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Relating to the Bristol Bay salmon management policies of the Department of Fish and Game.

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

WHEREAS the salmon fisheries are critical to the economy of the Bristol Bay region; and

WHEREAS changes in fisheries management by the Department of Fish and Game can have significant economic impacts on the resident fishermen of the state; and

WHEREAS the department has significantly altered the management strategy for the Bristol Bay management area in an attempt to rebuild certain year classes of sockeye salmon; and

WHEREAS, while the most extreme changes have been made to the management of the Kvichak River, changes also have resulted on the Naknek, Igushik, Nushagak, Egegik, and Ugashik Rivers; and

WHEREAS these changes in escapement goals have resulted in numerous fishing closures that have had significant economic impacts on resident fishermen of the state; and

WHEREAS Bristol Bay residents are directly affected by the changes and often are unaware of the reasons for the management changes; and

WHEREAS the commissioner of fish and game has a responsibility to disseminate statistics, data, and information that tend to promote the management, protection, maintenance, and improvement of fishery resources of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to direct the Department of Fish and Game to hold public meetings in the Bristol Bay region in order

to explain the intent of the department's change in sockeye salmon management strategy and its plans for implementation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Sheffield, Governor; to the Honorable Don Collinsworth, commissioner of fish and game; and to the Honorable Loren Lounsbury, commissioner of commerce and economic development.