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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30
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

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

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