



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64

Requesting increased enforcement coordination and assistance from the United States Coast Guard for offshore fisheries violations.

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

WHEREAS fishery resources are among the most valuable natural assets that the people of this country and state possess; and

WHEREAS to adequately protect those resources all levels of government must combine to apprehend violators; and

WHEREAS increasingly blatant violations of fisheries laws are occurring outside the three-mile limit of Alaska, particularly for king crab in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska; and

WHEREAS United States Coast Guard vessels already patrol these areas for illegal foreign fishing activities; and

WHEREAS it would not be an unreasonable burden for the Coast Guard to familiarize itself with the laws and regulations that apply to domestic fishermen so that violations of those laws could be reported to the appropriate authority;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Coast Guard to assist more actively in the enforcement of all fisheries violations beyond the three-mile limit, and that it familiarize itself with Alaska's domestic fishing regulations and other applicable laws so that it can report fisheries violations to the appropriate state authority.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States; Admiral Owen W. Siler, Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral John B. Hayes, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District; and to 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.