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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Board of Fisheries to
6 adopt regulations imposing a 50-foot
7 limit on the length of salmon seine
8 vessels in the state waters around
9 Kodiak, the Shumagin Islands, and the
10 Alaska Peninsula.

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

12 WHEREAS present technology in commercial fishing allows for the highly
13 efficient taking of fish; and

14 WHEREAS the particular characteristics of salmon make that species of
15 fish vulnerable at certain times and in certain places to efficient harvest-
16 ing; and

17 WHEREAS an overly efficient harvest of fish is detrimental to future
18 fishing seasons; and

19 WHEREAS the limitations on the length of salmon seine vessels imposed by
20 AS 16.05.835 are designed to prevent over-efficiency in harvest while still
21 allowing fishermen to participate in the fishery; and

22 WHEREAS the state waters around Kodiak, the Shumagin Islands, and the
23 Alaska Peninsula would be especially vulnerable to overharvesting of salmon
24 if no limitation on the length of the salmon seine vessels existed in those
25 waters;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of Fisher-
27 ies is respectfully requested to adopt regulations imposing a maximum length
28 of 50 feet, official Coast Guard register length, and 58 feet overall length
29 for salmon seining vessels in the state waters around Kodiak, the Shumagin

1 Islands, and the Alaska Peninsula; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the regulations shall take effect if the legisla-
3 ture repeals AS 16.05.835.

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