ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Resolution No. 79-56-FB

TROLL FISHERY GEAR LIMITATION

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries limits to four lines in all State waters the number of troll lines that may be fished from a salmon power troll vessel; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires consistent regulatory regimes for salmon with regulations that apply in the waters of Alaska and that also apply in the Fishery Conservation Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to stabilize the overall fishing effort currently exerted by the salmon troll fleet; and

WHEREAS, in the portion of the Seaward Biological Influence Zone north of the latitude of Cape Spencer and east of the longitude of Cape Suckling salmon power troll vessels may need to operate with greater efficiency than those vessels fishing south of the latitude of Cape Spencer because of the greater costs incurred and inability to fish for longer periods of time due to distances from harbors and often adverse weather conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Fisheries requests the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to recommend that the U. S. Secretary of Commerce adopt regulations that prohibit the use of more than six troll lines in that portion of the Fishery Conservation Zone north of the latitude of Cape Spencer and east of the longitude of Cape Suckling and the operation of more than four troll lines in the remainder of the Fishery Conservation Zone south of the latitude of Capt Spencer.

Nick Szabo, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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Anchorage Alaska
VOTE: 6/1