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Urging the United States Congress to enact a raw fish tax and a domestic on-board observer program.

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

WHEREAS the state has adopted a raw fish tax of three percent on most fish species caught within state water; and

WHEREAS significant numbers of fish are being caught in United States water between the three-mile and 200-mile limits; and

WHEREAS imposition of a three percent tax on fish caught in the area between the three-mile limit and the 200-mile limit would result in equity for all fishermen fishing in United States water; and

WHEREAS accurate logging data reporting the number of fish caught and the by-catch of all species is critical to fisheries management as well as accurate tax assessments; and

WHEREAS a domestic on-board observer program requiring domestic observers in United States water to log all fish caught would provide the accurate data needed; and

WHEREAS the funds generated by a three percent tax would provide adequate funding to pay for the domestic on-board observer program, increase funding for United States Coast Guard enforcement, and provide a revenue surplus to reduce the federal deficit;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress is urged to

(1) enact a three percent raw fish tax on fish taken from United States water between the three-mile and 200-mile

limits; and

(2) use a portion of the tax revenue to fund a domestic on-board observer program in United States water and provide a continuous source of funding to enable increased United States Coast Guard enforcement of fishing activities in United States water.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the Honorable John B. Breaux, Chairman, Merchant Marine Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the Honorable Walter B. Jones, Chairman, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; 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.