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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging the establishment of a shellfish
6 research program in the Copper River-Prince
7 William Sound area.

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

9 WHEREAS the fishing industry is the prime industry of the Copper River-
10 Prince William Sound area with great potential for higher optimum sustained
11 yields than are presently harvested; and

12 WHEREAS the dungeness crab and razor clam fisheries have fallen off to
13 a fraction of their former levels; and

14 WHEREAS the tanner crab fishery now forms the major portion of the
15 winter fishing industry in the area; and

16 WHEREAS there is no long-range full-time research program in the area to
17 provide the necessary management information on the shellfish fishery;

18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
19 the Governor to direct the Department of Fish and Game to establish a full-
20 time long-range shellfish research program in the Copper River-Prince William
21 Sound area, with specific direction to research problems relating to environ-
22 mental changes and conditions affecting razor clams, dungeness crabs, and
23 tanner crabs.