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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to possible closure, by the  
6 Board of Fish and Game, of fishing in  
7 the Kuskokwim River area.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS it has been reported that the Board of Fish and Game is con-  
10 sidering closing the Kuskokwim River area to commercial fishing because an  
11 agreement has been reached by a native fishermen's cooperative with the  
12 operators of a Japanese vessel for the latter to process fish caught in the  
13 area this summer; and

14 WHEREAS the operators of the Japanese vessel have agreed to employ  
15 local residents to work on the vessel doing the processing; and

16 WHEREAS the duty of the Board of Fish and Game is solely one of con-  
17 servation, in line with the constitutionally mandated "sustained yield  
18 principle"; and

19 WHEREAS it is not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Fish and  
20 Game to make economic policy decisions concerning the processing of fish,  
21 which is traditionally the prerogative of the Governor; and

22 WHEREAS Governor Miller has reached agreement with the fishermen's  
23 cooperative for use this year of the Japanese freezer vessel;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate emphatically requests the  
25 Board of Fish and Game to refrain from any action that would jeopardize the  
26 agreement between the native cooperative in the Kuskokwim River area and the  
27 Japanese fish-processing vessel, and specifically requests that the river  
28 not be closed to fishing unless such a step is absolutely necessary to  
29 conserve the resources of that area.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Augie Reetz,  
2 Commissioner of Fish and Game; the Honorable Wallace H. Noerenberg, Deputy  
3 Commissioner, Commercial Fisheries; and each member of the Board of Fish  
4 and Game.  
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