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Referred: Resources

1 IN THE SENATE

BY HAMMOND

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting the United States Govern-
6 ment to preserve the Kvichak, Naknek,
7 Egegik, and Alagnak fisheries.

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

9 WHEREAS the watersheds of the Kvichak, Naknek, Egegik, and Alagnak
10 Rivers are the world's greatest salmon spawning grounds; and

11 WHEREAS these watersheds are among the world's last significant
12 naturally maintained rainbow trout fisheries; and

13 WHEREAS these factors coincide to make this area unique as a fishery,
14 both from a commercial and from a recreational standpoint; and

15 WHEREAS the commercial and sport fisheries in this area are vital to
16 the economic well-being of Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS the Legislature considers the maintenance and improvement of
18 the commercial and sport fish populations to be the controlling factor in
19 management of these watersheds; and

20 WHEREAS the spawning and rearing grounds of the commercial and sport
21 species within these watersheds are especially susceptible to damage;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government who now owns and controls
23 these lands is urgently requested to manage the Kvichak, Naknek, Egegik, and
24 the Alagnak watersheds in a manner designed to give primary recognition to
25 the extreme and valuable commercial and sport fishing resources existing
26 there.

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
28 Nixon, President of the United States, the Honorable Fred Russell, Acting
29 Secretary of the Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens



1 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick
2 Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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