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REQUEST

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the National Marine Fish-
6 eries Service to eliminate the condi-
7 tional fishery status of the Alaska
8 salmon fisheries.

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

10 WHEREAS the National Marine Fisheries Service is considering changes in
11 its regulations to modify the conditional fishery status of the Alaska salmon
12 fisheries; and

13 WHEREAS the elimination of the conditional fishery status of the Alaska
14 salmon fisheries would allow Alaska salmon fishermen to take advantage of the
15 National Marine Fisheries Service's financial assistance programs for fishing
16 vessels; and

17 WHEREAS the need for the conditional fishery status as a prohibition
18 against the use of the financial assistance programs to ensure the wise use
19 of the fishery resource is unnecessary in Alaska because of the state's
20 fishery management and limited entry programs; and

21 WHEREAS the National Marine Fisheries Service's financial assistance
22 programs for fishing vessels offer fishermen opportunities for long-term debt
23 financing and tax shelter programs; and

24 WHEREAS the financial stability of the Alaska fisherman is threatened by
25 a combination of high interest rates and deteriorating market conditions; and

26 WHEREAS the National Marine Fisheries Service's financial assistance
27 programs for fishing vessels represent an important opportunity to the fisher-
28 man to strengthen his financial condition;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the National Marine

1 Fisheries Service is requested to eliminate the conditional fishery status of
2 the Alaska salmon fisheries.

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