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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the reduction in federal  
6 funding of high seas salmon research  
7 in the Northeastern Pacific for fiscal  
8 year 1970.

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

10 WHEREAS the budget proposed for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries for  
11 fiscal year 1970 includes a reduction of \$250,000 in support of biological  
12 research programs of the Fisheries Research Institute, University of Washing-  
13 ton; and

14 WHEREAS these programs in the past have conclusively proved to be of  
15 vital importance to the salmon fisheries of Bristol Bay and other areas of  
16 the North Pacific, since an accurate forecast of the annual salmon run is  
17 invaluable in regulating and controlling the commercial salmon harvest; and

18 WHEREAS 1970 will be an especially critical year in the salmon fisheries  
19 of Bristol Bay since inadequate harvesting of the run by the United States  
20 will reflect on International Pacific Fisheries Convention negotiations,  
21 result in harvest loss, and could seriously damage production in future  
22 years, through overtaxing of spawning and rearing areas; and

23 WHEREAS it cannot be assumed that the present "status quo" in the high  
24 seas fishery for salmon will continue, since entry of another nation such  
25 as South Korea, not bound by treaty, could drastically alter the present  
26 harvest rate of American salmon stocks;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully  
28 requests the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries to continue its financial support  
29 in the same amount as prior years for the vital research conducted by the

1 University of Washington Fisheries Research Institute; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED as an alternative if a budget cut must occur, that out  
3 of the \$400,000 budgeted for long term "studies aimed at the removal of  
4 economic, political, and social barriers hindering fisheries development",  
5 under the marketing and technology section, \$250,000 should be transferred  
6 to the urgently needed fisheries research programs, to bring the funding up  
7 to the level of prior years.

8 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
9 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Julia Butler Hansen,  
10 Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of the  
11 Interior; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Department of the  
12 Interior; the Honorable Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner of Fish and Wild-  
13 life Service; the Honorable Harry L. Rietze, Regional Director, Bureau of  
14 Commercial Fisheries; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable  
15 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S.  
16 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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