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Relating to United States observers on foreign fishing vessels.

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

WHEREAS section 201 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act provides for the stationing of United States observers aboard each foreign vessel that is engaged in fishing in the fishery conservation zone; and

WHEREAS section 201 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act also allows the Secretary of Commerce to waive the requirement of stationing United States observers aboard foreign fishing vessels under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS United States observers have been stationed aboard only 30 percent of foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conservation zone in 1982; and

WHEREAS the stationing of United States observers aboard a larger percentage of foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conservation zone would provide more complete information about the degree of foreign interception of Pacific salmon and about the migratory patterns of the Pacific salmon; and

WHEREAS the generation of more complete information about the Pacific salmon by United States observers would assist the State of Alaska in establishing optimum salmon escapement and harvest levels;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States Congress to amend section 201 of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to

(1) provide that United States observers be stationed aboard all catcher vessels, as well as mother ships, of foreign

fleets fishing in the fishery conservation zone;

(2) provide that foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conservation zone be required to provide adequate, safe, clean quarters for United States observers;

(3) define the situations that are beyond the control of the Secretary of Commerce in which the secretary may waive the requirement of stationing United States observers aboard foreign vessels fishing in the fishery conservation zone; and

(4) provide that a vessel for which the observer requirement has been waived shall proceed to a United States port for a review of the vessel's logs and catch after fishing in the fishery conservation zone.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to The Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush, President of the Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.