

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17(FSH)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Offered: 2/9/94

Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES NAVARRE, Ulmer, Grussendorf, Davidson

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 (EEZ), out to 200
6 miles off the coast of Alaska and the other coastal states to protect, conserve, and manage the
7 extensive fishery resources of the continental shelf; and**

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

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

**12 WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act has eliminated
13 foreign fishing within the EEZ 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 EEZ
16 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 EEZ 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.