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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

Proposing that the Board of Fish and Game reconsider the question of the False Pass salmon fishery.

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

WHEREAS the major objection to a high seas salmon fishery is the inability to segregate salmon runs by geographical destination until these runs are in close proximity to their spawning grounds; and

WHEREAS this inability to segregate precludes sound management practices due to the intermingling of runs of different geographical destination until proximity to spawning grounds is reached; and

WHEREAS severe damage may unknowingly be inflicted on a weak run when fished out of the proximity of geographical destination; and

WHEREAS in recognition of this the United States has barred high seas salmon fishing with regard to United States citizens; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has attempted to manage salmon as close to the spawning grounds as possible in order to allow self-segregation of the fish before harvesting; and

WHEREAS there exists a developing fishery in the False Pass area which directly contravenes this policy since it is conducted on intermingled stocks of salmon destined for the various river systems of the Bristol Bay area; and

WHEREAS this fishery has been conducted on a seven day a

week basis with greater amounts of gear than allowed in the Bristol Bay fishery; and

WHEREAS enforcement is almost totally lacking in this district, thus compounding the distress of the Bristol Bay fishermen who view with alarm this expansion of effort on unsegregated stocks;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature requests the Board of Fish and Game to adopt regulations imposing at least the same restraints on the False Pass fishery insofar as gear, time and protection are concerned, as are imposed on the Bristol Bay fishery; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that in compliance with pleas of the United States that foreign nationals be dissuaded from fishing intermingled salmon stocks, the Board of Fish and Game evidence the State of Alaska's adherence to this policy by phasing out intermingled area fisheries whenever they occur throughout the state if the stocks can be adequately harvested once they become segregated.