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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the establishment of a

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domestic fishery zone for Unalaska.

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

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WHEREAS the 200-mile exclusive economic zone was established to en-

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courage the development of the domestic fishing industry; and

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WHEREAS the allocation of fish in the 200-mile exclusive economic zone

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is granted on a priority basis, with domestic fishermen and processors

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given first preference; and

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WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act is in-

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tended to stimulate new jobs and new sales for the domestic fishing in-

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dustry; and

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WHEREAS foreign processors operating in the Bering Sea and Aleutian

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Islands are restricting the growth of the domestic industry; and

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WHEREAS on-shore processing plants provide employment opportunities

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for Alaska workers, contribute to the state through the payment of taxes,

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and stimulate economic growth in coastal communities; and

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WHEREAS the establishment of the domestic fishery zone for the

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Unalaska area will encourage the development of on-shore processing plants;

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and

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WHEREAS the cities of Unalaska and Akutan have requested that the

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council establish a domestic fishery zone

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covering the area within a 100-mile radius of the City of Unalaska;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests

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the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to create a domestic fishery

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zone covering the area within a 100-mile radius of the City of Unalaska.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Malcolm
2 Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce; to James Campbell, Chairman, North Pacific
3 Fishery Management Council; 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.