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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the North Pacific Fishery
6 Management Council to reconsider
7 optimum yield levels and associated
8 foreign allocations of groundfish.

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

10 WHEREAS foreign imports of groundfish appear, under current optimum
11 yield levels and associated foreign allocations, to foster economic and
12 market conditions that inhibit the development of the United States ground-
13 fish harvesting and processing capacity; and

14 WHEREAS the type and degree of impact of foreign groundfish products on
15 the development of U.S. groundfish harvesting and processing capacity is
16 largely unknown; and

17 WHEREAS the U.S. groundfish industry apparently is unable to harvest,
18 process, and sell groundfish products at a price competitive with foreign
19 imports and at the same time remain an economically viable industry; and

20 WHEREAS a large amount of the foreign imports derive from foreign har-
21 vest and production of Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea groundfish resources;
22 and

23 WHEREAS it is the mandate of the North Pacific Fishery Management
24 Council to manage fishery resources for the maximum benefit to the United
25 States; and

26 WHEREAS the determination of optimum yield is to be based on economic
27 and social factors in addition to biological, environmental, and other fac-
28 tors;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the North Pacific

1 Fishery Management Council is urgently requested to (1) further consider
2 economic and social factors that may significantly influence the development
3 of U.S. groundfish harvesting and processing capacity, and (2) determine
4 optimum yields that would be consistent with proper recognition of these
5 factors; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is
7 urgently requested to conduct an economic and social analysis to determine
8 (1) the type and degree of economic and social impacts on U.S. groundfish
9 industry development caused by foreign imports that derive from foreign
10 harvest and production of Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea resources, and (2)
11 the level of optimum yields and associated foreign allocations that would
12 serve to mitigate impacts that impede the development of the U.S. groundfish
13 industry.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Cyrus Vance,
15 Secretary of State; the Honorable Philip M. Klutznick, Secretary of Commerce;
16 and to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

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