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Requesting the National Park Service to mitigate the adverse economic effects of commercial fishing closures and restrictions in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.

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

WHEREAS the marine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve have provided sustainable fisheries for Alaska commercial fishermen and have provided an economic base for communities in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has historically managed the commercial fisheries in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve in a sound and productive manner; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission has implemented a commercial fisheries entry program for the major commercial fisheries that are conducted in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve; and

WHEREAS the federal government through the National Park Service has implemented closures and restrictions on commercial fishing in the marine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve; and

WHEREAS the closures and restrictions on commercial fishing in the marine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve have negatively affected commercial fishermen

and their dependents, crewmembers, businesses, and communities in Southeast Alaska that directly and indirectly relied upon commercial fisheries for their livelihood and economic base; and

WHEREAS the National Park Service purchases, leases, or charters vessels for research, enforcement, operations, maintenance, and administration in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve; and

WHEREAS the National Park Service also purchases equipment, materials, lodging, and services for the operation, maintenance, and administration of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the National Park Service to mitigate the adverse economic consequences of the closures and restrictions on commercial fishing in the marine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve by purchasing or leasing vessels, equipment, materials, lodging, and services necessary for research, enforcement, operations, maintenance, and administration in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve from those commercial fishermen, businesses, and communities in Southeast Alaska that have been adversely affected by those closures and restrictions; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the National Park Service to give a preference to those who have been adversely affected by the closures and restrictions on commercial fishing in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve when contracting for vessels, equipment, materials, lodging, and services.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gale Norton, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Fran P. Mainella, Director, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior; Marcia Blaszk, Regional Director, Alaska Region, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior; Tomie Lee, Superintendent, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.