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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Requesting redesignation of the Bristol
6 Bay Area to the Bristol Bay Region and the
7 transfer of functions and responsibilities
8 accordingly.

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

10 WHEREAS, although in the past the Bristol Bay fishery has been one of
11 the richest red salmon-producing fisheries in the world, it has not yet been
12 accorded the advantage of adequate research and management programs; and

13 WHEREAS it is presently in a state of decline, resulting in great econo-
14 mic hardship to the citizens of the area; and

15 WHEREAS one of the first steps in reversing the decline should be to
16 concentrate management functions in the area on a year-round basis; and

17 WHEREAS presently too much of the management and administration of the
18 Bristol Bay fishery takes place from Anchorage, far removed from the day-to-
19 day problems of the area; and

20 WHEREAS office and support facilities presently exist in the area and
21 the requested change from "area" to "regional" status will provide substantial
22 long-term savings at little or no initial expense to the taxpayers of Alaska;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
24 the Governor to direct the Commissioner of Fish and Game to redesignate the
25 Bristol Bay Area as the Bristol Bay Region for purposes of administration and
26 fisheries management, and to require that the staff of the region reside in
27 the region and that all management decisions emanate from the Fish and Game
28 offices in the Bristol Bay Region.