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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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Urging the Board of Fisheries to pro-

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hibit the use of purse seines in the

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commercial harvest of herring in the

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waters of Western Alaska north of

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Dall Point.

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

11 WHEREAS there has been an explosive increase in the commercial harvest
12 of herring in Western Alaska in recent years; and

13 WHEREAS the effect of this dramatic increase in the harvest of herring
14 is unknown; and

15 WHEREAS there could be unforeseen long-range effects on the state's
16 salmon fisheries since herring are a primary food source for salmon; and

17 WHEREAS one purse seine net has the capacity to harvest twenty times the
18 amount of herring which could be harvested by a gill net; and

19 WHEREAS four herring fishing districts exist north of Dall Point; and

20 WHEREAS no purse seiners currently operate in any of these four dis-
21 tricts; and

22 WHEREAS the Board of Fisheries is responsible under AS 16.05.221 for the
23 conservation and development of the fishery resources of the state; and

24 WHEREAS the Board of Fisheries has the power under AS 16.05.251 to
25 establish the permissible areas and methods and means for the taking of fish;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of Fisher-
27 ies is strongly urged to adopt regulations which will prohibit the use of
28 purse seines for the commercial taking of herring in the waters of Western
29 Alaska north of Dall Point and allow the use only of beach seines and gill

1 nets in those waters.

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