WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries is a State agency comprised wholly of private citizens and holds five annual meetings to receive public input and biological data relative to regulatory changes proposed for the management of the state's fisheries resources; and

WHEREAS, the fishing regulations of the state are designed not only to protect our fisheries resources, but to also provide economic stability to our fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has directed the Board to adopt regulations it considers advisable for the conservation and development of fisheries resources; and

WHEREAS, although the Board strives to achieve an equitable economic, social and biological balance with the regulations it adopts, there will always be individuals who believe they should have a more liberal opportunity to exploit the state's limited fisheries resources, and

WHEREAS, the validity of regulations is subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act; and

WHEREAS, regulations adopted by State agencies are presumed to be valid; and

WHEREAS, changes in the existing method of judicial review of regulations will result in confusion in the fishing industry regarding the application of those regulations that are being challenged in the courts,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature exempt all fishing regulations from the provisions of CS SB 308.

DATE: April 3, 1980
Anchorage, Alaska

VOTE: 6/0

Nicholas G. Szabo, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries