(Anchorage, Alaska)
Southcentral Alaska Trappers Assoc.
(Anchorage, Alaska)
Petersburg Rod and Gun Club
(Petersburg, Alaska)
Easement Defense Fund
(Eagle River, Alaska)
Eagle River Sportsmen Preservation
Assoc.
(Eagle River, Alaska)
Totem Shooters
(Eagle River, Alaska)
Alaska Waterfowl Association
(Anchorage, Alaska)
Upper Kuskokwim Sportsmen Assoc.
(McGrath, Alaska)
Alaska Flyfishers
(Anchorage, Alaska)
College Cubs Rifle Club
(Fairbanks, Alaska)

SUPPORTING GROUPS

National Rifle Association
Safari Club International
Alaskan Libertarian Party
American Society of Civil Engineers
(Fairbanks Branch)
American Sportsmen's Club
Alaska Laborers Union (Local 942)
Alaska Guide License and Control Board
Plumbers and Pipefitters (U.A. Local #375)
Alaska Boards of Fisheries and Game
Alaska Wildlife Federation and Sports Council
Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
Pacific Seafood Processors
Village of Mekoryuk

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL A

Dear Alaskans,

Despite glowing promises by Congressmen to accommodate Alaskans, the (d)(2) legislation passed by the House (H.R. 39) will virtually destroy the Alaskan way of life.

Take a look at how Alaskans were **accommodated** in H.R. 39:

1. **Negates** the Statehood Act provision giving the State the right to manage resident fish and wildlife statewide.
2. Gives the Secretary of Interior the ultimate authority to regulate fish and wildlife uses on all Federal lands in Alaska.
3. Establishes administrative and regulatory requirements of the State which appear in conflict with the State Constitution.
4. **Requires** the State to establish regional administrative and regulatory structure in fish and game management—an unprecedented requirement for any state.
5. **Requires** the State to finance complex and expensive Subsistence programs even if Federal monies are not available.
6. Gives **over-lapping jurisdiction** to the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to regulate activities within six (6) miles of Alaska's coast; thus potentially creating chaos for fisheries enhancement, research, and management.
7. Gives **no** guarantees of continued traditional access to lands and waters under Federal control.
8. **Takes away** a significant portion of traditional State control of access on navigable waters.
9. **Takes away** a significant portion of traditional State control of water appropriations.
10. **Will eventually close** a good portion of the State to trapping.
11. Defines Subsistence to **exclude** commercial trapping.
12. Will result in almost fifty million (50,000,000) acres or one-seventh (1/7) of Alaska being managed by the National Park Service.
13. Places up to **60 %** of Alaska's Dall Sheep habitat under Park Service control.
14. Places up to **28 %** of Alaska's Moose habitat under Park Service control.
15. Places up to **31 %** of Alaska's Brown Bear habitat under Park Service control.
16. Places up to **34 %** of Alaska's Caribou habitat under Park Service control.
17. Proposes that almost one hundred million (100,000,000) acres or one-fourth (1/4) of Alaska will be managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Refuge System. This occurs simultaneously with recommendations of the "National Wildlife Refuge Study Task Force" to **de-emphasize** hunting, fishing, and trapping as primary uses of Refuge lands.
18. Makes Wild and Scenic Rivers a **protective corridor** four (4) miles wide in Alaska versus one-half (1/2) mile wide in similar areas of the lower 48 states.

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Secretary of Interior authority to **restrict access** and Scenic Rivers.

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public access easements from public airports to adjacent to some Native lands which were guaranteed as part of the Native Claims Settlement Act.

Washouli Treaty between the United States and the State of Alaska out of management of the Washouli Herd.

complex that it has not been possible for Alaska to be heard or unified. We need to examine the reasons why Alaskans stand in this issue:

Fish and Game Boards voted overwhelmingly in favor of the State's management authority, for public access, and for maintaining areas open to hunting and trapping.

Fish and Game Advisory Committees that have been established by the Board resolution have supported it.

Native Corporation opposed Federal oversight of the State's authority to the Secretary of Interior to regulate the State's land.

Legislative Council passed resolution supporting State land management.

through adopted resolutions opposing H.R. 39.

(37) organizations throughout Alaska have joined the REAL Alaska Coalition to fight for hunting and wildlife management rights, access to public lands, and retention of areas open to hunting and trapping.

Some of our Alaskan elected officials have supported the State's fish and wildlife jurisdiction.

Federation of Natives testified in favor of Title 18 (which) gives ultimate authority to the Secretary of Interior to regulate subsistence, commercial and recreational uses.

One hundred and two hundred and one (11,201) residents of Alaska voted to a Department of Fish and Game Commission in opposition to H.R. 39 versus only one hundred and thirty-nine (1,039) in favor of the bill.

Some of the State's (d)(2) Steering Council positions were accepted by the House of Representatives.

Some of the State's administrative positions were accepted by the House.

Federal State Land Use Planning Commission recommendations were rejected by the House. (This commission was created by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act—the same legislation that provided for (d)(2)

What can we do in a unified effort?

1. **Unite** to show a strong Alaskan position.
2. **Hire** professional lobbyists in Washington, D.C., to assist us.
3. **Contact** sympathetic organizations in other states to assist us by them directly contacting their Senators.
4. **Support** professional lobby groups such as the National Rifle Association in Washington, D.C., who can help us.
5. **Provide** political, technical, and logistic support for our Senators. Write to them—express your feelings!
6. **Encourage** wayward Alaskan elected officials to represent the majority of Alaskans.

PLEASE do not pass this off as a crack-pot ad! Do not fall for the fancy, smooth talk of the Washington, D.C., environmental groups and the high-paid attorneys of those fighting Alaskans. We have been lied to:

1. In the Statehood Act;
2. In the Native Claims Settlement Act;
3. In the Marine Mammals Act; and now
3. In (d)(2) legislation.

Virtually all of the privileges granted to other states, such as fish and wildlife management, water appropriation rights, navigable water control, access to public lands, and use of Federal lands by State residents are being denied Alaska.

Not only can you help, but you must help! We know Alaskans do not want this type of legislation.

We are asking every organization and individual throughout Alaska to help in **YOUR** fight by joining us and contributing to our stand as the Senate works on (d)(2).

We pledge to devote our entire efforts to assisting our elected officials in either getting significant changes in the legislation or, as a last resort, killing the legislation. We need your **active** support to illustrate once again Alaskan solidarity. We need every organization, every municipal government, and every resident to participate. Only a **UNITED ALASKA** can avert this type of modern-day colonialism!

Are we going to let the Environmental Groups of Washington, D.C., under the guise of the "national interest" take away our rights without a fight? We cannot believe that Alaskans will stand by and let the years of struggle for Statehood by the late Senators Bartlett and Gruening and other Alaskans be wasted! We cannot let our lifestyles be destroyed by one quick, ill-conceived act of Congress.

Because this bill is equal in importance and impact to the current Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms proposal to register our firearms, we urge you once again to UNITE, as the firearms supporters united against B.A.T.F.'s irrational proposal. In essence, H.R. 39 restricts your use of firearms . . . and your traditional uses of a vast area of YOUR state—Alaska!!

We must ALL act now so there will be an Alaskan lifestyle tomorrow!!!

—The REAL Alaska Coalition Board of Directors