

RESOLUTION 87-2

Need for Increased Surveillance and Enforcement to End

Dumping in Atlantic and Marine Waters

WHEREAS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, made up of three representatives from each of the 15 states bordering the Atlantic Ocean and its tributaries is concerned with overall management of the fisheries under its jurisdiction and prepares plans and makes recommendations with respect to those fisheries, and,

WHEREAS, the ASMFC is concerned about the increase in the reported incidents of illegal dumping of garbage and other wastes in the marine waters under the jurisdiction of the states and the Federal government, and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the ASMFC that increased surveillance and substantial increase of enforcement of our laws is necessary to deter, detect, and prosecute those who illegally use our waters for dumping of waste material, and,

WHEREAS, increased surveillance and enforcement is needed on both a state and federal level if we are to protect the marine waters and its fisheries,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASMFC calls upon and urgently requests that the Governors and legislatures of each state comprising the ASMFC and the EPA, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Attorney General of the United States take all steps necessary and appropriate to substantially increase surveillance enforcement of the marine waters of the Atlantic Ocean and its tributaries and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of each state, the presiding officer of each branch of the legislatures of each state, to the EPA and members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. *Adopted at the ASMFC Annual Meeting, October 19-22, 1987, Key West, FL.*