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Relating to Alaska Salmon Day.

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

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has rebuilt salmon runs from levels during latter territorial days when fisheries were under federal control; and

WHEREAS the Alaska salmon fishery today constitutes the largest commercial wild salmon fishery in the world, employing more than 29,000 people and having a product value of more than \$272,000,000 in 2001; and

WHEREAS Alaska salmon is managed by sustainable fishing practices to ensure future runs, an on-going fishing industry, and employment for Alaskans; and

WHEREAS Alaska salmon is certified as sustainable by the Marine Stewardship Council; and

WHEREAS wild Alaska salmon and its habitats are protected to maintain resource productivity; and

WHEREAS Alaska salmon is recognized as a healthy, nutritious food resource rich in Omega 3 oils and other vital nutrients; and

WHEREAS the Alaska salmon fishery supports community economics throughout Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature designates June 30, 2002, as Alaska Salmon Day and calls on the people of Alaska to observe the day by participating in activities focusing on the catching and eating of salmon.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor; Barbara Belknap, Executive Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.