

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Resolution on Funding the Onboard Observer Program

January 18, 2008

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WHEREAS, Alaska was the first state to initiate the practice of having an observer aboard commercial fishing vessels, and

WHEREAS, for a number of years there has been a federal mandate requiring an observer based on vessel size, and

WHEREAS, this mandate is federally funded in every state except Alaska, and

WHEREAS, that is an unfair and inequitable treatment of Alaska Fishermen,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Board Fisheries urges the Alaska Congressional Delegation, the Governor, and the Alaska State Legislature to work to correct and this and be consistent with funding practices throughout the rest of the United States.

ADOPTED this 18th day of January, 2008



Mel Morris, Chair
Alaska Board of Fisheries