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Relating to reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

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

WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act established a fishery conservation zone, now known as the exclusive economic zone (EEZ), out to 200 miles off the coast of Alaska and the other coastal states to protect, conserve, and manage the extensive fishery resources of the continental shelf; and

WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act has fostered rational management of formerly unregulated fisheries off Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act has successfully promoted the development of an American fishing industry within the EEZ off Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act has eliminated foreign fishing within the EEZ off Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act established the North Pacific Fishery Management Council as the fishery management council for the EEZ fisheries off Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act since its enactment in 1976 has provided that a majority of the membership of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council be from Alaska; and

WHEREAS it is reasonable and just that a majority of the membership of the fishery management council responsible for the EEZ fisheries off Alaska be Alaskans;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act and respectfully requests the Congress to act expeditiously in reauthorizing the Act; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the current geographic composition of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council be retained.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ron Brown, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Gerry E. Studds, Chair, Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Thomas J. Manton, Chair, Fisheries Management Subcommittee of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chair, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John C. Danforth, Ranking Minority Member, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the U.S. Senate; 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.