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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 75

Relating to the reporting of lost gear by foreign fishing vessels.

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

WHEREAS foreign nations are violating the United States fishing zones at an ever-increasing pace; and

WHEREAS Alaskans are facing even more disastrous fishing seasons in future years due in large part to the invasion of Alaskan and United States waters by foreign fleets who take the resources from the high seas; and

WHEREAS not only are foreign vessels invading Alaskan and United States waters, they are, in addition, utilizing gear which is, or should be, prohibited, such as monofilament net; and

WHEREAS it would be beneficial to the United States and especially Alaskans if accurate knowledge could be obtained on the number of foreign vessels fishing in our waters at any given time and what nations the vessels are licensed in; and

WHEREAS one thing that would aid the United States and Alaska in obtaining such information would be a requirement that all fishing vessels must immediately report all lost gear to the United States Department of State;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of State is urgently requested to undertake immediately negotiations with all appropriate foreign governments with the objective of finalizing an agreement that would require foreign vessels to notify immediately the United States Department of State of all lost gear.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Henry Kissinger, Secretary, Department of State; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.