

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

**Introduced: 3/29/94
Referred: Rules**

A RESOLUTION

**1 Requesting the governor to amend the names submitted to the United States
2 Department of Commerce for possible appointment to the North Pacific Fishery
3 Management Council.**

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

**5 WHEREAS the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) has jurisdiction
6 over the fisheries resources within the United States Exclusive Economic Zone adjoining
7 Alaska; and**

8 WHEREAS a majority of the 11 seats on the NPFMC are held by Alaskans; and

**9 WHEREAS the terms of two of the six Alaska members of the NPFMC expire on
10 July 1, 1994; and**

**11 WHEREAS the governor has recently submitted the names of six Alaskans to the
12 United States Secretary of Commerce as potential appointees to the two seats; and**

**13 WHEREAS these names were submitted in two lists of three names each from which
14 the secretary will select one name from each list; and**

**15 WHEREAS the proportional makeup of the NPFMC between Alaskan and other
16 interests is the subject of much debate as the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and**

1 Management Act, which created the NPFMC, is considered by Congress for reauthorization
2 this year; and

3 **WHEREAS** it is extremely important that the Alaska members on the NPFMC be able
4 to communicate and work well with each other and the public to protect the state's interests
5 in the fisheries off our coast; and

6 **WHEREAS** one of the names on a list for possible appointment is that of Mr. Clem
7 Tillion; and

8 **WHEREAS** Mr. Tillion has consistently been a divisive force in fisheries management
9 issues in this state; and

10 **WHEREAS** the actions and tactics of Mr. Tillion have often served to drive wedges
11 between various user groups and between our coastal communities; and

12 **WHEREAS** our fishing industry is facing many challenges that are best addressed by
13 Alaskans pulling together to work mutually for the protection and betterment of the industry
14 as a whole; and

15 **WHEREAS** there are many extremely qualified Alaskans who have expressed the
16 willingness to take on the job of working for the state in the NPFMC process;

17 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Senate respectfully requests that Governor
18 Hickel withdraw the name of Mr. Clem Tillion from the list of potential appointees to the
19 North Pacific Fishery Management Council; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Senate respectfully requests that
21 Governor Hickel, after consultation with a diverse group of fisheries interests from around the
22 state, replace the name of Mr. Clem Tillion with the name of a qualified Alaskan who is
23 capable of bringing people together to better protect the state's interests.