

Original sponsor: Resources Committee

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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Southeastern Alaska
6 troll fishery.

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

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS the biological data furnished by the Department of Fish and
18 Game should determine the number of fish that may be harvested in any one
19 year without diminishing the number of fish that will be available to
20 harvest in future years; and

21 WHEREAS the Department of Fish and Game does not furnish data on the
22 methods it uses to collect the biological data it furnishes; and

23 WHEREAS complete data regarding salmon returns and salmon runs is not
24 available; there is no compendium of what data is available and what is
25 missing; some of the data is interpolated, and these interpolations are not
26 identified; and

27 WHEREAS the regulatory measures of the Board of Fisheries are imposed
28 based on incomplete biological data; and

29 WHEREAS the regulatory measures of the Board of Fisheries that are not

1 based on complete data may increase fishing pressure on certain stocks and
2 may be adverse to the conservation of the resource; and

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

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it respectfully
7 requests the governor to direct the commissioner of fish and game to conduct
8 a complete investigation, and evaluation of, the research methodology and
9 validity of the statistics used in fisheries resource management for the
10 troll fishery in Southeastern Alaska and to report his findings to the
11 legislature at the beginning of the Second Session of the Twelfth Legisla-
12 ture, along with a proposal to rectify any shortcomings that are identified.

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