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Relating to the licensing of commercial halibut vessels in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) requires that all vessels that fish halibut for commercial purposes, including sport charter vessels that retain halibut, be licensed annually by the IPHC; and

WHEREAS a halibut license can be obtained only by submitting an application at the commission's Seattle, Washington, office; and

WHEREAS the halibut license application is similar to applications for permits and licenses issued by the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission has better capacity than the International Pacific Halibut Commission to process Alaskans' applications for halibut licenses; and

WHEREAS appointing the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission as an agent for processing and issuing halibut licenses would eliminate duplication for Alaskan fishermen;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the International Pacific Halibut Commission to appoint the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission as its agent to process halibut vessel license applications and to issue licenses on the behalf of the IPHC.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Michael Hunter, Chairman, International Pacific Halibut Commission; James Campbell, Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Bruce Twomley, Chairman, Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry

Commission; 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.