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Requesting the governor to direct the commissioner of fish and game to amend his designation under AS 16.10.375 of the region within which the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association operates by removing from it the Upper Lynn Canal area.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS, under AS 16.10.375, the commissioner of fish and game is required to designate regions of the state for the purpose of salmon production; and

WHEREAS one of the regions the commissioner of fish and game has designated under that statute is the region within which the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association operates; and

WHEREAS the Upper Lynn Canal area is included in that region; and

WHEREAS the primary form of salmon enhancement which takes place in the regions designated under AS 16.10.375 is through private, nonprofit hatcheries; and

WHEREAS the use of hatcheries is appropriate in some areas of the state, but in other areas of the state it is not appropriate or necessary; and

WHEREAS the level of wild salmon production in the Upper Lynn Canal area indicates that the use of hatcheries for salmon enhancement is not necessary in that area; and

WHEREAS the creation of hatcheries in the Upper Lynn Canal area is inappropriate when the level of wild stock naturally occurring in the area is balanced against the risk of disease and infestation from hatchery propagated stocks, the increased competition for fish resulting from hatchery harvests of brood stock in the area, and the possibility of cannibalism among hatchery stocks which are much larger than the wild stock in the stream;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State House of Representatives respectfully requests the governor to direct the commissioner of fish and game to amend his designation under AS 16.10.375 of the region within which the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association operates by removing from it the Upper Lynn Canal area.