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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Proposing that the Board of Fish and  
6 Game reconsider the question of the  
7 False Pass salmon fishery.

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

9 WHEREAS the major objection to a high seas salmon fishery is the in-  
10 ability to segregate salmon runs by geographical destination until these  
11 runs are in close proximity to their spawning grounds; and

12 WHEREAS this inability to segregate precludes sound management prac-  
13 tices due to the intermingling of runs of different geographical destination  
14 until proximity to spawning grounds is reached; and

15 WHEREAS severe damage may unknowingly be inflicted on a weak run when  
16 fished out of the proximity of geographical destination; and

17 WHEREAS in recognition of this the United States has barred high seas  
18 salmon fishing with regard to United States citizens; and

19 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has attempted to manage salmon as close to  
20 the spawning grounds as possible in order to allow self-segregation of the  
21 fish before harvesting; and

22 WHEREAS there exists a developing fishery in the False Pass area which  
23 directly contravenes this policy since it is conducted on intermingled stocks  
24 of salmon destined for the various river systems of the Bristol Bay area;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS this fishery has been conducted on a seven day a week basis  
27 with greater amounts of gear than allowed in the Bristol Bay fishery; and

28 WHEREAS enforcement is almost totally lacking in this district, thus  
29 compounding the distress of the Bristol Bay fishermen who view with alarm

1 this expansion of effort on unsegregated stocks;

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature requests the Board of Fish and  
3 Game to adopt regulations imposing at least the same restraints on the  
4 False Pass fishery insofar as gear, time and protection are concerned, as  
5 are imposed on the Bristol Bay fishery; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that in compliance with pleas of the United States  
7 that foreign nationals be dissuaded from fishing intermingled salmon stocks,  
8 the Board of Fish and Game evidence the State of Alaska's adherence to this  
9 policy by phasing out intermingled area fisheries whenever they occur through-  
10 out the state if the stocks can be adequately harvested once they become  
11 segregated.

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