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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to Canadian requirements for
6 Alaska commercial fishing vessels in
7 Canadian waters.

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

9 WHEREAS the Canadian Coastal Fisheries Protection Act prohibits Ameri-
10 can commercial fishermen in Southeast Alaska from fishing in Canadian
11 waters; and

12 WHEREAS regulations adopted under the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act
13 by the Canadian Minister of Fisheries and Oceans require American commer-
14 cial fishermen to stow fishing gear below deck while in transit through
15 Canadian waters; and

16 WHEREAS no similar requirements are made of Canadian commercial fish-
17 ing vessels entering Southeast Alaska waters; and

18 WHEREAS Canadian commercial fishermen fish within a quarter-mile of
19 United States shores in Southeast Alaska;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Secretary of
21 State is respectfully requested to negotiate with Canada for the repeal or
22 amendment of section 15(2)(a) of the regulations adopted under the Coastal
23 Fisheries Protection Act in order to allow Alaska commercial fishing ves-
24 sels to pass through Canadian waters and anchor in Canadian harbors without
25 having to stow all gear aboard the vessel; and be it

26 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature would view a re-
27 fusal to accommodate this request as an unfriendly act by Canada, and would
28 take appropriate measures to effect changes in United States law to require
29 that Canadian commercial fishing vessels stow gear below deck while

1 traveling through United States waters.

2 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George
3 Shultz, Secretary of State; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-
4 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
5 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.