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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to commercial fishing in
6 Mud Bay.

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

8 WHEREAS that body of water known as Mud Bay located to the Westward of a
9 line between Homer Spit and Miller's Landing is currently open to commercial
10 fishing; and

11 WHEREAS the salmon run into this body of water was at one time extremely
12 significant but has been so overharvested that if commercial fishing is
13 continued in this area, there will be no more salmon; and

14 WHEREAS Mud Bay is not a deep water fishing area, the salmon only coming
15 in at high tide, at which time they are taken at will; and

16 WHEREAS many Alaskans have voiced their concern over the continued
17 commercial fishing in this area; and

18 WHEREAS this area should be closed to commercial fishing as a resource
19 conservation measure at this time to permit the salmon runs into the Mud Bay
20 area to be restored;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Board of Fish and Game
22 is urgently requested to close that area known as Mud Bay to commercial fish-
23 ing until such time as the resurgence of the salmon runs into the area is
24 an established fact.

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