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Relating to the establishment of a priority access zone at Unalaska for domestic fishermen and processors.

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

WHEREAS the 200-mile exclusive economic zone was established to encourage the development of the domestic seafood industry; and

WHEREAS the allocation of fish in the 200-mile exclusive economic zone is granted on a priority basis, with domestic fishermen and processors given first preference; and

WHEREAS the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act is intended to stimulate new jobs and new sales for the domestic seafood industry; and

WHEREAS foreign processors operating in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands are restricting the growth of the domestic industry; and

WHEREAS on-shore processing plants provide employment opportunities for Alaska workers, contribute to the state through the payment of taxes, and stimulate economic growth in coastal communities; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a domestic annual processing (DAP) priority access zone for the Unalaska area will encourage the development of on-shore processing plants and continue to allow domestic floating processors to operate; and

WHEREAS the cities of Unalaska and Akutan have requested that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council establish a DAP priority access zone covering the area within a 100-mile radius of the City of Unalaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to create a DAP priority access zone covering the area within a 100-mile radius of the City of Unalaska.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce; to James Campbell, Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; 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.