Presented by: Mayor and Assembly
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1451

A RESOLUTION URGING THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO PREPARE A FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN ADDRESSING THE ALLOCATION OF THE GROUNDFISH RESOURCE.

WHEREAS, the waters off Alaska's coast are among the most productive fishing grounds in the world, and

WHEREAS, many of Alaska's coastal communities, including the City and Borough of Juneau, rely on the fishing industry as a primary employer, and

WHEREAS, the fishing industry is of major importance to our community and our state, and offers a substantial opportunity for sustained economic growth and economic development for our future, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and coastal communities rely upon taxes generated from the fisheries as a basis for our economy, and

WHEREAS, fisheries will take on an even greater role in the future of Alaska, as oil production diminishes, and all of the state must rely upon our renewable resources for economic stability, and

WHEREAS, the Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act was passed to encourage broad-based economic development in the United States from the resources contained within the U.S. 200-mile waters, and

WHEREAS, many of Alaska's groundfish harvesting vessels rely upon in-shore processing plants to purchase their products, and

WHEREAS, in-shore groundfish processors contribute to Alaska in many ways, including employment, taxes, community development, diversified fishery opportunities, and state marketing programs, and

WHEREAS, off-shore factory trawlers do not contribute substantially to taxes, employment, economic development, or marketing support for Alaska, nor are they regulated by state agencies regarding labor practices, and

WHEREAS, in-shore plants and small fishing fleets provide for the greatest conservation of the resource, including greater conservation of by-catch of traditional species which effects all Alaska fishing interests, in addition to the groundfish industry, and

WHEREAS, unless a specific allocation of groundfish resources between in-shore and off-shore interests is mandated, the off-shore factory trawlers will take all of the groundfish resources off Alaska's coasts and cause our community and our state severe economic hardship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau urges the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to prepare a fisheries management plan which allocates the groundfish resource between the in-shore and off-shore sectors of the industry.

2. That the U.S. Secretary of Commerce is respectfully requested to approve the groundfish resource allocations as proposed and managed by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 18th day of June, 1990.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk