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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to the constitution, in relation to the right to hunt, trap and fish

Section 1. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That article 20 of the constitution be renumbered article 21 and a new article 20 be added to read as follows:

ARTICLE XX
RIGHT TO HUNT, TRAP AND FISH

SECTION 1. HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING AND THE TAKING OF WILD ANIMALS, BIRDS AND FISH ARE A VALUED PART OF OUR HERITAGE AND WILL BE FOREVER PRESERVED FOR THE PEOPLE. FISH AND WILDLIFE SHALL BE MANAGED BY STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE PERSONS WITH THE CONTINUED OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE, BY TRADITIONAL MEANS AND METHODS, SPECIES TRADITIONALLY PURSUED BY HUNTERS, ANGLERS AND TRAPPERS. FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING TAKING, SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE'S DUTY TO PROTECT THIS HERITAGE AND ITS DUTY TO CONSERVE WILD ANIMALS, BIRDS, AND FISH, AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REASONABLE REGULATION AS PRESCRIBED BY STATE STATUTE.

S 2. Resolved (if the Assembly concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the Assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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