

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Requesting a support services priority

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for American carriers and bulk fuel

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suppliers servicing foreign processing

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vessels in the exclusive economic zone.

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

10 WHEREAS the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) was established to  
11 encourage the development of the domestic fishing industry; and

12 WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act is in-  
13 tended to stimulate new jobs and new sales for the domestic fishing indus-  
14 try; and

15 WHEREAS regulations adopted under the Magnuson Act define the term  
16 "fishing" to include the "transferring or transporting of fish or fish  
17 products" and other support activities (50 C.F.R. 611.2); and

18 WHEREAS more than 500 foreign flag vessels spent 34,000 vessel days  
19 operating in the United States EEZ in 1986, but used only marginal amounts  
20 of United States shipping capacity and other support services; and

21 WHEREAS in 1986, more than 5,000 vessel-to-vessel at-sea transship-  
22 ments were made involving frozen fish and meal products by foreign vessels,  
23 amounting to 1,200,000 metric tons of fish product; and

24 WHEREAS value-added activities involving processing, transportation,  
25 cold storage, fuel bunkering, provisioning, and ship repair will benefit  
26 Alaska communities through increased employment, improved infrastructure,  
27 and additional tax revenue; and

28 WHEREAS domestic fishery support firms should have the opportunity to  
29 service these needs to the greatest extent possible, as intended by the

1 Magnuson Act;

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the North Pacific  
3 Fishery Management Council is respectfully requested to amend the 1989  
4 groundfish fishery management plan for the Bering Sea and the Gulf of  
5 Alaska to include a support services priority for American carriers and  
6 bulk fuel suppliers servicing foreign processing vessels in the United  
7 States Exclusive Economic Zone.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable C. William  
9 Verity, Jr., Secretary of Commerce; to the Honorable George P. Shultz,  
10 Secretary of State; to Mr. James Campbell, Chairman of the North Pacific  
11 Fishery Management Council; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honor-  
12 able Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.  
13 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.