

1 IN THE SENATE

BY RAY

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the opening dates for
6 commercial salmon fishing in Dis-
7 trict 14.

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

9 WHEREAS the Board of Fish and Game has announced that commercial salmon
10 fishing will not be opened in District 14 until July 18, 1971; and

11 WHEREAS salmon of prime quality will be available in District 14 before
12 the July 18 date; and

13 WHEREAS many of our Southeastern people must depend wholly on fishing
14 for their livelihood, as for example the people of Hoonah, 90 per cent of
15 whom make their living solely as fishermen; and

16 WHEREAS the proposed opening date for the 1971 season in District 14
17 will have the effect of reducing the quality of the product and the earning
18 power of the fishermen, all of which will have a disastrous effect on the
19 total economy of a large area as well as create unwarranted personal hard-
20 ships for great numbers of Alaskans;

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of Fish
22 and Game is urgently requested to reconsider its decision not to permit
23 commercial salmon fishing in District 14 until July 18, and move the season
24 opening to a time that will ensure our fishermen the opportunity to earn a
25 reasonable living.

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