ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Resolution #78-36-FB

Relating to Enforcement of Fisheries Regulations

- WHEREAS the fisheries resources of Alaska are of inestimable economic, recreational, and subsistence value to the citizens of Alaska and the United States; and
- WHEREAS the protection of these resources is essential for their maximum sustained yield to provide the world's food requirements; and
- WHEREAS the capability of the State of Alaska to provide protection to these valuable resources in the offshore areas is presently inadequate; and
- WHEREAS the Fisheries Conservation and Management Act of 1976 provides for joint management responsibility of these fisheries resources;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Fisheries requests a continued cooperative effort between the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Alaska Department of Public Safety, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the United States Coast Guard to enforce the fisheries regulations of Alaska to ensure protection of the fisheries resources; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Alaska Department of Public Safety, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the United States Coast Guard are requested to regularly advise the Alaska Board of Fisheries on the progress of the cooperative enforcement effort; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the United States Coast Guard are invited to attend and participate in meetings of the Alaska Board of Fisheries in order to learn of potential fisheries problems and to advise the Board of enforcement problems; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jay S. Hammond; Commissioner Ronald O. Skoog, Department of Fish and Game; Commissioner Richard Burton, Department of Public Safety; John Rader, President of the Alaska State Senate; Hugh Malone, Speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives; Kay Poland, Chairman of Alaska Senate Resources Committee; Alvin Osterback, Chairman of Alaska House of Representatives Resources Committee; the United States Coast Guard: Commandant; Commander, Pacific Area; Commander, 17th District; Commander, 13th District; Harold Lokken, Chairman, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Director, National Marine Fisheries Service; and Harry Rietz, Alaska Regional Director, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Mick Szabo, Chairman

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