

A RESOLUTION

Recommending that the National Oceanic Resources Management Authority observe a one year moratorium on the issuance of new commercial fishing licenses to purse seine vessels as part of a precautionary approach to fisheries management.

1 WHEREAS, during the recent meeting of the Western and
2 Central Pacific Fisheries Commission in Honolulu, Hawaii from
3 December 6 to 10, 2010, over 400 delegates and observers from
4 Pacific nations and territories as well as the European
5 Commission were unable to reach a consensus on the key issues
6 relating to over fishing of Pacific bigeye or to capping purse-
7 seine fishing capacity in the Western and Central Pacific
8 Ocean; and

9 Whereas, Section 101 of title 24 of the Code of the
10 Federated States of Micronesia states in part that the
11 resources of the sea must be managed, conserved, and developed
12 for the benefit of the people living today and for the
13 generations of citizens to come, and for this reason the
14 harvesting of this resource must be monitored, and when
15 necessary, controlled; and

16 Whereas, Section 204 of title 24 of the Code of the
17 Federated States of Micronesia authorizes the National Oceanic
18 Resource Management Authority (NORMA) to issue regulations for
19 the conservation, management, and exploitation of fish in the
20 Exclusive Economic Zone; and

1 WHEREAS, in order to maintain the current level of fishing
2 effort in the FSM waters, Congress recommends a one-year
3 moratorium on the issuance of new licenses to purse seine
4 vessels; now, therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
6 States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2011, that the
7 Congress hereby recommends that the National Oceanic Resource
8 Management Authority observe a one year moratorium on the
9 issuance of new commercial fishing licenses to purse seine
10 vessels; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia, the Executive Director of the National
14 Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the Governor of each
15 State.

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17 Date: 1/27/11

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