

IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to a highway-ferry link
between Seldovia and Homer.

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

WHEREAS Seldovia, one of the oldest fishing towns in Alaska, is rapidly developing as an important residential and commercial center, as is evidenced by the urban renewal project presently being undertaken in the town and the increasing use of its fine natural harbor by fishing fleets; and

WHEREAS the Seldovia area also has unlimited potential as a tourist center because of its many unsurpassed recreational areas such as Red Mountain, Sadie Cove and Tutka Cove; and

WHEREAS in order that sustained development of the Seldovia area not be hindered, it is urgent that the area be made more easily accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS there is now a rudimentary road from Seldovia to MacDonald Spit which could be developed into a highway suitable for vehicle travel at low cost; and

WHEREAS Seldovia could be linked, via the road to MacDonald Spit, with the mainland highway system at Homer, which is the formal end of the continental road system in the United States, if shuttle ferry service were provided between MacDonald Spit and Homer Spit, a distance of approximately eight miles;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully urged to direct the Department of Economic Development and Planning to undertake appropriate studies on the economic benefit which would

accrue as a result of the establishment of a combined highway-ferry link between Seldovia and Homer, to direct the Department of Highways to initiate feasibility studies on improving the existing road from Seldovia to MacDonald Spit, and to direct the Department of Public Works to investigate the feasibility of instituting state-owned ferry service between the MacDonald and Homer Spits.