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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 92

Requesting Japan to prohibit all high seas fishing for sockeye salmon of Bristol Bay origin in 1974.

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

WHEREAS Bristol Bay, the world's largest producing area for sockeye salmon, produced a run in 1973 which was only one-fourth that of any year since 1897; and

WHEREAS all available research indicates that the entire run of sockeye salmon available on the high seas for migration to the fresh water spawning areas of Bristol Bay is inadequate to meet the minimum escapement levels necessary to maintain the species; and

WHEREAS a significant number of sockeye salmon of Bristol Bay origin are harvested each year by the Japanese high seas fishery fleet; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game, recognizing the necessity for allowing all available returning sockeye salmon to spawn in their home streams has closed the waters of Bristol Bay to sport and commercial harvest of sockeye salmon by U. S. fishermen in 1974; and

WHEREAS a harvest of sockeye salmon of Bristol Bay origin on the high seas in 1974 by Japanese or any other fishermen could have disastrous consequences for those stocks of sockeye salmon;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Japanese Government is respectfully requested to prohibit high seas fishing for Bristol Bay sockeye salmon by its commercial fishing industry in 1974, thereby assuring adequate return of

those salmon to their fresh water spawning streams in Bristol Bay.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State; the Honorable Kakuei Tanaka, Premier of Japan; the Japanese Diet; 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.