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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

Relating to the processing of Bristol Bay salmon.

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

WHEREAS a red salmon run in Bristol Bay of tremendous magnitude is anticipated during the 1970 fishing season; and

WHEREAS many persons fear that the existing facilities in Bristol Bay will be unable to process the total anticipated catch in the area; and

WHEREAS some fishermen have already been advised that Bristol Bay processors do not plan to purchase fish from them; and

WHEREAS this situation could spark an explosive situation; and

WHEREAS an expanded fishery area has been proposed so as to enable the processors to expand their capability by permitting earlier harvesting of the area; and

WHEREAS such an expanded fishery would contravene Alaskan and United States policy of fishing segregated stocks near their rivers of origin; and

WHEREAS it appears possible to utilize processing facilities elsewhere by moving fish by air to other locations;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to immediately appoint a special task force to include, among others, the Director of

International Fisheries and the Commissioners of Economic Development and Commerce to study the feasibility of airlifting Bristol Bay fish to other locations for processing and, if feasible, to proceed immediately in implementing this policy for the 1970 fishing season so as to expand marketing and processing capability.