

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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## NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Whereas, one of the purposes of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (FCMA) is to encourage 'the development of fisheries which are currently underutilized or not utilized by United States fishermen;'

Whereas, the aforementioned purpose specifically references bottomfish off Alaska;

Whereas, very large allocations of fisheries resources from the U.S. Fisheries Conservation Zone (FCZ) off Alaska have been made to foreign nations which prohibit or restrict the importation of those same species of fish where such products are taken by U.S. fishermen;

Whereas, said nations, in several cases, use said fisheries resources not only in their domestic markets, but also in foreign markets, including those within the United States;

Whereas, this practice permits said foreign nations to dominate international fisheries markets, making it difficult or impossible for the U.S. fishing industry to gain entry into said markets with their own products taken in the same waters of the FCZ;

Whereas, this allocation policy appears to be contrary to the purpose and policy of the FCMA and impedes the development of fisheries currently underutilized or unutilized by U.S. fishermen;

Whereas, this practice is contrary to an expression of the national interest by the United States Congress;

Whereas, it is the responsibility and duty of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to take appropriate action to further the policy and purposes of the FCMA, and recognizing the appropriateness of the arguments of the Honorable Jay S. Hammond in his letter of February 14, 1978 to Ambassador Negroponte on this subject;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council believes that allocations of fisheries resources from the FCZ to other nations should be restricted or stopped if those other nations restrict the import of those same resources caught by U.S. fishermen, either by quota or unreasonably high tariffs. And, further, be it resolved that the United States Department of State establish a policy supporting the intent and purpose of the FCMA by restricting or stopping allocations of fisheries resources to any nation which denies access to it's domestic markets for similar resources produced by U.S. fishermen.

DATED this 24th day of February, 1978, at Anchorage, Alaska.

I hereby certify that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council adopted the foregoing Resolution by a vote of 10 to 0.

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Chairman  
North Pacific Fishery Management Council