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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 111
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Urging a strong U. S. protest to prevent
the imminent invasion of North Pacific
salmon fisheries by South Korea.

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

WHEREAS reliable evidence through observation, foreign fleet preparation,
and foreign sales commitments indicates that U. S. North Pacific salmon
resources are in grave danger from major South Korean salmon fishing opera-
tions in the Bering Sea in April; and

WHEREAS verbal statements from the Korean Embassy that salmon will not
be the intended catch serve as little assurance that our salmon resources
will be protected, since similar guarantees in 1969 were summarily broken,
resulting in the catch of some 500 - 700 tons of Bristol Bay red salmon; and

WHEREAS the Korean government has not indicated to our government that
they are planning to take steps to enforce licensing provisions on their
fishermen or to invoke significant penalties; and

WHEREAS a full scale invasion of these red salmon grounds north of
Port Moller, Alaska could seriously endanger the success of the international
North Pacific fisheries treaty signed by Japan, Canada, and the U. S.,
thereby opening up U. S. salmon resources within 12 miles of our coast to
Japan, Korea, Russia and any other foreign country desiring to participate
in their harvest; and

WHEREAS it is believed that the ability of Korea to mount an expedition
of the magnitude being planned is made directly or indirectly possible
through U. S. foreign aid to Korea;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully

1 requests that the strongest protests possible be made by the government of
2 the United States, including reconsideration of aid and trade policies, to
3 prevent the imminent Korean fishing invasion of U. S. salmon, and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that an attempt be made to obtain an irrevocable
5 commitment from Korea that she will abstain from fishing U. S. salmon in the
6 future.

7 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
8 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. McCormack,
9 Speaker of the House; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro
10 Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable William P. Rogers, Secretary, Department
11 of State; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary, Department of the
12 Interior; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Com-
13 mittee; The Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman, House Interstate and
14 Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable John R. Gilbert, President,
15 Association of Pacific Fisheries; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock,
U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.