

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the imposition of a  
6 ban on imported crab if taken  
7 with illegal gear.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION  
9 ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, the harvesting of crab by the use of tangle gear,  
11 outer trawls, and any other type of beam trawl has been prohibit-  
12 ed by law; and

13 WHEREAS, this prohibition has been applied as a sound conser-  
14 vation practice to avoid the killing or maiming of female and  
15 immature crabs; and

16 WHEREAS, it has been established that the Russian fishing  
17 fleet operating in Alaskan waters uses these types of illegal  
18 gear in harvesting crab; and

19 WHEREAS, the ban on the importation of Russian packed crab-  
20 meat has just been lifted by the United States Government thus  
21 encouraging the violation of American law and scientific conser-  
22 vation practices, particularly to the detriment of the infant  
23 crab fishing industry of Alaska;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First  
25 Session assembled, that the President and the Congress are  
26 respectfully urged to reinstate the ban on the importation of  
27 Russian packed crabmeat until the Soviet Government conforms to  
28 established conservation practices and regulations when fishing  
29 off American shores, and it is respectfully requested that the

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United States Government consult with the State of Alaska when any lifting of the requested ban is being considered; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be directed to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; the Honorable Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Milton E. Brooding, Chairman of the American Section of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.