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BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the conduct of logging

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activities on public lands owned by

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the state.

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

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WHEREAS two of the most important pink and chum salmon spawning streams

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in the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay commercial fishing area flow into the Rocky-

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Windy Bay area on the Kenai Peninsula; and

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WHEREAS the Department of Natural Resources has recently contracted for

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the sale of merchantable timber on state lands in the Rocky-Windy Bay area;

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WHEREAS several meetings were held between representatives of the Depart-

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ment of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Game regarding logging

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methods designed to prevent undue and unnecessary injury to the fish and game

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values of the Rocky-Windy Bay watersheds; and

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WHEREAS, despite these meetings a road reconnaissance survey in the

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Rocky River watershed was initiated, using heavy equipment, without the

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approval of the Department of Fish and Game; and

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WHEREAS the heavy equipment made 12 stream crossings and twice ran in

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the stream bed for at least 50 yards before being discovered and stopped

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by the Department of Fish and Game; and

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WHEREAS this incident is indicative of a breakdown in communications

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between the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and

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Game; and

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WHEREAS it is the expressed policy of the state that resource development

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shall be carried out under the multiple-use principle, wherein full

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1 consideration is afforded to all resource values involved;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
3 that a formal written agreement providing for the orderly and positive flow
4 of information between all parties concerned with logging operations on state
5 lands should be promptly adopted by the Department of Fish and Game and the
6 Department of Natural Resources; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the event it is decided against adopting such
8 an agreement, the Department of Fish and Game establish primary and direct
9 contact with logging operators on state lands relative to the observation
10 by the logger of pertinent Department of Fish and Game statutes and regula-
11 tions which provide for protection of the fish and game resources.

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