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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to fisheries enhancement by the

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Department of Fish and Game within the

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Andy Simons Wilderness Unit, Kenai

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National Wildlife Refuge.

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

10 WHEREAS the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is preparing a comprehen-  
11 sive conservation plan for the Andy Simons Wilderness portion of the Kenai  
12 National Wildlife Refuge; and

13 WHEREAS the final draft for the comprehensive conservation plan states  
14 that fisheries enhancement will not be permitted in wilderness areas; and

15 WHEREAS THE Alaska Department of Fish and Game has had a fisheries  
16 enhancement program in operation on Tustumena Lake; and

17 WHEREAS the fisheries enhancement program on Tustumena Lake has re-  
18 sulted in an increase in the total production of fish from the lake without  
19 negative results on wild stocks or the rearing environment; and

20 WHEREAS the Tustumena fishery enhancement program has resulted in the  
21 production of at least 300,000 additional adult salmon, with a value to  
22 Central Cook Inlet fishermen of \$1,600,000; and

23 WHEREAS the comprehensive conservation plan, if implemented, would put  
24 the state fisheries enhancement program in jeopardy; and

25 WHEREAS the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has recommended to the  
26 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that the comprehensive conservation plan  
27 permit fisheries enhancement in special situations under cooperative agree-  
28 ments; and

29 WHEREAS the Department of Fish and Game has also recommended that the

1 Tustumena Lake sockeye stocking be continued until the U.S. Fish and  
2 Wildlife Service and the Department of Fish and Game jointly determine that  
3 these projects have been completed or that they no longer achieve their  
4 stated objectives;

5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
6 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to continue to permit the stocking of  
7 fish and the enhancement of the fishery resources within Tustumena Lake of  
8 the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald P.  
10 Hodel, Secretary of the Interior; to Robert A. Jantzen, Director of the  
11 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; to Robert Gilmore, Director, Alaska Region,  
12 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; to W. Vernon Wiggins and Robert Grogan,  
13 Co-Chairman, Alaska Land Use Council; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
14 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,  
15 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.