



NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) is the trade association for America's firearms and ammunition industry. Our mission is to promote, protect, and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. The United States House of Representatives is expected to be voting as early as tomorrow on H. J. Res. 69, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to "Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska". **Due to the importance of H. J. Res. 69, NSSF will be considering a vote in support of H. J. Res. 69 as a key vote for use in the NSSF Candidate Scorecard and for consideration in future candidate ratings.**

Vote "YES" on H. J. Res. 69

In August 2016, the U.S. Department of the Interior published a final rule that preempts state management authority, which is protected by law in Alaska. Among other things, the FWS final rule fundamentally changes the very successful federal-state relationship in managing National Wildlife Refuges (NWR), by removing the authority of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to manage Alaska fish and wildlife for both non-subsistence and subsistence use. Without the passage of H. J. Res. 69, the final rule could set a precedent and be applied nationally, which would universally remove state fish and wildlife agencies' authority to manage fish and wildlife adversely impacting Americans who pursue fish and wildlife on refuges.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation **SUPPORTS Passage of H. J. Res. 69** and respectfully asks you to support this resolution.