

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the length of salmon
6 seine vessels in the Southeastern
7 Alaska and Prince William Sound
8 areas.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION
10 ASSEMBLED:

11 WHEREAS, commercial fishing for salmon represents a basic
12 segment of the economy of Southeastern Alaska and the Prince
13 William Sound areas; and

14 WHEREAS, the salmon resources in recent years have suffered
15 a severe decline resulting in economic deprivation in both South-
16 eastern Alaska and the Prince William Sound areas; and

17 WHEREAS, one of the reasons for the decline in the salmon
18 resource has been the use of a greater amount of more efficient
19 fishing gear; and

20 WHEREAS, during the past 30 years seine boats fishing in
21 these areas have been restricted by regulation to 50-foot keel
22 length measurements; and

23 WHEREAS, by technical manipulations some salmon seine
24 vessels are now attempting to circumvent the intent of the
25 present regulations relative to boat length;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second
27 Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Board of Fish and
28 Game is urged to promulgate regulations providing that salmon
29 seine vessels fishing in the Southeastern Alaska and Prince

1 William Sound areas be limited to those documented vessels list-
2 ed in the Bureau of Customs publication "Merchant Vessels of the
3 United States," 1959 edition, as having an official length of
4 50 feet, but an overall length not exceeding 58 feet.
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