

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

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

**Offered: 3/3/94
Referred: Rules**

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 may consider 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 Ron Brown, Secretary
17 of the U.S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore
18 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of
19 Representatives; the Honorable Gerry E. Studds, Chair, Committee on Merchant Marine and
20 Fisheries of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Thomas J. Manton, Chair,
21 Fisheries Management Subcommittee of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of
22 the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Chair, Committee on
23 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John C. Danforth,
24 Ranking Minority Member, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the U.S.
25 Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators,
26 and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
27 Congress.