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Requesting the National Park Service to adopt procedures providing public notice of proposed regulations, emergency regulations, and field orders for national parks, preserves, and monuments in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS in 1980 the National Park Service instituted a three-year closure of Glacier Bay National Park to the commercial fishing of shrimp and other principal food sources of the humpback whale; and

WHEREAS the National Park Service failed to provide timely notice of the closure; and

WHEREAS, without notice of the closure, commercial fishermen made preparations to fish and traveled to Glacier Bay only to be refused entry into the park by National Park Service employees; and

WHEREAS failure of the National Park Service to provide adequate notice of the closure caused severe, unnecessary, and unwarranted economic loss to commercial fishermen;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, is respectfully requested to adopt procedures that will provide to all Alaska residents and other users of national parks, preserves, and monuments in Alaska improved notice of proposed regulations, emergency regulations, and field orders; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, is respectfully requested to adopt notice procedures for field orders issued for all national parks, preserves, and monuments in Alaska in order that, not less than 48 hours before the effective date of a field order, the order will be

(1) posted and otherwise made available to the public in accordance with procedures customarily used by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for posting and publicizing similar notices; and

(2) broadcast at the time intervals, channels, and frequencies customarily used by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to broadcast similar notices; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, is respectfully requested to reevaluate the necessity of its three-year closure of Glacier Bay National Park to commercial fishing of shrimp and other principal food sources of the humpback whale.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James G. Watt, Secretary of the Interior; Mr. Russell E. Dickenson, Director, National Park Service; Mr. John Chapman, Superintendent, Glacier Bay National Park; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.