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1 IN THE SENATE

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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the inadequacy of fines for

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commercial fishing violations.

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

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

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

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

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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

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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.

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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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