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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to violations of international  
6 agreements concerning fishery resources

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

8 WHEREAS the United States has negotiated in good faith with the nations  
9 of Japan and the Soviet Union concerning the harvest of fishery resources in  
10 the North Pacific ocean and the Bering Sea; and

11 WHEREAS the nations of Japan and the Soviet Union have agreed with the  
12 United States not to conduct trawl fishing in certain areas of the North  
13 Pacific ocean and the Bering Sea in order to avoid gear conflicts; and

14 WHEREAS in the past month both Japanese and Soviet vessels have recently  
15 violated portions of their agreement and understandings with the United  
16 States; specifically by trawling in the pot sanctuary; and

17 WHEREAS United States fishing vessels have documented gear losses  
18 attributed to Soviet trawling activities in the pot sanctuary of such a  
19 serious nature as to effectively curtail their fishing operations; and

20 WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard on several occasions has observed  
21 these violations of the agreement and has asked the Russian fishing vessels  
22 to leave the areas they are illegally fishing in; and

23 WHEREAS American fishing vessels have documented evidence as to the  
24 vessels involved;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States State  
26 Department immediately seek damages from the government of the Soviet Union  
27 for loss of gear and fishing time to the United States vessels involved; and

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that if this problem is not promptly and satis-  
29 factorily resolved the Legislature urges that the United States government

1 withdraw concessions granted the Soviet Union under the terms of the travel  
2 fishing agreement.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
4 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable William P. Rogers,  
5 Secretary of State; the Honorable Donald L. McKernan, Special Assistant to  
6 the Secretary for Fisheries and Wildlife; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
7 and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich,  
8 U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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