

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

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/24/94  
Referred: Judiciary**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS LITTLE, Zharoff, Salo, Lincoln, Leman, Taylor**

**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, Jr., Vice-President  
16 of 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.