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1 IN THE SENATE

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

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting Japan to prohibit all  
6 high seas fishing for sockeye salmon  
7 of Bristol Bay origin in 1974.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
28 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry A. Kissinger,  
29 Secretary of State; the Honorable Kakuei Tanaka, Premier of Japan; the

1 Japanese Diet; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,  
2 U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of  
3 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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