

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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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.