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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the establishment of a cabinet level office of fisheries.

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

WHEREAS the production, development, and protection of our nation's fisheries resources is of paramount concern to all the inhabitants of the United States; and

WHEREAS Alaska's involvement in the nation's fishing industry is critically important since 64 per cent of the fish-rich United States continental shelf is in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the United States finds itself with an increasing number of foreign fleets off its shores, competing effectively with our fishermen and making appreciable dents in our offshore resources; and

WHEREAS there exists a multiplicity of effort between federal agencies, armed service branches, and private industry, yet the United States lacks the singleness of purpose that will push us to the fore in developing our oceans and solving our fisheries problems; and

WHEREAS our nation's vast fisheries resources constitute a rich source of protein, not only for our own nation's use, but which is counted on now and in the future by the hungry countries of the world;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska urges the Congress of the United States to formulate a national fisheries policy and establish a cabinet level office to administer it.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Russell, President Pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the

Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.