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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Urging the governor to work cooperative-

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ly with the Province of British Columbia

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and the United States Forest Service in

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proposals for the development of a

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network of marine parks along the Inside

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Passage.

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

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WHEREAS the Ministry of Forests of the Province of British Columbia is

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developing an Inside Passage Strategic Plan to establish a system of marine

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parks along the protected waterways used by the British Columbia ferries

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between Port Hardy on Vancouver Island and Prince Rupert; and

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WHEREAS the state has developed a system of marine parks in recent

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years on the protected waterways of Southeast Alaska; and

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WHEREAS the United States Forest Service manages substantial amounts

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of land within the national forests in Southeast Alaska that would offer

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substantial opportunities for marine recreation; and

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WHEREAS use of the Inside Passage by boaters has been increasing at a

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steady rate; and

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WHEREAS there would be a substantial public benefit from a more coor-

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dinated approach to the planning, development, and marketing of the oppor-

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tunities within the facilities operated by the state as well as the Prov-

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ince of British Columbia and the United States Forest Service; and

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WHEREAS the state marine parks as well as those identified for study

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by the Province of British Columbia provide suitable anchorage for small,

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self-contained boats at distances frequently possible for a day's journey

1 in a small boat; and

2 WHEREAS the existing state marine parks and those proposed by the
3 Province of British Columbia possess inherent natural features that offer
4 protection from wind and waves;

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is
6 respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of natural resources to
7 work with similar representatives of the British Columbia Ministry of
8 Forests and the United States Forest Service to develop a plan for a system
9 of marine parks along the protected waterways of the Inland Passage.