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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting increased and expanded protec-
6 tion for the state's fish and shellfish
7 resources.

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

9 WHEREAS valuable fish and shellfish resources adjacent to Alaska are
10 being subjected to an intensive fishery by nonresident fishermen; and

11 WHEREAS many nonresident fishermen, particularly in the Bering Sea, are
12 attempting to circumvent fish and shellfish conservation and management
13 measures of the Board of Fish and Game in order to obtain private economic
14 gain at the expense of the resources; and

15 WHEREAS those nonresident fishermen are demonstrating gross disregard
16 for the future maintenance and sustained yield of fish and shellfish resources
17 and constitute a serious and continuing threat to these resources; and

18 WHEREAS those nonresident fishermen are generating unnecessary costs
19 to state taxpayers by forcing the state to mount expensive enforcement
20 efforts and to engage in protracted litigation; and

21 WHEREAS those nonresident fishermen are jeopardizing the future liveli-
22 hood of Alaskan fishermen and of law-abiding nonresident fishermen;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Ninth Alaska State Legislature respectfully
24 requests the Governor to direct the appropriate state agencies to

25 (1) continue vigilant enforcement of the landing law and all
26 other legally justifiable regulatory measures for the protection of fish
27 and shellfish resources;

28 (2) refuse, where constitutionally and legally permissible, to
29 extend privileges or services of the state to nonresident fishermen who

1 disregard the conservation and management measures of the Board of Fish and
2 Game;

3 (3) actively pursue negotiations with appropriate agencies of
4 the federal government in order to bring about the application of any regu-
5 latory measures or other controls available under federal authority which
6 can be utilized to resolve the nonresident fishing problem, if these measures
7 or other controls are consistent with the maintenance of the state's primary
8 management responsibility over fish and shellfish resources;

9 (4) continue to defend conservation and management regulations of
10 the Board of Fish and Game in the courts where these regulations are
11 challenged or violated;

12 (5) maintain a policy of refusing to submit to threats or to
13 political pressures exerted by nonresident fishermen determined to preclude
14 Alaska's regulation and conservation of adjacent fish and shellfish resources

15 (6) refuse to negotiate with, recognize, or otherwise deal with
16 organizations of nonresident fishermen aimed at avoiding responsibility
17 regarding the continued maintenance of fish and shellfish resources, such
18 as the so-called Shellfish Conservation Institute, except to the extent that
19 it may directly further state interests; and

20 (7) use other means and measures directed towards insuring that
21 fish and shellfish resources adjacent to Alaska are not destroyed or degraded
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