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Referred: House Special Committee
on Fisheries and Resources

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the licensing of commercial
6 halibut vessels in Alaska.

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

8 WHEREAS the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) requires
9 that all vessels that fish halibut for commercial purposes, including sport
10 charter vessels that retain halibut, be licensed annually by the IPHC; and

11 WHEREAS a halibut license can be obtained only by submitting an appli-
12 cation at the commission's Seattle, Washington, office; and

13 WHEREAS the halibut license application is similar to applications for
14 permits and licenses issued by the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Com-
15 mission; and

16 WHEREAS the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission has better
17 capacity than the International Pacific Halibut Commission to process
18 Alaskans' applications for halibut licenses; and

19 WHEREAS appointing the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission as
20 an agent for processing and issuing halibut licenses would eliminate dupli-
21 cation for Alaskan fishermen;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
23 the International Pacific Halibut Commission to appoint the Alaska Commer-
24 cial Fisheries Entry Commission as its agent to process halibut vessel
25 license applications and to issue licenses on the behalf of the IPHC.

26 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Michael Hunter, Chairman,
27 International Pacific Halibut Commission; James Campbell, Chairman, North
28 Pacific Fishery Management Council; Bruce Twomley, Chairman, Alaska
29 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and

- 1 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
- 2 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.