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Relating to reimbursement of Alaska advisors to salmon fisheries negotiations.

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

WHEREAS Pacific salmon "interception" fisheries negotiations have been ongoing between the federal governments of the United States and Canada for the past several years and these negotiations are expected to be completed within the next few months; and

WHEREAS these negotiations deal with salmon fisheries of great importance to the commercial fisheries of southeast Alaska and traditional subsistence fisheries of Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS the content of these fisheries will have a tremendous bearing on the feasibility of future expansion of salmon enhancement facilities in both Alaska and Canada; and

WHEREAS the advice of members of the Alaska fishing industry has time and again proven itself to be of great value to the government negotiators involved in international fisheries treaty negotiations; and

WHEREAS technical advisors from the industrial sector have not received public support to fulfill their vital role in these particular negotiations, even though the costs to the industry representatives in lost fishing time, travel, and subsistence to attend the numerous negotiating sessions in Seattle, Washington, and Vancouver, British Columbia, have been financially burdensome for these representatives;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the U.S. Department of Commerce reimburse the actual expenses incurred in traveling to and attending the

negotiating sessions of those Alaska fishing industry representatives who have been invited to advise the chief U.S. negotiator.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Juanita M. Kreps, Secretary of Commerce; Richard Frank, Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Donald McKernan, Chief U.S. negotiator.