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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

Relating to the Devil Canyon Project.

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

WHEREAS the proposed Devil Canyon Project planned in Alaska would provide for a single-purpose hydroelectric power development designed to meet present and anticipated future power and energy requirements for domestic municipal and industrial purposes in Southcentral Alaska; and

WHEREAS this long-planned project has been dormant for years and construction is not scheduled to begin until 1985; and

WHEREAS the Devil Canyon Project, when built, will be of great importance not only to Alaska, but the Nation as a whole, especially in these times of energy needs which are likely to be increased in the future; and

WHEREAS it is vital to Alaska and would not only be a source of our energy requirements but would be the catalyst to spark the economic expansion of the Railbelt area; and

WHEREAS a large lake system with the potential for producing untold millions of salmon smolts exists upstream of Devil Canyon; and

WHEREAS access to this lake system by anadromous fish is presently blocked by Devil Canyon Falls; and

WHEREAS means of access to this lake system should be incorporated into the construction of any hydroelectric project in Devil Canyon;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that any water control structure constructed in Devil Canyon incorporate means for the passage of adult anadromous fish to the waters upstream of such a structure; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress of the United States are urgently requested to make the Devil Canyon Project one of the highest priority and to do all that is necessary to ensure the commencement of construction at the earliest possible time.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable James A. Haley, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.