

RESOLUTION NO. 204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE NORTHERN PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, REGION EIGHT TO TAKE PROPER NOTE AND RE-EVALUATE THE IMPACT THAT THE LICENSING OF FOREIGN PROCESSOR SHIPS WILL HAVE ON THE EMPLOYMENT, TAXBASE AND ECONOMY OF SMALL ALASKA COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS the U.S. Congress has passed legislation imposing a 200 mile limit on foreign fishing, and

WHEREAS the Fishing Conservation and Management Act of 1976 is devoted to increasing the utilization of fisheries within the said 200 mile limit, and

WHEREAS shore based processors are spending vast sums of monies to expand their processing and freezer plants to accomodate bottom fish processing, and

WHEREAS said shorebased processing plants provide jobs, tax base, fish tax and play a vital part in the economy of local communities, and

WHEREAS foreign processors will not provide jobs to American citizens, pay taxes or contribute to local economy, and

WHEREAS a large portion of Bethel residents depend on fisheries for a subsistance and commercial living,

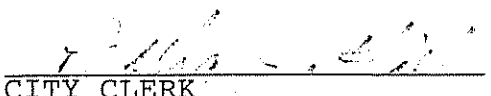
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council of the City of Bethel, Alaska to strongly urge that the United States Department of Commerce and the Northern Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Region Eight take proper note and re-evaluate the impact that the licensing of foreign processor ships will have on the employment, taxbase, and economy of small Alaska Communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, implores its legislative delegation to exert its self in support of American interest and the free enterprise system that America stands for.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF August, 1977

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK