

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/12/04

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WOLF, Wilson, Chenault, Gara, Lynn, Seaton, Dahlstrom

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to Alaska Wild Salmon Week, June 28 - July 4, 2004.**

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 \$162,552,000 in 2002; and

8 **WHEREAS** Alaska wild salmon shall be managed by sustained yield principles to
9 ensure future runs, ongoing sport, commercial, and subsistence fishing industries, and
10 employment for Alaskans; and

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

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

15 **WHEREAS** the individual harvesting of Alaska wild salmon is an important Alaska
16 tradition with immeasurable economic and personal benefits for hundreds of thousands of

1 Alaskans; and

2 **WHEREAS** Alaska wild salmon has historically provided sustenance for generations
3 in our state through traditional subsistence and personal use harvest; and

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

6 **WHEREAS** the Alaska wild salmon fishery supports community economies
7 throughout Alaska;

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates the week of June 28
9 - July 4, 2004, as Alaska Wild Salmon Week, and calls on the people of Alaska to observe the
10 week by participating in activities focusing on the catching and eating of salmon.

11 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Ray Riutta, Executive Director, Alaska
12 Seafood Marketing Institute; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa
13 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
14 the Alaska delegation in Congress.