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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. CASHEL

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the elimination of
herring reduction plants in Alaska.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION
ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

WHEREAS, herring in Southeast Alaska territorial waters
are being caught by "outside" fishermen and ground into fertilizer
in reduction plants; and

WHEREAS, salmon, halibut, and other fish of commercial value,
and predators rely on herring for food; and

WHEREAS, trollers and halibut fishermen report increasing
devastation by predators that are taking their catches off their
gear; and

WHEREAS, predators (sea lions, hair seal, etc.) are
ordinarily lazy and would not as likely exert themselves pursuing
the more difficult-to-catch salmon, halibut, etc., if vast schools
of herring were available;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second
Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring,
that the Division of Commercial Fisheries of the Department of
Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Board are urged to take
immediate steps to eliminate the taking of herring inside Alaska's
territorial waters for any purpose except for bait or for food
for human consumption.