



Alaska State Legislature

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

Relating to the harvesting of herring roe.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the herring fishery was once a dynamic industry in this state; and

WHEREAS the herring stocks are a valuable resource of this state; and

WHEREAS overexploitation of this valuable resource has reduced the original stocks of herring to a point where a sustained yield program cannot be maintained; and

WHEREAS the Department of Fish and Game is allowing herring to be taken in a spawning condition for the extraction of the roe only, further aggravating and hastening the depletion of the herring stocks; and

WHEREAS the harvesting of kelp on which the herring spawn is deposited for commercial purposes is further threatening this valuable resource;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Governor is urgently requested to direct the Department of Fish and Game to propose to the next meeting of the Board of Fish and Game that the taking of herring for the purpose of extracting roe for commercial purposes be restricted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor direct the Department of Fish and Game to request the Board of Fish and Game to halt

the taking of kelp or other vegetation retaining the herring spawn for commercial purposes until an acceptable evaluation of herring stocks and kelp resources is provided by the Department of Fish and Game.