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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the prohibition of com-
6 mercial sales of incidentally
7 caught king salmon in Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS king salmon taken by commercial fishermen in Cook Inlet are
10 caught incidentally to the taking of other species; and

11 WHEREAS most of these king salmon are dead when picked from the gear;
12 and

13 WHEREAS approximately 8,000 king salmon may be taken annually in Cook
14 Inlet having a value of approximately \$100,000, the sale of which would be
15 of great economic benefit to the fishermen, the Kenai Peninsula and the
16 State of Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS the sale of the king salmon at market price would allow the
18 fisherman to recover a portion of the loss caused by those king salmon
19 through the damage to fishing gear and subsequent loss of red salmon; and

20 WHEREAS there is no biological evidence to indicate that such a ban
21 will serve any needed conservation purpose;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska that the Board
23 of Fish and Game is respectfully requested to repeal its regulations pro-
24 hibiting commercial sale of incidentally caught king salmon in Cook Inlet
25 and to allow these king salmon to be sold by commercial fishermen for full
26 market price.

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