Salmon interception criticized

JUNEAU — The Alaska State Legislature would ask the U.S. State Department and Congress to take immediate steps to halt the foreign interception of Alaska salmon, under a resolution introduced last week by Sen. Johne Binkley, R-Bethel. If the resolution is approved by both houses, the Legislature would officially go on record as opposing Japanese proposals to expand their legal salmon fishing areas in the North Pacific Ocean, to convert Japan's mothership fleet on the high seas to a land-based fleet and to extend the fishing areas of the Japanese squid fleet farther north.