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Referred: Resources

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

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 SENATE:

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 Senate that the Governor is urgently requested
20 to direct the Department of Fish and Game to propose to the next meeting of
21 the Board of Fish and Game that the taking of herring for the purpose of
22 extracting roe for commercial purposes be restricted; and be it

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

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