



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

Relating to a feasibility study for a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

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

WHEREAS the Yukon River is without a seaport at its mouth; and

WHEREAS Bethel, on the Kuskokwim River, is the best developed and most accessible deep-water seaport in western Alaska; and

WHEREAS construction of a Yukon-Kuskokwim canal would greatly enrich the economy of Alaska by making the products and resources of the Yukon and Kuskokwim River Valleys readily available to world markets; and

WHEREAS a canal linking the two rivers would greatly aid development, not only economic, but otherwise, of the region;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested, with the cooperation of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to initiate a study and prepare a report on the feasibility of the construction of a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Lieutenant General F. J. Clarke, Chief of Engineers, United States Army; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.