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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HCS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Protesting the lenient disposition of  
6 the cases against the masters of the  
7 Russian fishing boats seized in Alaska  
8 territorial waters.

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

10 WHEREAS the Alaska fishermen have been subject to foreign exploitation  
11 for many years; and

12 WHEREAS territorial water boundaries have been established and ex-  
13 tended by both the state and federal governments in order to give the Alaska  
14 fishermen the needed protection from this exploitation; and

15 WHEREAS if the state three-mile limit and the new federal 12-mile limit  
16 are to be respected and act as a deterrent to foreign fishermen, they must  
17 be strongly enforced; and

18 WHEREAS Russian trawlers have been recently caught fishing in United  
19 States territorial waters within 12 miles of the Alaska Peninsula; and

20 WHEREAS conviction on the charge of violating United States territorial  
21 fishing rights would bring a maximum penalty of \$10,000 and a one-year jail  
22 term for the skipper of the seized trawler, as well as forfeiture of the  
23 boat, its gear, cargo, stores and shrimp catch; and

24 WHEREAS the Russian skippers received fines of \$5,000 and \$10,000; and  
25 WHEREAS such a mild punishment will encourage further violations by  
26 foreign fishermen and will not act as a deterrent or protect the interests  
27 of the Alaska fishermen, as is being clearly demonstrated by reports of  
28 further violations;

29 BE IT RESOLVED that the Fifth Legislature of the State of Alaska offers

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1 this resolution as an expression of its protest to the federal government  
2 for the lenient disposition of the cases against the Russian trawlers; and  
3 be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that future foreign violators receive maximum  
5 penalties under the law, and that nations whose nationals repeatedly violate  
6 the territorial water boundaries have that nation's fisheries import license  
7 revoked.

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