

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/18/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to Alaska Salmon Day.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska has rebuilt salmon runs from levels during latter
4 territorial days when fisheries were under federal control; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Alaska salmon fishery today constitutes the largest commercial wild
6 salmon fishery in the world, employing more than 29,000 people and having a product value
7 of more than \$272,000,000 in 2001; and

8 **WHEREAS** Alaska salmon is managed by sustainable fishing practices to ensure
9 future runs, an on-going fishing industry, and employment for Alaskans; and

10 **WHEREAS** Alaska salmon is certified as sustainable by the Marine Stewardship
11 Council; and

12 **WHEREAS** wild Alaska salmon and its habitats are protected to maintain resource
13 productivity; and

14 **WHEREAS** Alaska salmon is recognized as a healthy, nutritious food resource rich in
15 Omega 3 oils and other vital nutrients; and

16 **WHEREAS** the Alaska salmon fishery supports community economies throughout

1 Alaska;

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates June 30, 2002, as
3 Alaska Salmon Day and calls on the people of Alaska to observe the day by participating in
4 activities focusing around the catching and eating of salmon.

5 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor;
6 Barbara Belknap, Executive Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute; and to the
7 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
8 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.