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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 ~~HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1~~

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the harvesting of
6 herring roe.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS the herring fishery was once a dynamic industry in this state;
9 and

10 WHEREAS the herring stocks are a valuable resource of this state; and

11 WHEREAS overexploitation of this valuable resource has reduced the
12 original stocks of herring to a point where a sustained yield program cannot
13 be maintained; and

14 WHEREAS the Department of Fish and Game is allowing herring to be taken
15 in a spawning condition for the extraction of the roe only, further aggra-
16 vating and hastening the depletion of the herring stocks; and

17 WHEREAS the harvesting of kelp on which the herring spawn is deposited
18 for commercial purposes is further threatening this valuable resource;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives that the Governor is
20 urgently requested to direct the Department of Fish and Game to propose to
21 the next meeting of the Board of Fish and Game that the taking of herring
22 for the purpose of extracting roe for commercial purposes be halted and be
23 it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor direct the Department of Fish and
25 Game to request the Board of Fish and Game to halt the taking of kelp or
26 other vegetation retaining the herring spawn for commercial purposes until
27 an acceptable evaluation of herring stocks and kelp resources is provided by
28 the Department of Fish and Game.

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