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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to teleconference meetings of

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the Board of Fisheries and the Board of

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Game.

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

9 WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Alaska guarantees that fish,
10 wildlife, and waters occurring in their natural state are reserved to the
11 people for common use, and that natural resources belonging to the state,
12 including land and water, shall be used, developed, and conserved for the
13 maximum benefit of the people; and

14 WHEREAS the people of the state rely on fish, wildlife, and water
15 resources for commercial, subsistence, sporting, and recreational uses; and

16 WHEREAS the size of the state, and the location of its population,
17 limit the people's ability to observe and testify at the meetings of the
18 bodies responsible for regulating the use and conservation of its re-
19 sources; and

20 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature developed and implemented the
21 statewide teleconference system to enable the people of this state to
22 contribute to the legislative process without the hardship of long-distance
23 travel at personal expense;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of
25 Fisheries and the Board of Game are respectfully requested to utilize the
26 statewide teleconference system during their meetings in order to allow the
27 fullest public participation in the regulatory process.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Don
29 Collinsworth, commissioner of fish and game; Bud Hodson, chair of the Board

1 of Fisheries; Heinrich Springer, chair of the Board of Game; and Penny
2 Forsmo, director of boards and commissions in the Office of the Governor.
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