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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the governor to direct the
6 commissioner of fish and game to
7 amend his designation under AS 16.10.
8 375 of the region within which the
9 Northern Southeast Regional Aquacul-
10 ture Association operates by removing
11 from it the Upper Lynn Canal area.

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

13 WHEREAS, under AS 16.10.375, the commissioner of fish and game is re-
14 quired to designate regions of the state for the purpose of salmon production;
15 and

16 WHEREAS one of the regions the commissioner of fish and game has desig-
17 nated under that statute is the region within which the Northern Southeast
18 Regional Aquaculture Association operates; and

19 WHEREAS the Upper Lynn Canal area is included in that region; and

20 WHEREAS the primary form of salmon enhancement which takes place in the
21 regions designated under AS 16.10.375 is through private, nonprofit hatcher-
22 ies; and

23 WHEREAS the use of hatcheries is appropriate in some areas of the state,
24 but in other areas of the state it is not appropriate or necessary; and

25 WHEREAS the level of wild salmon production in the Upper Lynn Canal area
26 indicates that the use of hatcheries for salmon enhancement is not necessary
27 in that area; and

28 WHEREAS the creation of hatcheries in the Upper Lynn Canal area is in-
29 appropriate when the level of wild stock naturally occurring in the area is

1 balanced against the risk of disease and infestation from hatchery propagated
2 stocks, the increased competition for fish resulting from hatchery harvests
3 of brood stock in the area, and the possibility of cannibalism among hatchery
4 stocks which are much larger than the wild stock in the stream;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State House of Representatives respect-
6 fully requests the governor to direct the commissioner of fish and game to
7 amend his designation under AS 16.10.375 of the region within which the
8 Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association operates by removing from
9 it the Upper Lynn Canal area.
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