

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the commercial taking of
6 herring spawn in the vicinity of
7 Fish Egg Island.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND
9 LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, the fishing industry constitutes one of the most
11 important industries of the state and its future is dependent on
12 sound conservation measures; and

13 WHEREAS, the Alaska fishery resource has been seriously
14 depleted in recent years; and

15 WHEREAS, the commercial taking of herring spawn has made
16 serious inroads into the herring runs on which salmon and halibut
17 must feed; and

18 WHEREAS, the resulting depletion in the salmon and halibut
19 runs poses a serious threat to the state fishery; and

20 WHEREAS, the residents of Craig and Ketchikan wish to conserve
21 the fishery resource in their areas and have requested the Board
22 of Fish and Game to close certain areas to the commercial taking
23 of herring spawn;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
25 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Board of Fish
26 and Game is requested to cease issuing permits during the present
27 critical period for the commercial taking of herring spawn in the
28 area surrounding Fish Egg Island near Craig on the west coast of
29 Prince of Wales Island; and be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
2 the members of the Board of Fish and Game.

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