

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES OLBERG, Moses, Sitton, Grussendorf, Toohey, Ulmer, Navarre**

**Introduced: 3/3/93**

**Referred: Labor & Commerce**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to United States Coast Guard commercial fishing vessel safety regulations.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** the United States Coast Guard has proposed regulations on commercial  
4 fishing vessel safety; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Coast Guard has not allowed sufficient time for commercial fishermen  
6 and the commercial fishing industry to study the complex proposed regulations and to  
7 meaningfully respond to the proposed regulations; and

8 **WHEREAS** the proposed regulations may pose a significant burden on commercial  
9 fishermen and the commercial fishing industry; and

10 **WHEREAS** the proposed regulations do not recognize the necessity to continually  
11 alter and improve fishing vessels to enhance the vessel's performance;

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United  
13 States Coast Guard to

14 (1) extend the comment period on proposed commercial fishing vessel safety  
15 regulations in order to provide commercial fishermen and the commercial fishing industry a  
16 total of at least 120 days to comment on the proposed regulations;

17 (2) hold public hearings on proposed commercial fishing vessel safety

1 regulations before closing the comment period on the proposed regulations;

2 (3) respond to suggestions made by commercial fishermen and the commercial  
3 fishing industry regarding stability tests, bulkhead changes on existing vessels, and other topics  
4 important to commercial fishermen and the commercial fishing industry;

5 (4) incorporate into the proposed commercial fishing vessel safety regulations  
6 the suggestions and recommendations made by naval architects familiar with commercial  
7 fishing and commercial fishing vessels on the Pacific Coast;

8 (5) propose new commercial fishing vessel safety regulations for new  
9 commercial fishing vessels that are under 50 feet in length;

10 (6) delay the effective date of final commercial fishing vessel safety regulations  
11 applicable to existing commercial fishing vessels for six months after the final regulations are  
12 published; and

13 (7) delay the effective date of final commercial fishing vessel safety regulations  
14 applicable to new commercial fishing vessels for one year after the final regulations are  
15 published.

16 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the  
17 United States; the Honorable Federico Pena, Secretary of the U.S. Department of  
18 Transportation; Admiral J. William Kime, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; the  
19 Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council, U.S. Coast Guard; and to the Honorable Ted  
20 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,  
21 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.