

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE SEATON BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE SALMON INDUSTRY
TASK FORCE**

Introduced: 1/28/04

Referred: House Special Committee on Economic Development, International Trade, and Tourism, Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to the socioeconomic impacts of salmon harvesting cooperatives.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** salmon harvesting cooperatives provide an opportunity to increase the
4 efficiency of the Alaska salmon industry and improve the quality of Alaska salmon products;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS** salmon harvesting cooperatives create social and economic changes
7 within fishing communities; and

8 **WHEREAS** the advantages and disadvantages flowing from salmon harvesting
9 cooperatives are difficult to quantify and to distinguish from the effects of broader regional
10 and global trends affecting the Alaska salmon industry and the world market for Alaska
11 salmon;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
13 University of Alaska to ask the appropriate unit of the university to perform a socioeconomic
14 study of the effects of salmon harvesting cooperatives on commercial fishermen, processors,
15 Alaska fishing communities, and the State of Alaska; and be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the study be presented to the Alaska State Legislature

1 by November 1, 2004.

2 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Mark R. Hamilton,

3 President, University of Alaska and to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska.