

(LIMITED RUN FOR ALL ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS)

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13**  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR LINCOLN**  
**REPRESENTATIVES Ogg, Lynn**  
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**Referred: State Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Encouraging the Department of Corrections to provide canned Alaska pink salmon to**  
2 **inmates of the Alaska prison system.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** pink salmon is an inexpensive source of omega-3 fatty acids, which have  
5 been shown to decrease the risk of heart disease, inflammatory processes, and certain cancers;  
6 and

7 **WHEREAS** Alaska salmon has been linked to improvements in or prevention of  
8 certain kinds of cancer, ulcerative colitis, psoriasis, arthritis, asthma, lupus erythematosus,  
9 depression, and certain kinds of mental illness; and

10 **WHEREAS** most people can improve their health by consuming salmon in their diet  
11 two to four times a week; and

12 **WHEREAS** improved health of inmates will reduce medical treatment costs for  
13 inmates of the Alaska prison system; and

14 **WHEREAS** salmon is a traditional Alaska food; and

15 **WHEREAS** Alaska prisoners who are housed outside of the state receive little or no  
16 Alaska foods in their diets; and

1           **WHEREAS** inventories of canned Alaska pink salmon are available in the state for  
2 Alaska correctional facilities and in Seattle for shipping to correctional facilities outside of  
3 Alaska that house Alaska prisoners, including the Florence Correctional Center in Arizona;  
4 and

5           **WHEREAS**, at the beginning of the 2003 salmon fishing season, a projected stock of  
6 60,000,000 tall (14.75 ounce) cans of pink salmon will remain in surplus, with another strong  
7 year of pink salmon returns predicted for the 2003 fishing season;

8           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully encourages the  
9 Department of Corrections to provide canned Alaska pink salmon to Alaska inmates housed  
10 in correctional facilities in the state and to Alaska inmates housed in correctional facilities  
11 outside of the state three times a week to promote inmate health and cultural well-being.