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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to cannery operations in the

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Ketchikan area.

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

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WHEREAS it has been announced that for the first time in over 70 years

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salmon will not be canned commercially in Ketchikan this season and that

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canneries in other areas close to Ketchikan also will be inoperable; and

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WHEREAS the closure of these canneries will mean extreme financial

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hardship for many citizens normally employed in the summer in these can-

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neries, and many Alaskan fishermen, as well as an economic setback for

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Ketchikan and the affected Alaskan communities that would normally benefit

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from an employed populace; and

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WHEREAS the decision to not operate their canneries during this season

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has been variously blamed on the closure of the Ketchikan area to salmon

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purse seining and on mismanagement of logging practices; and

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WHEREAS in order to avoid a repetition of this set of circumstances

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from occurring in the future, a study should be made concerning the practices

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of the logging industry and of the Department of Fish and Game in the af-

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ected area in an attempt to alleviate and solve the alleged problems which

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have caused the closure of these canneries.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council

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is requested to, in cooperation and consultation with the Department of

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Fish and Game, the U.S. Forest Service, and other appropriate persons and

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agencies, make an interim study concerning logging and commercial fishing

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policies in this area of the state and to issue its report to the Seventh

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Legislature - Second Session.