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Subject: HJR 21- A resolution requesting the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to cease consideration of an amendment package that would require a Pacific cod endorsement for a license limitation program to participate in the Pacific cod fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska.

Dear Representatives: Austerman, Thomas, Ramras, Munoz, Millett, Edgmon, Seaton, Wilson, Harris, and Neuman,

The Larsen Bay Tribal Council strongly supports House Joint Resolution #21 that you have co-sponsored.

We are deeply concerned that current North Pacific Fishery Management Council action to reduce existing federal ground fish licenses for both fixed gear and trawl gear, combined with a proposed sector split is not good for our coastal communities and not good for Alaska.

The life blood of our community and many other communities in the Gulf of Alaska depend upon access to the marine resources that lie on our doorsteps. Our communities are continually losing access to local fisheries and it doesn't matter whether you call this rationalization or something else- the result is the same. If we continue down this same path at some point in the future all our federal waters Gulf fisheries could be fully owned by Outside interests.