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Urging the governor to work cooperatively with the Province of British Columbia and the United States Forest Service in proposals for the development of a network of marine parks along the Inside Passage.

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

WHEREAS the Ministry of Forests of the Province of British Columbia is developing an Inside Passage Strategic Plan to establish a system of marine parks along the protected waterways used by the British Columbia ferries between Port Hardy on Vancouver Island and Prince Rupert; and

WHEREAS the state has developed a system of marine parks in recent years on the protected waterways of Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS the United States Forest Service manages substantial amounts of land within the national forests in Southeast Alaska that would offer substantial opportunities for marine recreation; and

WHEREAS use of the Inside Passage by boaters has been increasing at a steady rate; and

WHEREAS there would be a substantial public benefit from a more coordinated approach to the planning, development, and marketing of the opportunities within the facilities operated by the state as well as the Province of British Columbia and the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS the state marine parks as well as those identified for study by the Province of British Columbia provide suitable anchorage for small, self-contained boats at distances frequently possible for a day's journey in a small boat; and

WHEREAS the existing state marine parks and those proposed by the Province of British Columbia possess inherent natural features that offer protection from wind and waves;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the governor is respectfully requested to direct the commissioner of natural resources to work with similar representatives of the British Columbia Ministry of Forests and the United States Forest Service to develop a plan for a system of marine parks along the protected waterways of the Inland Passage.