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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to broodstocks for fisher-
6 ies rehabilitation and enhancement.

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

8 WHEREAS the people of the state have approved \$78,000,000 in bond
9 issues for the construction of hatcheries in the state; and

10 WHEREAS the Department of Fish and Game, division of fisheries rehabili-
11 tation, enhancement and development, with an annual budget of \$10,000,000,
12 has been established for the sole purpose of fishery rehabilitation enhance-
13 ment, and development; and

14 WHEREAS the fisheries enhancement loan program has been established to
15 support an active, private, nonprofit hatchery program; and

16 WHEREAS private associations have expended thousands of volunteer hours
17 and have invested millions of dollars of state loans in hatchery programs;
18 and

19 WHEREAS the loan money must be paid back to the state through revenues
20 derived from the capture and sale of returning fish; and

21 WHEREAS hatchery programs and the rehabilitation and enhancement of
22 state fisheries require adequate supplies of broodstock eggs; and

23 WHEREAS fisheries management agencies, specifically the division of
24 commercial fish and the Board of Fisheries, have not been given clear direc-
25 tion regarding the allocation of fishery stocks to provide the necessary
26 broodstock eggs for the hatchery programs and for rehabilitation, enhance-
27 ment, and development of the fisheries; and

28 WHEREAS many of the fish stocks are in a depressed condition and have
29 been depressed for some time; and

1 WHEREAS a fishery rehabilitation and enhancement program cannot be
2 effective unless, in many cases, the initial broodstock eggs are taken from
3 an already depressed fish stock; and

4 WHEREAS, due to the difficulty in obtaining adequate broodstock eggs,
5 many state and private facilities, worth millions of dollars are empty; and

6 WHEREAS fisheries enhancement loan repayments are dependent on the
7 capture and sale of returning fish and the lack of broodstock eggs to in-
8 crease the number of returning fish will cause loans to be in default;

9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
10 the governor, through the Department of Fish and Game, and the Board of
11 Fisheries to provide for broodstock for fisheries rehabilitation and enhance-
12 ment projects from already depressed fish stocks.

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