



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Relating to federal cutbacks in fisheries research funds.

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

WHEREAS it has become apparent that additional budget cuts by the national administration will mean even less money being available for fisheries research programs in Alaska and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS already the lack of adequate funding of fisheries research at the federal level has beached the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's FREEMAN and the Administration's vessel KELEZ will likewise be affected under the new proposed cuts; and

WHEREAS fisheries research is absolutely vital to the future well-being and solvency of innumerable Alaskans; and

WHEREAS this tragic development comes at a crucial time as the United States needs much more research in order to have the best data available for upcoming law of the sea negotiations and new rounds of treaty bargaining; and

WHEREAS fisheries research aimed at the rehabilitation of our state's and Nation's fisheries resources should be of the absolute highest priority;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the President of the United States is urgently requested to direct the immediate reassessment of the money to be allocated to fisheries research and to not only restore this money for fisheries research that has been cut from the federal budget, but to instead

increase the amount of funds that could be utilized in fisheries research programs so that United States' citizens everywhere may be assured that this Nation's great fishery resource will continue to thrive and grow.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Fredrick B. Dent, Secretary, Department of Commerce; the Chief Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.