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WHEREAS the salmon resource in southeastern Alaska is seriously depressed as a result of adverse environmental influences and seventy-five years of commercial exploitation, and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of this resource is essential to the health and economic well-being of all citizens in this region, and

WHEREAS, extraordinary conservation measures are being imposed by the State of Alaska to protect and restore the salmon resource, and

WHEREAS, the strategic location of the Annette Island Reserve creates the potential for an intercepting fishery that could destroy relict or residual stocks of salmon destined to other areas, and

WHEREAS the independent fishery management authority for the Annette Island Reserve exercised by the Department of the Interior now threatens to subvert the State's conservation efforts and further decimate the salmon resource by permitting excessive and unreasonable commercial exploitation by a single tribe to the detriment of the resource and to all citizens,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting at Kodiak, Alaska, April 10, 1976, respectfully appeals to the Secretary of the Interior to manage the harvest of salmon in the Annette Island Reserve in conformance with state conservation and management regulations that apply to these salmon stocks as they migrate through adjacent waters.

Gordon Jensen, Chairman Alaska Board of Fisheries

Signed this 10th day of April, 1976.

Vote: 6/0