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House Supports Preservation of State Lakes, Rivers **Recognizes Need for Community Involvement to Protect Fish Habitat**

(JUNEAU) – The Alaska House of Representatives unanimously approved House Concurrent Resolution 10 by a vote of 35 to zero on Thursday. Sponsored by Rep. Kelly Wolf (R-Kenai/Soldotna), HCR 10 recognizes the importance of maintaining and restoring healthy riparian fish habitats and encourages community involvement to preserve rivers, lakes, and streams around the state.

“The residents of Alaska are dependent on our fisheries as a resource of the state for consumptive usage, a source of income, and for the enjoyment of fishing,” Wolf said. “Riparian habitat is a vital key to maintaining the fisheries as a healthy resource.”

HCR 10 identifies community involvement in several different forms to preserve riparian habitat. Hands-on education of Alaska’s fishery resources, and community participation in habitat restoration projects will help preserve the fishery resources of Alaska. Non-profit and community group fundraising efforts can be incorporated into these projects and can further promote stewardship of fish habitat in Alaska’s communities.

“It is important to protect Alaska’s fishery resources as a source of income and enjoyment for many,” Wolf said. “HCR 10 encourages the development of working relationships between state and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and corporate affiliates in the restoration and conservation of our essential riparian and fishery resources.”

[HCR 10](#) moves to the Senate.

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