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The Alaska Herpetological Society

Resolution 1

A Resolution to Recognize the University of Alaska’s Museum of the North as the central depository of Herpetological Vouchers in Alaska

Whereas many entities have collected organismal, photographic and audio vouchers of amphibians and reptiles in Alaska throughout history.

Whereas herpetological vouchers from Alaska are currently dispersed throughout the state, region and country.

Whereas there is currently no central depository for herpetological vouchers in the State of Alaska.

Whereas the University of Alaska’s Museum of the North has the expertise, facilities and capacity to maintain a herpetological collection.

Whereas the University of Alaska’s Museum of the North currently maintains a herpetological collection within their aquatics division.

Whereas the University of Alaska’s Museum of the North maintains a publically accessible online voucher database called ARCTOS.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Herpetological Society formally recognizes the University of Alaska’s Museum of the North as the official central depository of amphibian and reptile vouchers within the State of Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Herpetological Society promotes the accession of all amphibian and reptile vouchers collected within the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska’s Museum of the North and its associated aquatics collection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Herpetological Society formally endorses the migration and integration of existing herpetological vouchers for the State of Alaska to the Aquatics Collection at the University of Alaska’s Museum of the North.

Submitted by member in good standing: Joshua T. Ream