

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority to impose a two-year moratorium on the entry into and renewal of fishing agreements with respect to the fishery waters of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1           WHEREAS, the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority  
2 (NORMA) is currently responsible for monitoring and regulating  
3 activities of vessels fishing in the fishery waters of the  
4 Federated States of Micronesia; and

5           WHEREAS, NORMA is responsible for negotiating fishing  
6 agreements with parties interested in fishing in the FSM fishery  
7 waters; and

8           WHEREAS, the fish stock of FSM fishery waters is one of the  
9 nation's most valuable assets and could be threatened by over-  
10 fishing; and

11          WHEREAS, fishing agreements should not be entered into unless  
12 consistent with the sustainability of the fish stock for future  
13 generations, now, therefore,

14          BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated  
15 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the  
16 Congress hereby urges the National Oceanic Resource Management  
17 Authority to impose a moratorium on the entering into or renewing  
18 of any fishing agreements for a period of two years, pending the  
19 development of a plan for the sustainability of the nation's  
20 fishery resources; and

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 resolution be transmitted to the National Oceanic Resource  
3 Management Authority, the President of the Federated States of  
4 Micronesia, the National Fisheries Corporation, and the Governor  
5 of each FSM State.

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7 Date: 10/28/04

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