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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to an emergency program
6 for scientific research in the
7 conservation of salmon and halibut
8 stocks.

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

11 WHEREAS, the ocean fisheries of the United States are not
12 only the source of livelihood for many thousands of fishermen and
13 shore workers on all coasts of this country and their vessels and
14 seamanship are invaluable in time of national emergency, but also
15 their fisheries are a source of an enormous and increasingly
16 essential food supply for the entire nation; and

17 WHEREAS, the fisheries of the North Pacific Coast of this
18 country and particularly those in the region of Alaska are being
19 seriously threatened by the recently indicated incursions of
20 powerful fishing fleets from abroad; and

21 WHEREAS, adequate protection of these great resources is
22 heavily dependent upon thorough scientific knowledge of the fish-
23 eries involved, their life history, migration and oceanographic
24 information involved, and all this is especially important in
25 connection with the valuable salmon and halibut fisheries; and

26 WHEREAS, the United States and Canada are the leading world
27 proponents of fishery conservation and that important principle
28 known as abstention, which is a basic feature of the present
29 fishery convention between the United States, Japan and Canada,

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1 and the need for further immediate and intensive research has
2 become imperative to demonstrate the importance and practicabili-
3 ty of the application of this principle to the conservation of
4 the salmon and halibut stocks;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
6 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that immediate and
7 urgent consideration be given to the emergency program of
8 scientific research recommended by the International North
9 Pacific Fisheries Commission and that the necessary funds be
10 appropriated for this purpose.

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