

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. STALKER

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the control of  
6 pomarine jaegers.

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

9 WHEREAS, control of predaceous species is a fundamental  
10 principle of sound conservation; and

11 WHEREAS, pomarine jaegers, gull-like birds of the family  
12 Stercorariidae, are highly destructive to the eggs and young of  
13 many migratory game birds; and

14 WHEREAS, there appears to be no natural benefit commensurate  
15 with the destructive capacity of pomarine jaegers; and

16 WHEREAS, placing a bounty on pomarine jaegers would have the  
17 dual effect of increasing the number of valuable migratory birds,  
18 and providing a source of revenue to persons of low incomes who  
19 are primarily dependent upon fishing and hunting for their sub-  
20 sistence; and

21 WHEREAS, pomarine jaegers are migratory birds, and are pro-  
22 tected presently by the Federal Government;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
24 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Federal  
25 Government is respectfully urged to take action to relinquish  
26 jurisdiction over the protection of pomarine jaegers, and that  
27 control of these birds be placed in the hands of the states so  
28 that bounties and other control measures may be utilized to con-  
29 trol them; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of Interior, and the Alaska delegation to Congress.