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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the taking of halibut by Japanese vessels in areas of the Bering Sea.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Japanese have agreed to abide by regulations recommended by the International North Pacific Fisheries Convention and adopted by the International Pacific Halibut Commission for the regulation of halibut in the Bering Sea; and

WHEREAS, recently, observations of the catch of Japanese fishing vessels in the Bering Sea have revealed that all regulations agreed on have not been abided by in good faith, especially the prohibition against the use of net gear; and

WHEREAS combined with an increase of infractions by Japan is a serious decline in the total catch of halibut by Alaska fishermen in the Bering Sea; and

WHEREAS a further decline in the take of halibut can result in economic disaster for many of Alaska's fishermen who depend heavily on the harvest of this species;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Department of State to confer with Japan and bring to its attention infractions of the agreement between Japan and the United States to abide by the regulations recommended by the International North Pacific Fisheries Convention and adopted by the International Pacific Halibut Commission and request that Japan increase its level of enforcement to assure adherence to the agreement by its nationals; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that negotiations be undertaken so that detailed information on each vessel's yearly halibut catch will be provided to the United States by Japan.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable William P. Rogers, Secretary, Department of State; the Honorable J. W. Fulbright, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; the Honorable Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee; the Honorable Harry L. Rietze, Regional Director, U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.