

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR POLLOCK

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the preservation of the
6 bottom fishing industry of the north
7 Pacific coast of the United States.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND
9 LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, the bottom fishing industry of the northwestern
11 United States is not only the source of livelihood for many
12 thousands of fishermen and shore workers on all coasts of this
13 country, but also a source of an enormous and increasingly
14 essential food supply for the entire nation; and

15 WHEREAS, American fishermen have continuously and voluntarily
16 used bottom fishing gear which, while taking sufficient fish,
17 provides a certain quota of escapement commensurate with sound
18 conservation practices; and

19 WHEREAS, powerful fishing fleets from abroad are seriously
20 threatening the bottom fisheries of the north Pacific coast of the
21 United States through the use of so-called tangle nets, which pro-
22 vide for absolutely no escapement; and

23 WHEREAS, continued incursions by foreign fleets using tangle
24 nets may well decimate the bottom fisheries industry in spite of
25 American attempts to preserve it;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
27 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the federal
28 government is urged to take immediate steps through international
29 negotiation to preserve the bottom fishing industry of the north

1 Pacific coast of the United States and, in particular, to limit
2 the gear permissible for bottom fishing; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
4 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;
5 the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the
6 Honorable Milton E. Brooding, Chairman of the American Section of
7 the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission; the
8 Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening,
9 Senators from Alaska; and to the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Repre-
10 sentative from Alaska.

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