

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11(FSH)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Offered: 3/24/03

Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WOLF, Foster, Coghill, Meyer, Lynn, Fate, Samuels, Heinze, Chenault, McGuire, Ogg, Harris

A RESOLUTION

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

8 **WHEREAS** Alaska wild salmon shall be managed by maximum sustained yield
9 principles to ensure future runs, an on-going fishing industry, and employment for Alaskans;
10 and

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

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

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

1 **WHEREAS** the Alaska wild salmon fishery supports community economies
2 throughout Alaska;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates July 2, 2003, as
4 Alaska Wild Salmon Day and calls on the people of Alaska to observe the day by
5 participating in activities focusing around the catching and eating of salmon.

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