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1 is impacting Alaska Board of Fisheries policy at the expense of the Alaska  
2 fishing industry in an obvious display of favoritism towards foreign fishing  
3 interests; and

4 WHEREAS the federally controlled North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
5 is usurping the long-standing and highly successful management of several  
6 exclusively domestic fisheries by the Alaska Board of Fisheries; and

7 WHEREAS the imposition of federal fisheries management plans on the  
8 Alaska salmon troll, Bering Sea herring, and Bering Sea king crab fisheries  
9 leaves the State of Alaska with the primary responsibility for management,  
10 research, and enforcement, but vests all final decision-making authority in  
11 federal agencies; and

12 WHEREAS the high seas gillnet operations for squid by foreign fleets are  
13 intercepting significant numbers of North American salmon; and *Replace*

14 WHEREAS the dollar value of incidentally caught halibut by foreign  
15 trawlers likely exceeds the value of the total permitted marketable catch;  
16 and *Replacement language*

17 WHEREAS the numerous seizures of foreign fishing vessels and convictions  
18 of foreign vessel operators for underlogging catches and retaining prohibited  
19 species over the past three years indicate that the foreign fleets are taking  
20 substantially more fish than they have been allocated; and

21 WHEREAS every Alaska fisherman has a right to state and federal protec-  
22 tion of Alaska's fishery resources from overfishing by foreign vessels;

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
24 the United States Congress to change the voting members on the seating  
25 arrangement of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council so as to exclude  
26 the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service and to include  
27 another Alaskan-at-large representative, and be it

28 *Be It*  
29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the United States Department

1 of Commerce to reduce the total allowable level of foreign fishing in the  
2 Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska by at least 25 percent in order to conserve  
3 stocks and stimulate market opportunity for U.S.-caught bottomfish; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
5 the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the United States Department  
6 of Commerce to reduce the impact of offshore trawl efforts on Alaska's crucial  
7 inshore shellfish, longline, and salmon fisheries by time and area closures  
8 on the foreign and domestic trawl fleets; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
10 the United States Congress to allocate sufficient funding to put United  
11 States observers on every foreign vessel fishing in Alaska's 200-mile fishery  
12 conservation zone and on high seas Japanese fleets catching salmon of Alaska  
13 origin; and be it

14 ~~FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests~~  
15 ~~the United States Congress to grant the State of Alaska exclusive jurisdiction~~  
16 ~~over domestic fisheries management within the 200-mile fishery conservation~~  
17 ~~zone along Alaska's coast.~~

18 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald  
19 Reagan, President of the United States; to the Honorable George Bush, Presi-  
20 dent of the Senate; to the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the  
21 House of Representatives; to the Honorable John B. Breaux, chairman, Sub-  
22 committee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment, House  
23 Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
24 the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,  
25 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and to the  
26 members of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.