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Requesting the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to investigate the possibility of creating a separate administrative area for the Aleutian Islands and requesting the Department of Fish and Game to provide the legislature with data and statistics relating to salmon harvests in the Aleutian Islands.

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

WHEREAS many fishermen living in Unalaska, Dutch Harbor, Akutan, Nikolski, Atka, and other villages in the Aleutian Islands have never had an opportunity to qualify for a salmon seine or gill net entry permit because these areas have historically had local fish buyers who could process only a small number of fish during the salmon runs; and

WHEREAS the salmon from Unalaska Island are being caught by fishermen from areas east of Unalaska Island and are being taken by tenders to False Pass and King Cove for processing; and

WHEREAS the development of the fishery in the Aleutian Islands area during recent years has excluded all but a few of the fishermen who live in the Aleutian Islands; and

WHEREAS there are local runs of red, chum, and pink salmon in the Aleutian Islands which have not been harvested except to a small degree for subsistence uses and except for occasional harvests around Unalaska Island; and

WHEREAS, at the time entry was limited to the fisheries in the area of the Aleutian Islands, the residents in that area of the state did not have the gear or vessels to participate in the commercial salmon fisheries;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission is requested to investigate the possibility of separating the administrative area which presently encompasses the Aleutian Islands and the Alaska Peninsula (Area M) into two salmon net administrative areas; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission include in its investigation the possibility of establishing a new eligibility period for fishermen to qualify for entry permits for the new Aleutian Islands administrative area while allowing salmon net permit holders to continue fishing in the areas currently authorized under laws and regulations relating to limited entry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission present a report summarizing the findings of its investigation to the legislature by January 1, 1981, including proposed regulations to accomplish the separation of the present administrative area into two administrative areas and recommendations for legislation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Fish and Game to provide the legislature with data and statistics relating to salmon catches of Aleutian Island stocks between 1950 and 1979 from any fishery in the North Pacific Ocean or the Bering Sea; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Fish and Game provide the legislature with a listing of and information relating to the salmon-producing streams of the Aleutian Islands, including species, timing of runs, and magnitude of runs from the streams; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are requested to prepare a joint report indicating the expected impact on the fishery in the Aleutian Islands area from separating the present administrative area into two administrative areas and from allowing previously ineligible fishermen to apply for entry permits in the new Aleutian Islands administrative area.