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by request

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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to joint ventures between
6 Alaska commercial salmon fishermen
7 and foreign processors.

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

9 WHEREAS the Department of Fish and Game has forecast a 1982 season
10 allowable harvest of 39.8 million sockeye salmon and 80.8 million pink salmon
11 statewide; and

12 WHEREAS the potential harvest of salmon in the state is approximately
13 135 million; and

14 WHEREAS this salmon harvest is among the largest ever forecast for
15 several Alaskan fisheries; and

16 WHEREAS this harvest is likely to exceed the processing capability of
17 Alaskan processors; and

18 WHEREAS many processing plants in Bristol Bay have been unable to process
19 all the catches brought to them in recent years by the fishermen, resulting
20 in an economic loss to the fishermen; and

21 WHEREAS during the past 10 years some Bristol Bay processors have estab-
22 lished daily limits on the amount of salmon they will purchase from each
23 fisherman; and

24 WHEREAS the imposition of limits during the peak periods has resulted
25 each year in losses to fishermen; and

26 WHEREAS the Bristol Bay salmon fishermen have often waited in line for
27 extended periods of time before being allowed by processors to off-load their
28 fish, resulting in a loss of fishing time and income; and

29 WHEREAS joint ventures with foreign processing vessels provide a means

1 of fully utilizing the allowable harvest of sockeye and pink salmon;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor, the
3 Board of Fisheries, and the commissioner of fish and game are respectfully
4 requested to support and encourage joint ventures in 1982 between Alaska
5 fishermen and foreign processors to process that portion of the salmon harvest
6 that the Alaskan processing industry is not capable of processing.

7 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Skoog,
8 commissioner of fish and game; the Honorable Jim Beaton, Chairman, Board of
9 Fisheries; the Honorable Clem Tillion, Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Manage-
10 ment Council; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank
11 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
12 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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