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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting Japan to prohibit all

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high seas fishing for sockeye salmon

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of Bristol Bay origin in 1974.

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

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WHEREAS Bristol Bay, the world's largest producing area for sockeye
10 salmon, produced a run in 1973 which was only one-fourth that of any year
11 since 1897; and

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WHEREAS all available research indicates that the entire run of sockeye
13 salmon available on the high seas for migration to the fresh water spawning
14 areas of Bristol Bay is inadequate to meet the minimum escapement levels
15 necessary to maintain the species; and

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WHEREAS a significant number of sockeye salmon of Bristol Bay origin
17 are harvested each year by the Japanese high seas fishery fleet; and

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WHEREAS the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game, recognizing the
19 necessity for allowing all available returning sockeye salmon to spawn in
20 their home streams has closed the waters of Bristol Bay to sport and
21 commercial harvest of sockeye salmon by U. S. fishermen in 1974; and

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WHEREAS a harvest of sockeye salmon of Bristol Bay origin on the high
23 seas in 1974 by Japanese or any other fishermen could have disastrous con-
24 sequences for those stocks of sockeye salmon;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Japanese Govern-
26 ment is respectfully requested to prohibit high seas fishing for Bristol Bay
27 sockeye salmon by its commercial fishing industry in 1974, thereby assuring
28 adequate return of those salmon to their fresh water spawning streams in
29 Bristol Bay.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
2 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry A. Kissinger,
3 Secretary of State; the Honorable Kakuei Tanaka, Premier of Japan; the
4 Japanese Diet; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,
5 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of
6 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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