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Requesting a support services priority for American carriers and bulk fuel suppliers servicing foreign processing vessels in the exclusive economic zone.

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

WHEREAS the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) was established to encourage the development of the domestic fishing industry; and

WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act is intended to stimulate new jobs and new sales for the domestic fishing industry; and

WHEREAS regulations adopted under the Magnuson Act define the term "fishing" to include the "transferring or transporting of fish or fish products" and other support activities (50 C.F.R. 611.2); and

WHEREAS more than 500 foreign flag vessels spent 34,000 vessel days operating in the United States EEZ in 1986, but used only marginal amounts of United States shipping capacity and other support services; and

WHEREAS in 1986, more than 5,000 vessel-to-vessel at-sea transshipments were made involving frozen fish and meal products by foreign vessels, amounting to 1,200,000 metric tons of fish product; and

WHEREAS value-added activities involving processing, transportation, cold storage, fuel bunkering, provisioning, and ship repair will benefit Alaska communities through increased employment, improved infrastructure, and additional tax revenue; and

WHEREAS domestic fishery support firms should have the opportunity to service these needs to the greatest extent possible, as intended by the Magnuson Act;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is respectfully requested to amend the 1989 groundfish fishery management plan for the Bering Sea and the Gulf of Alaska to include a support services priority for American carriers and bulk fuel suppliers servicing foreign processing vessels in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable C. William Verity, Jr., Secretary of Commerce; to the Honorable George P. Shultz, Secretary of State; to Mr. James Campbell, Chairman of the 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.