

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

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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.

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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 (EEZ) was established to

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encourage the development of the domestic fishing industry; 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 indus-

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try; and

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WHEREAS regulations adopted under the Magnuson Act define the term

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"fishing" to include the "transferring or transporting of fish or fish

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products" and other support activities (50 C.F.R. 611.2); and

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WHEREAS more than 500 foreign flag vessels spent 34,000 vessel days

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operating in the United States EEZ in 1986, but used only marginal amounts

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of United States shipping capacity and other support services; and

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WHEREAS in 1986, more than 5,000 vessel-to-vessel at-sea transship-

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ments were made involving frozen fish and meal products by foreign vessels,

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amounting to 1,200,000 metric tons of fish product; and

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WHEREAS value-added activities involving processing, transportation,

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cold storage, fuel bunkering, provisioning, and ship repair will benefit

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Alaska communities through increased employment, improved infrastructure,

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and additional tax revenue; and

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WHEREAS domestic fishery support firms should have the opportunity to

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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.