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Referred: Resources

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the Copper River subsistence
6 fishery.

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

8 WHEREAS the Copper River subsistence fishery provides a valued and
9 necessary addition to those citizens who depend on it for food supplement;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, for years, noncommercial recreational use, in moderation, has
12 been a recognized and justified practice for this fishery; and

13 WHEREAS there is no reason for these uses not to continue if proper
14 biological safeguards are maintained; and

15 WHEREAS some state officials suggest that the shortened seasons in the
16 area are dictated by administrative convenience and cost considerations,
17 rather than biological necessity;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
19 the Board of Fisheries to reevaluate the length of the season for the Copper
20 River subsistence fishery, particularly with a view to covering the late coho
21 salmon run, and to base its determination on whether to lengthen the season
22 solely on biological grounds, without considering cost factors and adminis-
23 trative convenience.
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