

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES NAVARRE, Ulmer, Grussendorf**

**Introduced: 1/20/93**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management  
2 Act.**

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

**4 WHEREAS** the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act established a  
**5 fishery conservation zone, now known as the exclusive economic zone, out to 200 miles off  
6 the coast of Alaska and the other coastal states to protect, conserve, and manage the extensive  
7 fishery resources of the outer continental shelf; and**

**8 WHEREAS** the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act has fostered  
**9 rational management of formerly unregulated high seas fisheries off Alaska; and**

**10 WHEREAS** the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act has successfully  
**11 promoted the development of an American fishing industry on the high seas off Alaska; and**

**12 WHEREAS** the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act has largely  
**13 eliminated foreign fishing on the high seas off Alaska; and**

**14 WHEREAS** the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act established the  
**15 North Pacific Fishery Management Council as the fishery management council for the high  
16 seas fisheries off Alaska; and**

1           **WHEREAS** the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act since its  
2 enactment in 1976 has provided that a majority of the membership of the North Pacific  
3 Fishery Management Council be from Alaska; and

4           **WHEREAS** the Congress is considering proposals to increase the non-Alaskan  
5 membership of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in order to give non-Alaskans  
6 a majority of the votes on the council; and

7           **WHEREAS** it is only reasonable that a majority of the membership of the fishery  
8 management council responsible for the high seas fisheries off Alaska be Alaskans;

9           **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the reauthorization of  
10 the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act and respectfully requests the  
11 Congress to act expeditiously in reauthorizing the Act; and be it

12           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that  
13 the current geographic composition of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council be  
14 retained.

15           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Al Gore, Vice-President of  
16 the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President  
17 Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House  
18 of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,  
19 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
20 delegation in Congress.