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Requesting the governor to amend the names submitted to the United States Department of Commerce for possible appointment to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

**WHEREAS** the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) has jurisdiction over the fisheries resources within the United States Exclusive Economic Zone adjoining Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** a majority of the 11 seats on the NPFMC are held by Alaskans; and

**WHEREAS** the terms of two of the six Alaska members of the NPFMC expire on July 1, 1994; and

**WHEREAS** the governor has recently submitted the names of six Alaskans to the United States Secretary of Commerce as potential appointees to the two seats; and

**WHEREAS** these names were submitted in two lists of three names each from which the secretary will select one name from each list; and

**WHEREAS** the proportional makeup of the NPFMC between Alaskan and other interests is the subject of much debate as the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which created the NPFMC, is considered by Congress for reauthorization

this year; and

**WHEREAS** it is extremely important that the Alaska members on the NPFMC be able to communicate and work well with each other and the public to protect the state's interests in the fisheries off our coast; and

**WHEREAS** one of the names on a list for possible appointment is that of Mr. Clem Tillion; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Tillion has consistently been a divisive force in fisheries management issues in this state; and

**WHEREAS** the actions and tactics of Mr. Tillion have often served to drive wedges between various user groups and between our coastal communities; and

**WHEREAS** our fishing industry is facing many challenges that are best addressed by Alaskans pulling together to work mutually for the protection and betterment of the industry as a whole; and

**WHEREAS** there are many extremely qualified Alaskans who have expressed the willingness to take on the job of working for the state in the NPFMC process;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Senate respectfully requests that Governor Hickel withdraw the name of Mr. Clem Tillion from the list of potential appointees to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Senate respectfully requests that Governor Hickel, after consultation with a diverse group of fisheries interests from around the state, replace the name of Mr. Clem Tillion with the name of a qualified Alaskan who is capable of bringing people together to better protect the state's interests.