

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting increased enforcement coordina-  
6 tion and assistance from the United States  
7 Coast Guard for off-shore fisheries  
8 violations.

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

10 WHEREAS fishery resources are among the most valuable natural assets that  
11 the people of this country and state possess; and

12 WHEREAS to adequately protect those resources all levels of government  
13 must combine to apprehend violators; and

14 WHEREAS increasingly blatant violations of fisheries laws are occurring  
15 outside the three-mile limit of Alaska, particularly for King Crab in the  
16 Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS United States Coast Guard vessels already patrol these areas for  
18 illegal foreign fishing activities; and

19 WHEREAS it would not be an unreasonable burden for the Coast Guard to  
20 familiarize itself with the laws and regulations that apply to domestic  
21 fishermen so that violations of those laws could be reported to the appropri-  
22 ate authority;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
24 the United States Coast Guard to assist more actively in the enforcement of  
25 all fisheries violations beyond the three-mile limit, and that it familiarize  
26 itself with Alaska's domestic fishing regulations and other applicable laws  
27 so that it can report fisheries violations to the appropriate state authority.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford,  
29 President of the United States; Admiral Owen W. Siler, Commandant, United

1 States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral John B. Hayes, Commander, 17th Coast Guard  
2 District; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel,  
3 United States Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, United States Representa-  
4 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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