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S. RES. 261

Recognizing the month of September 2017 as “Alaska Wild Salmon Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted the following resolution; which was considered and
agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of September 2017 as “Alaska Wild
Salmon Month”.

Whereas the sustainable Alaska wild salmon commercial fish-
ery contributes over 38,000 jobs and nearly
\$2,000,000,000 in annual labor income to the United
States economy;

Whereas the commercial Alaska wild salmon harvest com-
prises approximately 50 percent of the wild salmon
caught worldwide;

Whereas the sport fishing industry of the State of Alaska
generates \$500,000,000 in economic output and creates
4,500 jobs annually;

Whereas wild salmon returning to Alaskan streams and
rearing young in Alaskan water are the basis for one of

the most valuable and important industries of the State of Alaska;

Whereas commercial and sport salmon fishing and processing provides the greatest number of private-sector employment opportunities in the State of Alaska;

Whereas many Alaskans depend heavily on subsistence-caught wild salmon for food and cultural purposes;

Whereas Alaska Natives have relied on Alaska wild salmon for thousands of years, and Alaska wild salmon continues to comprise up to 70 percent of the subsistence harvest of many Alaska Native communities; and

Whereas, in September 2017, Alaska Wild Salmon Month celebrates and raises awareness nationwide regarding the contributions of Alaska wild salmon to the health and economy of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes September 2017 as “Alaska Wild
3 Salmon Month”; and

4 (2) encourages individuals, corporations, and
5 other relevant organizations to celebrate the sustain-
6 able Alaska wild salmon industry and the health and
7 social benefits Alaska wild salmon provide to the
8 United States.

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