

Original sponsor: Labor and Commerce Committee  
by request

Offered: 3/23/82  
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79 (Resources)

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 the National Park Service failed to provide timely notice of the  
16 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 severe, unnecessary, and unwarranted economic loss to  
22 commercial fishermen;

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

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Interior, National Park  
29 Service, is respectfully requested to adopt notice procedures for field

1 orders issued for Glacier Bay National Park and other national parks, pre-  
2 serves, and monuments in Alaska in order that, not less than 48 hours before  
3 the effective date of a field order, the order will be

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

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

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

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