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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the Southeastern Alaska

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troll fishery.

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

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WHEREAS salmon trolling constitutes a major portion of the economic activity of Southeastern Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the Board of Fisheries determines the time, place, and manner that trollers may take salmon in Alaska waters based on biological data furnished by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; and

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WHEREAS the U.S. Secretary of Commerce determines the time, place, and manner that trollers may take salmon in the Fisheries Conservation Zone based on biological data furnished by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; and

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WHEREAS the biological data furnished by the Department of Fish and Game relates to the number of fish that may be harvested in any one year without threatening the number of fish which will be available to harvest in future years; and

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WHEREAS biological data furnished by the Department of Fish and Game is based on projected runs of fish estimated through questionable use of catch statistics and known escapement statistics rather than on the actual strength of runs; and

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WHEREAS complete data regarding rehabilitation of salmon returns and salmon runs is not available; and

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WHEREAS the regulatory measures of the Board of Fisheries may increase fishing pressure on certain stocks and may be adverse to the conservation of the resource; and

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1 WHEREAS the regulatory measures of the Board of Fisheries are imposed
2 without using adequate information regarding, or consideration of, the
3 effects of regulatory measures used in the past;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
5 requests the governor to direct the commissioner of fish and game to conduct
6 a complete investigation into the research methodology and validity of the
7 statistics used in fisheries resource management for the troll fishery in
8 Southeastern Alaska.

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