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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the renegotiation of
6 the Convention for High Seas Fish-
7 eries of the North Pacific Ocean.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS, the salmon resources of the State of Alaska support
10 historic subsistence, commercial and sports fisheries; and

11 WHEREAS, these fisheries are vital to the economy of the
12 State of Alaska and the United States and to the sustenance and
13 enjoyment of their citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, these fisheries are managed by the State of Alaska
15 under domestic law and regulation to the end that the resources
16 shall be perpetuated while yielding the maximum sustainable
17 harvest; and

18 WHEREAS, the salmon resources may be managed on a sustained
19 yield basis only when management may select the brood stocks
20 according to qualitative as well as quantitative standards; and

21 WHEREAS, such management practices are made possible by the
22 immutable laws of nature which provide for the division of the
23 stocks into their divers races in the territorial waters of the
24 State of Alaska; and

25 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska alone has the jurisdiction over
26 the salmon in its territorial waters, does not yield to any other
27 government its paramount authority in this matter, and does not
28 recognize that any other governments may diminish its special and
29 unique obligation to all mankind to manage these salmon so that

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1 the maximum sustained yield may be harvested; and

2 WHEREAS, there exists between the governments of the United
3 States, Canada, and Japan an international convention under which
4 a semblance of legality may be ascribed to the Japanese high
5 seas fishery based upon the salmon stocks of western Alaska; and

6 WHEREAS, the Government of Japan has denounced the principle
7 of abstention to which Alaskans had looked for a favorable solu-
8 tion to the management problem created by the Japanese high seas
9 fishery, and further, has asked for the renegotiation of the
10 Convention with the result that meetings have been held in Wash-
11 ington, D.C., Tokyo, and Ottawa and another is scheduled for
12 Washington, D.C. in 1965.

13 BE IT RESOLVED, in order to provide for the conservation of
14 the salmon resources of western Alaska, for their use in con-
15 sonance with the principles of maximum sustained yield, to avert
16 economic disaster to the once great salmon industry in Bristol
17 Bay, and to provide for the continued protection of the other
18 salmon resources of Alaska, that the Legislature of the State of
19 Alaska makes the following declarations:

20 1. That net or long line salmon fisheries on the high
21 seas are opposed;

22 2. That the principle of sustainable harvest should be
23 integrated in the terms of any treaty negotiated at Washington,
24 D.C.; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
26 the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable Stewart
27 L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Clarence F.
28 Pautzke, Commissioner of Fish and Game, Department of the Interior;
29 and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.