

1 WHEREAS, given the favorable ice-free harbor location with
2 its moderate climate and already available modern transportation
3 systems, the Kachemak Bay-Kamishak Bay-Shelikof Strait fishery,
4 now almost untapped, will have a chance to develop to its fullest
5 potential if the harbor for landing the fish is adequately de-
6 veloped; and

7 WHEREAS, with a coal field that measured 40 by 70 miles
8 before the petroleum industry's exploration program started to
9 increase the boundaries, and a liquid and gaseous petroleum po-
10 tential already proven to exceed the fabulous Arabian and Near
11 East fields, the Shelikoff Strait-Cook Inlet fossil fuel complex
12 appears to be the world's largest and most readily available
13 field. But for this field to develop, it is necessary to develop
14 transportation facilities for moving the necessarily vast bulk of
15 the fuel out; and

16 WHEREAS, the 100,000 ton fuel ships could easily dock in
17 Kachemak Bay, and the fuels could easily be shipped to Homer to
18 be loaded on the ships from there; and

19 WHEREAS, the problem of stopping erosion, of developing
20 fishing port plans, and of developing data for deciding on the
21 probable future shipping potential from Homer for fossil fuels are
22 all related, and it would be wasteful to undertake one without the
23 other two; and

24 WHEREAS, it is also necessary to undertake the indicated
25 studies for there to be an intelligent development of marine
26 facilities in South Central Alaska;

27 BE IT RESOLVED, that the United States Corps of Engineers
28 is respectfully requested to undertake a three-pronged study,
29 consisting of a study of the extent to which erosion should be

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1 controlled in Kachemak Bay, a study of the extent of the need for
2 harbor and landing facilities for the rapidly developing fishing
3 industry in the Kachemak Bay-Kamishak Bay-Shelikof Strait area,
4 and a study of the extent of the need for the development of a
5 deep water port to ship out the huge amounts of fossil fuels from
6 Shelikof Strait and Cook Inlet; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
8 Lieutenant General Walter K. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, United
9 States Army; Colonel Kenneth Sawyer, District Engineer, Corps of
10 Engineers, Alaska, and the Alaska Delegation to Congress.

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