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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Urging a strong U. S. protest to prevent the imminent invasion of North Pacific salmon fisheries by South Korea.

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

WHEREAS reliable evidence through observation, foreign fleet preparation, and foreign sales commitments indicates that U. S. North Pacific salmon resources are in grave danger from major South Korean salmon fishing operations in the Bering Sea; and

WHEREAS verbal statements from the Korean government that salmon will not be the intended catch serve as little assurance that our salmon resources will be protected, since similar guarantees in 1969 were summarily broken, resulting in the catch of some 500 - 700 tons of Bristol Bay red salmon; and

WHEREAS the Korean government has not indicated that they are planning to take steps to enforce licensing provisions on their fishermen or to invoke significant penalties; and

WHEREAS an invasion of these red salmon grounds could seriously endanger the success of the international North Pacific fisheries treaty signed by Japan, Canada and the U. S., thereby opening up U. S. salmon resources within 12 miles of our coast to Japan, Korea, Russia and any other foreign country desiring to participate in their harvest; and

WHEREAS it is believed that the ability of Korea to mount an expedition of the magnitude being planned is made

directly or indirectly possible through U. S. foreign aid to Korea;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the strongest protests possible be made by the government of the United States, including reconsideration of aid and trade policies, to prevent the imminent Korean fishing invasion of U. S. salmon, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that an attempt be made to obtain an irrevocable commitment from Korea that it will abstain from fishing U. S. salmon in the future.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable William P. Rogers, Secretary, Department of State; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable John R. Gilbert, President, Association of Pacific Fisheries; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.