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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Alaska Commercial
6 Fisheries Entry Commission to inves-
7 tigate the possibility of creating a
8 separate administrative area for the
9 Aleutian Islands and requesting the
10 Department of Fish and Game to pro-
11 vide the legislature with data and
12 statistics relating to salmon harvests
13 in the Aleutian Islands.

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

15 WHEREAS many fishermen living in Unalaska, Dutch Harbor, Akutan,
16 Nikolski, Atka, and other villages in the Aleutian Islands have never had an
17 opportunity to qualify for a salmon seine or gill net entry permit because
18 these areas have historically had local fish buyers who could process only a
19 small number of fish during the salmon runs; and

20 WHEREAS the salmon from Unalaska Island are being caught by fishermen
21 from areas east of Unalaska Island and are being taken by tenders to False
22 Pass and King Cove for processing; and

23 WHEREAS the development of the fishery in the Aleutian Islands area
24 during recent years has excluded all but a few of the fishermen who live in
25 the Aleutian Islands; and

26 WHEREAS there are local runs of red, chum, and pink salmon in the
27 Aleutian Islands which have not been harvested except to a small degree for
28 subsistence uses and except for occasional harvests around Unalaska Island;
29 and

1 WHEREAS, at the time entry was limited to the fisheries in the area of
2 the Aleutian Islands, the residents in that area of the state did not have
3 the gear or vessels to participate in the commercial salmon fisheries and

4 WHEREAS the lack of gear and vessels automatically made the residents of
5 the Aleutian Islands ineligible to apply for entry permits in the salmon
6 fisheries in the Aleutian Islands area;

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska Com-
8 mercial Fisheries Entry Commission is requested to investigate the possi-
9 bility of separating the administrative area which presently encompasses the
10 Aleutian Islands and the Alaska Peninsula (Area M) into two salmon net admin-
11 istrative areas; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
13 include in its investigation the possibility of establishing a new eligi-
14 bility period for fishermen to qualify for entry permits for the new Aleutian
15 Islands administrative area while allowing salmon net permit holders to
16 continue fishing in the areas currently authorized under laws and regulations
17 relating to limited entry; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
19 present a report summarizing the findings of its investigation to the legis-
20 lature by January 1, 1981, including proposed regulations to accomplish the
21 separation of the present administrative area into two administrative areas
22 and recommendations for legislation; and be it

23 FUTTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct
24 the Department of Fish and Game to provide the legislature with data and
25 statistics relating to salmon catches of Aleutian Island stocks between 1950
26 and 1979 from any fishery in the North Pacific Ocean or the Bering Sea; and
27 be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Fish and Game provide the legis-
29 lature with a listing of and information relating to the salmon-producing

1 streams of the Aleutian Islands, including species, timing of runs, and
2 magnitude of runs from the streams; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
4 and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are requested to prepare a joint
5 report indicating the expected impact on the fishery in the Aleutian Islands
6 area from separating the present administrative area into two administrative
7 areas and from allowing previously ineligible fishermen to apply for entry
8 permits in the new Aleutian Islands administrative area.

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