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IN THE HOUSE BY MRS. FISCHER AND MESSRS.
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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to a school of fisheries
at Kodiak.

TO THE HONORABLE ERNEST N. PATTY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALASKA; THE HONORABLE HUGH J. WADE, GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; THE HONOR-
ABLE CLARENCE ANDERSON, DIRECTOR OF FISH AND GAME:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
First Legislature, First Session assembled, respectfully submits
that:

WHEREAS, the waters of Alaska are known as the world's
greatest and most productive fishing grounds, producing an aver-
age yearly income of approximately \$100,000,000; and

WHEREAS, this great natural resource is threatened with ex-
tinction due to both overfishing and improper management; and

WHEREAS, the optimum potential of this vast resource cannot
be realized without enlightenment based on prolonged and careful
study; and

WHEREAS, the information needed for such study cannot, in the
time remaining to save the fisheries resource, be assembled under
the presently existing policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for the present condition of
the Alaska fisheries rests not only with Alaskans but also with
the people of Washington, Oregon, California and many other states
of the Union, thereby also placing the responsibility of rebuild-
ing this great natural resource upon the people of the entire
nation; and

1 WHEREAS, an Alaskan school of fisheries established in the
2 state would greatly aid in resolving the problems facing the in-
3 dustry and would provide facilities for long-range study; and

4 WHEREAS, the ideal physical location for such a school would
5 be in Kodiak, Alaska, for almost two centuries the heart of the
6 Alaska commercial fishing industry, where adequate sites and
7 facilities are available;

8 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the
9 State of Alaska urges that all efforts be made by the University
10 of Alaska and the Department of Fish and Game to institute a
11 school of Alaska fisheries in or near the city of Kodiak, Alaska.

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