

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the National Park Service to mitigate the adverse economic effects of**
2 **commercial fishing closures and restrictions in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the marine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve have
5 provided sustainable fisheries for Alaska commercial fishermen and have provided an
6 economic base for communities in Southeast Alaska; and

7 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska has historically managed the commercial fisheries in
8 Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve in a sound and productive manner; and

9 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission has implemented a
10 commercial fisheries entry program for the major commercial fisheries that are conducted in
11 Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve; and

12 **WHEREAS** the federal government through the National Park Service has
13 implemented closures and restrictions on commercial fishing in the marine waters of Glacier
14 Bay National Park and Preserve; and

15 **WHEREAS** the closures and restrictions on commercial fishing in the marine waters
16 of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve have negatively affected commercial fishermen

1 and their dependents, crewmembers, businesses, and communities in Southeast Alaska that
2 directly and indirectly relied upon commercial fisheries for their livelihood and economic
3 base; and

4 **WHEREAS** the National Park Service purchases, leases, or charters vessels for
5 research, enforcement, operations, maintenance, and administration in Glacier Bay National
6 Park and Preserve; and

7 **WHEREAS** the National Park Service also purchases equipment, materials, lodging,
8 and services for the operation, maintenance, and administration of Glacier Bay National Park
9 and Preserve;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
11 National Park Service to mitigate the adverse economic consequences of the closures and
12 restrictions on commercial fishing in the marine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and
13 Preserve by purchasing or leasing vessels, equipment, materials, lodging, and services
14 necessary for research, enforcement, operations, maintenance, and administration in Glacier
15 Bay National Park and Preserve from those commercial fishermen, businesses, and
16 communities in Southeast Alaska that have been adversely affected by those closures and
17 restrictions; and be it

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
19 National Park Service to give a preference to those who have been adversely affected by the
20 closures and restrictions on commercial fishing in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve
21 when contracting for vessels, equipment, materials, lodging, and services.

22 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gale Norton, United States
23 Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Fran P. Mainella, Director, National Park Service,
24 United States Department of the Interior; Marcia Blaszak, Acting Regional Director, Alaska
25 Region, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior; Tomie Lee,
26 Superintendent, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, National Park Service, United States
27 Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa
28 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of
29 the Alaska delegation in Congress.