

**HJR**

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(9)

Date Referred: February 9, 1994

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/7/94

The RESOURCES Committee considered:

HJR 17

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

MAGNUSON FISHERY CONSRV & MGT ACT

Relating to reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

be replaced with CS HJR 17 (RES)  the same title  
 a new title

have attached amendments(s)

do pass

do not pass

no recommendations

individual recommendations

additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): \_\_\_\_\_ (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Dept/Date)

fiscal impact \_\_\_\_\_

fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) Fisheries Comm. / 2-8-94

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Bill Hudson</i>	✓				
<i>Janette James</i>	✓				
<i>Alton Hudd</i>	✓				
<i>W.F. Williams</i>	✓				

*W.F. Williams*  
 CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

**MIKE NAVARRE**

REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 9

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February 14, 1994

**TO:** Representative Bill Williams, Chairman of House Resources Committee

**FROM:** Representative Mike Navarre *Mike*

**SUBJECT:** House Joint Resolution 17, A resolution relating to the re-authorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation Act.

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HJR 17 relates to the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, currently up for re-authorization in the U.S. Congress. This Act was last re-authorized in 1990 for a period of three years. The Act serves two purposes: 1) to make a national claim on the fisheries resources of the continental shelf in the band of marine waters from 3 to 200 miles offshore--the exclusive economic zone (EEZ); and 2) to set up a system for managing and conserving the fisheries resources within this zone. To meet this management and conservation aim, Congress created the Regional Fishery Management Council system. Alaska is represented on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

In creating the Council system, Congress recognized the strong interest coastal states had in the fisheries resources of the EEZ off their shores. Congress charges the Councils with the primary responsibilities for determining management policy, within the EEZ, and mandates that the voting members of each of the eight regional Councils be drawn from the relevant coastal states. There is only one voting member representing the federal government on each Council.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is unique, among the eight regional Councils created by Congress, in that it is assigned responsibility for a portion of the EEZ lying entirely off the coast of a **single** state -- Alaska. All the other Councils' regions of authority span **multiple** state coastlines. Congress recognized this uniqueness, as well as historic participation in the fisheries off Alaska by the residents of Washington and Oregon, when prescribing the voting membership of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. There are 6 votes from Alaska, 3 from Washington, 1 from Oregon, and 1 from the National Marine Fisheries Service.



# Petersburg Vessel Owners Association

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February 11, 1994

Representative Bill Williams, Chairman  
House Resources Committee  
State Capitol  
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Dear Representative Williams,

We would like to make you aware of our support for HJR 17, relating to the reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. We feel it is essential that the State of Alaska send a strong message to Congress to maintain the current geographic composition of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

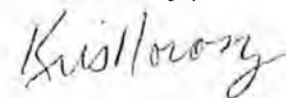
We have been active at the Council process since its inception. We believe the present composition of the NPFMC has been successful in representing and addressing the concerns and interests of the wide array of people who are involved in North Pacific fisheries. One of the criticism that has been levelled specifically at the NPFMC is that the Alaska majority controls the Council process. However, if one examines the voting record of the NPFMC, it is obvious that this is certainly not the case.

Retention of the current geographical composition of the NPFMC is extremely important to us. We are strong believers that it is imperative that the decision makers on the NPFMC are readily accountable to the fishermen and communities that are most affected.

The NPFMC has many fine accomplishments to its credit. The Council prohibited roe stripping, established the nation's first comprehensive domestic observer program, and has maintained the 2 million ton cap on Bering Sea harvests.

We support HJR 17 and hope that it will be fully embraced by both the Senate and House.

Sincerely,



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Director



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February 6, 1994

Representative Mike Navarre  
State Capitol, Room # 521  
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Sent By FAX Transmission

Dear Representative Navarre:

Subject: SJR 17 and HJR 17

The Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association (KPFA) is a group of over 400 commercial salmon fishermen in the Cook Inlet area.

KPFA strongly supports the reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. We also support the current geographic composition of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. The majority of the membership of the council responsible for the high seas fisheries off Alaska should rightfully be Alaskans.

Thank you for introducing this resolution, Representative Navarre!

Sincerely,

Ken Coleman  
President

**UCIDA****UNITED COOK INLET DRIFT ASSOCIATION**

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February 7, 1994

SENT BY TELEFAX

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(Sponsor) HJR17  
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SUBJECT: SJR17/ HJR17

Dear Representative Navarre,

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) would like to express our strong support for SJR17/HJR17. This legislation supports the retention of the current Alaskan majority on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC).

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 salmon drift permit holders in Upper Cook Inlet. Some 350 permit holders are current members of our association. UCIDA is also active at the state and federal levels as a member of the Executive Committee of United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA).

Of all the Management Councils established by Congress under the Magnuson Act, NPFMC has clearly developed and sustained the largest conservation ethic. This is due, in large part, to the "Alaskan majority" since they represent thousands of Alaskan vessel owners and the many Alaskan coastal communities that have a vested interest in the long viability of the fisheries in the North Pacific.

We urge expeditious action on this legislation as it will reinforce similar positions already taken by our Congressional delegations as they work toward the reauthorization of the Magnuson Act.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theo Matthews".

Theo Matthews  
Administrative Assistant

CC Senator Stevens  
Representative Young

Senator Murkowski  
UFA



# Cook Inlet Seiners Association

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February 8, 1994

Representative Mike Navarre  
Alaska State Capitol,  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Navarre:

As you know, Cook Inlet Seiners Association (CISA), is a non-profit, Homer based fishing organization. CISA represents eighty-five percent of the seine permit holders in Lower Cook Inlet. We are writing on behalf of our membership in support of House Joint Resolution 17. Thank you for introducing this resolution that relates to the reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The move by Washington State congresswoman, Jolene Unseold to change the composition of the council is unacceptable. Not only could assigning additional seats to representatives from the lower 48 place the management of Alaskan fisheries into the hands of non-Alaskan, it could also increase the possibility of the appointment of non-qualified people on the council. The fishery industry is facing difficult and complex issues. As a result, it is absolutely necessary and vital that only those with expertise and experience in the field are in decision-making roles.

The present council make-up has a proven track record of sound management. At this point in time, there is no compelling reason to change its composition.

Thank you again on behalf of the lower Cook Inlet Seiners.

Sincerely,

*AlRay Carroll*  
AlRay Carroll, President  
Cook Inlet Seiners Association

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HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: 3/7/94

PLACE: Capitol, Room 124

**SUBJECT OF MEETING:**  
 HJR 17 - Magnuson Fishery Conservation + mgt. Act  
 HB 404 - Land Allotments  
 HB 448 - Waste + Use of Salmon + Parts of Salmon  
 SB 77 - Intensive management of Game

NAME	REPRESENTING	BUSINESS/PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS	ZIP	(H) PHONE	(W) PHONE	DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?	WHAT SUBJECT/ WHICH BILL?
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Geron Bruce	Fish/Game	P.O. BX 25526	99802		465-6193	(Y) N	HB 448
Dave Kelleyhouse	Fish & Game	"	"		465-4191	(Y) N	HS CSB 77 ✓
Ray Gillespie	Acquaintance	9478 Riverbend Ct	99801	784-3941	463-3372	(Y) N	HB 448
Kevin McDougall	FISHERMAN PROCESSORS	Box 714 Douglas	99824		364-2273	(Y) N	HB 448
Roger McKowan	Rep Hoffman					(Y) N	HB 404
John George	AOL	9515 Moraine Way Juneau	99802	789-0172		(Y) N	HB 77
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