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Relating to joint ventures between Alaska commercial salmon fishermen and foreign processors.

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

WHEREAS the Department of Fish and Game has forecast a 1982 season allowable harvest of 39.8 million sockeye salmon and 80.8 million pink salmon statewide; and

WHEREAS the potential harvest of salmon in the state is approximately 135 million; and

WHEREAS this salmon harvest is among the largest ever forecast for several Alaskan fisheries; and

WHEREAS this harvest is likely to exceed the processing capability of Alaskan processors; and

WHEREAS many processing plants in Bristol Bay have been unable to process all the catches brought to them in recent years by the fishermen, resulting in an economic loss to the fishermen; and

WHEREAS during the past 10 years some Bristol Bay processors have established daily limits on the amount of salmon they will purchase from each fisherman; and

WHEREAS the imposition of limits during the peak periods has resulted each year in losses to fishermen; and

WHEREAS the Bristol Bay salmon fishermen have often waited in line for extended periods of time before being allowed by processors to off-load their fish, resulting in a loss of fishing time and income; and

WHEREAS joint ventures with foreign processing vessels

provide a means of fully utilizing the allowable harvest of sockeye and pink salmon;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor, the Board of Fisheries, and the commissioner of fish and game are respectfully requested to support and encourage joint ventures in 1982 between Alaska fishermen and foreign processors to process that portion of the salmon harvest that the Alaskan processing industry is not capable of processing.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Skoog, commissioner of fish and game; the Honorable Jim Beaton, Chairman, Board of Fisheries; the Honorable Clem Tillion, Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.