

# Zharoff calls for tougher controls in Magnuson Act

**KODIAK** — In written comments submitted to Congress, Sen. Fred F. Zharoff, D-Kodiak, called for tougher fishery control in the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act reauthorization bill.

Among Zharoff's requests:

- Provisions for a mandatory observer program.
- An allocation preference for on-shore processors and coastal communities.
- Re-affirmation of the current membership of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Charging that the factory trawler fleet has engaged in fishing practices that "have stripmined the ocean of its renewable resources," Zharoff supported a mandatory observer program

for domestic groundfish operations.

"The cost of observers should be borne by the industry as a cost of harvesting the resource," he said.

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*—Sen. Fred Zharoff*

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Zharoff's comments were contained in a letter to Rep. Gerry E. Studds, D-Mass., chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment.

Zharoff serves on the advisory panel for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.