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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to fishing in Cook Inlet.

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

7 WHEREAS certain extant and proposed regulations of the Department of Fish
8 and Game concerning the Cook Inlet salmon fishery appear not to be in the
9 best interests of all parties concerned; and

10 WHEREAS equitable treatment of commercial, subsistence and sport fisher-
11 men is of necessity a prime consideration of the law; and

12 WHEREAS the rapidly expanding population of the Anchorage area is in
13 serious need of enhanced recreational opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS the fishery resource of Cook Inlet must be judiciously managed
15 to preserve and expand its production levels; and

16 WHEREAS the contribution of the Cook Inlet fishery to the tourism indus-
17 try, Alaska's fourth largest industry, is substantial and increasing;

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
19 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Fish and Game to promulgate
20 regulations opening the commercial fishery in all districts of Cook Inlet
21 from July 1 to August 15 of each year, subject to individual openings and
22 closings within those dates by the Department of Fish and Game, and reserving
23 the remainder of the season, before and after that period, for subsistence
24 and sport fishing. This shall not preclude subsistence and sport fishing
25 during the designated period for commercial fishing.