WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries, at its Fall 1978-79 meeting, considered a complex regulatory system governing herring fishing throughout the State and including the Bering Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Bering Sea herring stocks offshore and inshore require regulation so that the fishery may develop in an orderly fashion, consistent with conservation purposes for the maximum benefit of the people of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Bering Sea herring stocks north of 56° North latitude should be taken primarily inshore during their spawning migration and that an offshore fishery on these stocks may be detrimental to the developing inshore fishery; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered preliminary regulatory language for the wise management of these stocks and because of the comprehensive coverage of these regulations, the regulatory language needed to articulate the Board's intent has not yet been drafted in final form;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Fisheries delegates to the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game the authority to draft the regulatory language necessary to implement the intent of the Board as that intent was specifically stated to the staff as a part of the record of this meeting.

[Signature]

Nick Szabo
Chairman

ADOPTED: January 15, 1979

VOTE: 6/0 (Goll absent)