

Original sponsor: Labor and Commerce
Committee by request

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Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR 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
13 closure of Glacier Bay National Park to the commercial fishing of shrimp and
14 other 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 all Alaska residents and other users of
26 national parks, preserves, and monuments in Alaska improved notice of pro-
27 posed 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 all national parks, preserves, and monuments in Alaska in
2 order that, not less than 48 hours before the effective date of a field
3 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; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Interior, National Park
11 Service, is respectfully requested to reevaluate the necessity of its three-
12 year closure of Glacier Bay National Park to commercial fishing of shrimp and
13 other principal food sources of the humpback whale.

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

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