The Alaska Herpetological Society

Resolution 2

A Resolution to Endorse, Adopt and Submit an Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal to Address Amphibian Imports and Releases

WHEREAS current import regulations under 5 AAC 41.070 (a) prohibits the import of live fish for the purposes of stocking or rearing in the waters of the state

WHEREAS current import regulations under 5 AAC 41.070 (c) permit the import of "ornamental fish", which includes amphibians, but prohibits rearing in or release into the waters of the state

WHEREAS the aforementioned statutes fail to recognize that many amphibians can be stocked, reared, and/or released onto land

WHEREAS statute 5 AAC 41 does not provide the same import prohibitions as the clean list for "game" established under 5 AAC 92 titled "Permit for possessing live game"

WHEREAS failing to include similar language for fish imports in 5 AAC 41 as compared to game in 5 AAC 92 provides considerable risk to native amphibian populations through the threat of invasive species introductions and pathogen transmission

WHEREAS the attached Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal (AHS-1) seeks to add language to 5 AAC 41.070 (a) and 41.070 (c) to prevent stocking, rearing or release of live imported fish "onto the lands of the state"

WHEREAS the attached Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal (AHS-1) seeks to add language to 5 AAC 41.070 that provides stipulations for the import of live amphibians into the state, similar to those provided for game in 5 AAC 92

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Herpetological Society officially endorses and adopts AHS-1 as its own

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Herpetological Society directs the Secretary to formally submit AHS-1 to the Alaska Board of Fisheries on its behalf