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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 100

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the taking of halibut by
6 Japanese vessels in areas of the Bering
7 Sea.

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

9 WHEREAS the Japanese have agreed to abide by regulations recommended by
10 the International North Pacific Fisheries Convention and adopted by the
11 International Pacific Halibut Commission for the regulation of halibut in
12 the Bering Sea; and

13 WHEREAS, recently, observations of the catch of Japanese fishing vessels
14 in the Bering Sea have revealed that all regulations agreed on have not been
15 abided by in good faith, especially the prohibition against the use of net
16 gear; and

17 WHEREAS combined with an increase of infractions by Japan is a serious
18 decline in the total catch of halibut by Alaska fishermen in the Bering Sea;
19 and

20 WHEREAS a further decline in the take of halibut can result in economic
21 disaster for many of Alaska's fishermen who depend heavily on the harvest of
22 this species;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully
24 requests the Department of State to confer with Japan and bring to its
25 attention infractions of the agreement between Japan and the U. S. to abide
26 by the regulations recommended by the International North Pacific Fisheries
27 Convention and adopted by the International Pacific Halibut Commission and
28 request that Japan increase its level of enforcement to assure adherence
29 to the agreement by its nationals; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED that negotiations be undertaken so that detailed infor-
2 mation on each vessel's yearly halibut catch will be provided to the United
3 States by Japan.

4 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.
5 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable William P. Rogers,
6 Secretary, Department of State; the Honorable J. W. Fulbright, Chairman,
7 Senate Foreign Relations Committee; the Honorable Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman,
8 House Foreign Affairs Committee; the Honorable Harry L. Rietze, Regional
9 Director, U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries; and to the Honorable Ted
10 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable
11 Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
12 Congress.