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Referred: Resources

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the processing of Bristol  
6 Bay salmon.

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

8 WHEREAS a red salmon run in Bristol Bay of tremendous magnitude is  
9 anticipated during the 1970 fishing season; and

10 WHEREAS many persons fear that the existing facilities in Bristol Bay  
11 will be unable to process the total anticipated catch in the area; and

12 WHEREAS some fishermen have already been advised that Bristol Bay pro-  
13 cessors do not plan to purchase fish from them; and

14 WHEREAS this situation could spark an explosive situation; and

15 WHEREAS an expanded fishery area has been proposed so as to enable  
16 the processors to expand their capability by permitting earlier harvesting  
17 of the area; and

18 WHEREAS such an expanded fishery would contravene Alaskan and United  
19 States policy of fishing segregated stocks near their rivers of origin; and

20 WHEREAS it appears possible to utilize processing facilities elsewhere  
21 by moving fish by air to other locations;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixth State Legislature that the Governor is  
23 respectfully requested to immediately appoint a special task force to  
24 include, among others, the Director of International Fisheries and the  
25 Commissioners of Economic Development and Commerce to study the feasibility  
26 of airlifting Bristol Bay fish to other locations for processing and, if  
27 feasible, to proceed immediately in implementing this policy for the 1970  
28 fishing season so as to expand marketing and processing capability.  
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