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Judiciary

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE
INTERIM COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the inadequacy of fines for
6 commercial fishing violations.

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

8 WHEREAS the fishery resources of the state are critical to the state's
9 economic health; and

10 WHEREAS violations of commercial fishing statutes and regulations sig-
11 nificantly impact a resource belonging to all citizens, and

12 WHEREAS convicted violators are often given minimal or suspended fines;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, because of minimal or suspended fines, it is often economically
15 feasible for an individual to intentionally violate the commercial fishing
16 laws;

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Administrative
18 Director of Courts is respectfully requested to make the Judiciary aware of
19 the serious legislative concern regarding the inadequate fines that are
20 routinely being meted out for commercial fishing violations; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature strongly recommends that more
22 stringent penalties be imposed for commercial fishing violations, within the
23 limits provided by the state's present law.

24 A COPY of this Resolution shall be sent to Arthur H. Snowden, II,
25 Administrative Director of the Alaska Court System.
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