

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64 am

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to Alaska's participation in
6 the bottomfish fisheries and other
7 benefits from the Exclusive Economic
8 Zone of the United States off the coast
9 of Alaska.

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

11 WHEREAS Presidential proclamation 5030 of March 10, 1983, established
12 sovereign rights in the United States over the living and nonliving natural
13 resources in a 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone for the United States off
14 its coasts; and

15 WHEREAS the coastal states of the United States have substantial
16 expertise and experience in the management, conservation, and development
17 of the ocean and coastal resources off their shores; and

18 WHEREAS Alaska is uniquely dependent on its maritime resources and has
19 substantial experience in managing the resources off its shores and seeks
20 to participate in the benefits to be obtained from the Exclusive Economic
21 Zone; and

22 WHEREAS the residents of the coastal communities in the maritime
23 states have historically depended on the resources of the sea for their
24 livelihood as well as their sustenance; and

25 WHEREAS many of the coastal communities in Alaska are economically
26 distressed; and

27 WHEREAS many of the benefits normally realized from the Exclusive
28 Economic Zone, especially in fisheries, have not been fully realized by the
29 residents of coastal communities in Alaska; and

1 WHEREAS Alaska wishes to ensure that further development of the Exclu-
2 sive Economic Zone will provide the maximum potential economic benefit,
3 particularly with reference to work for its residents, for the economically
4 distressed coastal communities in the state, and for the state at large;
5 and

6 WHEREAS Alaska wishes to ensure that, as the Exclusive Economic Zone
7 is developed, the interests of the state will be appropriately represented;
8 and

9 WHEREAS Alaskans want participation in fisheries before entry into the
10 fisheries is limited; and

11 WHEREAS it appears that many times entry is limited before Alaskans
12 are involved in the fisheries; and

13 WHEREAS there is substantial pressure on the bottomfish resources in
14 the Alaska Exclusive Economic Zone from non-Alaskan fishing interests; and

15 WHEREAS there could be great economic benefit to Alaskans from the
16 bottomfish fisheries off the coast of Alaska; and

17 WHEREAS many Alaskans have not had an opportunity to participate in
18 those fisheries; and

19 WHEREAS the federal government has already discussed limiting entry
20 into the Alaska bottomfish fisheries before Alaskans have begun partici-
21 pating;

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that entry into the
23 bottomfish fisheries off the coast of Alaska allow for no less than 50
24 percent participation by Alaskans in the bottomfish fisheries; and be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the State of
26 Alaska should enter into a partnership with the United States Government
27 for the management of activities, especially fisheries, in the Exclusive
28 Economic Zone off the coast of the state; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the partnership

1 should ensure that the state and its coastal communities share in the
2 economic benefits realized from the development of the Exclusive Economic
3 Zone off the coast of the state.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
5 Reagan, President of the United States; to James Campbell, chairman, North
6 Pacific Fishery Management Council; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
7 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
8 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.