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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE LABOR AND COMMERCE
COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the National Park Service
6 to adopt procedures providing public
7 notice of proposed regulations,
8 emergency regulations, and field
9 orders for national parks, preserves,
10 and monuments in Alaska.

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

12 WHEREAS in 1980 the National Park Service instituted a three-year closure
13 of Glacier Bay National Park to the commercial fishing of shrimp and other
14 principal food sources of the humpback whale; and

15 WHEREAS some commercial fishermen from Southeast Alaska failed to receive
16 timely notice of the closure; and

17 WHEREAS, without notice of the closure, commercial fishermen made prep-
18 arations to fish and traveled to Glacier Bay only to be refused entry into
19 the park by National Park Service employees; and

20 WHEREAS failure of the National Park Service to provide adequate notice
21 of the closure caused economic loss to several commercial fishermen;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of
23 the Interior, National Park Service, is respectfully requested to adopt
24 procedures that will provide to Alaska commercial fishermen and other users
25 of national parks, preserves, and monuments in Alaska improved notice of
26 proposed regulations, emergency regulations, and field orders; and be it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Interior, National Park
28 Service, is respectfully requested to adopt notice procedures for field
29 orders issued for Glacier Bay National Park and other national parks, pre-

1 serves, and monuments in Alaska in order that, not less than 48 hours before
2 the effective date of a field order, the order will be

3 (1) posted and otherwise made available to the public in accor-
4 dance with procedures customarily used by the Alaska Department of Fish and
5 Game for posting and publicizing similar notices; and

6 (2) broadcast at the time intervals, channels, and frequencies
7 customarily used by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to broadcast
8 similar notices.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James G. Watt,
10 Secretary of the Interior; Mr. Russell E. Dickenson, Director, National Park
11 Service; Mr. John Chapman, Superintendent, Glacier Bay National Park; and to
12 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
13 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
14 delegation in Congress.

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