

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

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Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the allocation of Alaska salmon.

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

3 WHEREAS salmon are a valuable natural resource, forming a significant component
4 of the Alaska economy; and

5 WHEREAS Alaska's salmon resources are well managed, healthy, and have
6 historically provided a consistent return to all regions of the state; and

7 WHEREAS the failure of traditional seafood processing techniques combined with
8 current global commercial salmon production has resulted in a steadily declining value to the
9 state from the commercial salmon industry; and

10 WHEREAS the future of Alaska's economy and job growth is based on development
11 of tourism and recreational businesses, including many sport fishing related industries that
12 require consistent access to salmon; and

13 WHEREAS the value to the state from the recreational use of salmon surpasses the
14 value realized from the commercial salmon industry; and

15 WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the state to set policies producing the maximum
16 economic return from a common property resource; and

17 WHEREAS the Alaska Board of Fisheries has statutory authority to allocate and

1 manage Alaska's salmon resources;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Alaska
3 Board of Fisheries to adopt an allocation policy maximizing access to Alaska's salmon
4 resources by sport fishing and subsistence user groups; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
6 Alaska Board of Fisheries to adopt a policy of giving priority to sport and subsistence salmon
7 fishing over commercial salmon fishing in cases where scarcity of fishery resources requires
8 that a choice be made.