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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to United States observers on  
6 foreign fishing vessels.

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

8 WHEREAS section 201 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Manage-  
9 ment Act provides for the stationing of United States observers aboard each  
10 foreign vessel that is engaged in fishing in the fishery conservation zone;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS section 201 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Manage-  
13 ment Act also allows the Secretary of Commerce to waive the requirement of  
14 stationing United States observers aboard foreign fishing vessels under  
15 certain circumstances; and

16 WHEREAS United States observers have been stationed aboard only 30  
17 percent of foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conservation zone in  
18 1982; and

19 WHEREAS the stationing of United States observers aboard a larger  
20 percentage of foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conservation zone  
21 would provide more complete information about the degree of foreign inter-  
22 ception of Pacific salmon and about the migratory patterns of the Pacific  
23 salmon; and

24 WHEREAS the generation of more complete information about the Pacific  
25 salmon by United States observers would assist the State of Alaska in  
26 establishing optimum salmon escapement and harvest levels;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
28 the United States Congress to amend section 201 of the Magnuson Fishery  
29 Conservation and Management Act to

1 (1) provide that United States observers be stationed aboard all  
2 catcher vessels, as well as mother ships, of foreign fleets fishing in the  
3 fishery conservation zone;

4 (2) provide that foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conser-  
5 vation zone be required to provide adequate, safe, clean quarters for  
6 United States observers; and

7 (3) define the situations that are beyond the control of the  
8 Secretary of Commerce in which the secretary may waive the requirement of  
9 stationing United States observers aboard foreign vessels fishing in the  
10 fishery conservation zone.

11 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Ronald  
12 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, Presi-  
13 dent of the Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the  
14 House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-  
15 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
16 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.