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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to state and federal fishery
6 management arrangements.

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

8 WHEREAS the National Fishery Plan is currently being reviewed by the
9 various coastal states; and

10 WHEREAS Alaska's diversity of fishery areas and fisheries is much
11 greater than that of any other state; and

12 WHEREAS the dependence of Alaskans on marine resources for both com-
13 mercial and subsistence livelihood is much greater than that of the citizens
14 of any other state; and

15 WHEREAS, because of Alaska's unique geographic characteristics, exten-
16 sive coastline and broad continental shelf, and its physical separation from
17 all other states, it should be considered a separate region for fisheries
18 management purposes, with local authority for action; and

19 WHEREAS membership in a regional fisheries council could be drawn from
20 representatives of the State of Alaska, user groups, and appropriate federal
21 agencies;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States
23 Department of Commerce is urged to consider Alaska a separate region for
24 state and federal fishery management and that a regional management system be
25 reflected in the National Fishery Plan; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to create a
27 special task force on fisheries to represent Alaska's interests to the other
28 coastal states and the United States Congress.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.

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

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