

Official Explanation of the Right to Hunt and Fish Proposed Constitutional Amendment

(Session Law 2018-96)

Question as it will appear on the ballot:

For Against

Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.

Right to Hunt and Fish

This amendment would acknowledge the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, and to use traditional methods to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife. The amendment does not define “traditional methods.”

This right would be subject to laws passed by the Legislature and rules (i) to promote wildlife conservation and management and (ii) to preserve the future of hunting and fishing. If it passes, the amendment will not affect any laws regarding trespassing, property rights or eminent domain. The amendment does not address its effect on local laws concerning public safety or on commercial hunting and fishing.

The amendment would also establish that public hunting and fishing are a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.

This is just a short summary of the amendment. To see the actual amendment before voting on it, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ncsos677>.

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