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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to high seas salmon fishing by
the Japanese.

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

WHEREAS the International Convention for High Seas Fisheries of the
North Pacific Ocean became effective in June of 1953; and
WHEREAS the United States, by participating in that convention, intended
to seek an agreement whereby the Japanese would abstain from taking salmon
of North American origin; and
WHEREAS the agreement has been stultified by Japan's exercise of the
veto power granted under the terms of the convention; and
WHEREAS, in fact, the Japanese have taken approximately 47,000,000
Bristol Bay red salmon, a number of fish comprising more than twenty per cent
of the return since 1953; and
WHEREAS this harvesting of salmon has been doubly disastrous to the
salmon resources of Western Alaska because of the fact that large numbers
of the harvested salmon are immature; and
WHEREAS the Bristol Bay red salmon resource is presently in a stage
of biological collapse which will require virtually complete closure of our
in-shore domestic fishery over one or more salmon life cycles; and
WHEREAS there is evidence that due to the decreased availability of red
salmon the Japanese are increasing their fishing efforts on the chum and
king salmon stocks of Western Alaska which are of paramount importance to
the subsistence and cash economies of that region; and
WHEREAS immediate agreements must be negotiated with foreign governments,
especially the Japanese government, to limit foreign salmon catches and to

1 set jurisdictional boundaries;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of
3 State is urgently requested to immediately make every effort to negotiate
4 agreements with the Japanese which will protect the salmon stocks of Western
5 Alaska from further destruction.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,
7 President of the United States; the Honorable Henry Kissinger, Secretary,
8 Department of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
9 Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative,
10 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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