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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Urging the United States Congress to

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enact a raw fish tax and a domestic on-

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board observer program.

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

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WHEREAS the state has adopted a raw fish tax of three percent on most

10 fish species caught within state water; and

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WHEREAS significant numbers of fish are being caught in United States

12 water between the three-mile and 200-mile limits; and

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WHEREAS imposition of a three percent tax on fish caught in the area

14 between the three-mile limit and the 200-mile limit would result in equity

15 for all fishermen fishing in United States water; and

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WHEREAS accurate logging data reporting the number of fish caught and

17 the by-catch of all species is critical to fisheries management as well as

18 accurate tax assessments; and

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WHEREAS a domestic on-board observer program requiring domestic ob-

20 servers in United States water to log all fish caught would provide the

21 accurate data needed; and

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WHEREAS the funds generated by a three percent tax would provide

23 adequate funding to pay for the domestic on-board observer program, in-

24 crease funding for United States Coast Guard enforcement, and provide a

25 revenue surplus to reduce the federal deficit;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress is

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(1) enact a three percent raw fish tax on fish taken from United

29 States water between the three-mile and 200-mile limits; and

1           (2) use a portion of the tax revenue to fund a domestic on-board  
2 observer program in United States water and provide a continuous source of  
3 funding to enable increased United States Coast Guard enforcement of fish-  
4 ing activities in United States water.

5           COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens  
6 and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don  
7 Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.