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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Urging the Governor to refuse foreign fishing vessels access to Alaskan ports for certain purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the fishing industry constitutes a very important part of the economy of Alaska and the need for growth, modernization, and diversification of the industry is paramount to the progress of the state; and

WHEREAS Alaska fisheries are threatened by the influx of large foreign fishing fleets, particularly the Republic of Korea fleets; and

WHEREAS any action which would make the harvesting of the fisheries resources off the coast of Alaska less costly to these foreign fleets would be inimical to the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, while Alaskans generally encourage foreign investments and look with favor on foreign facilities built in the state using Alaskan labor and resources, they must protest any action which would permit foreign fishing vessels and crews to use any Alaskan port for either rest and recreation purposes or for the delivery for shipment or processing of fish caught by these same vessels;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor of the State of Alaska is respectfully requested to use all means at his command to refuse foreign fishing vessels access to Alaskan ports for purposes of rest and recreation and shipping or processing of fish caught by these vessels.