

## City of Port Lions Administrative Office

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Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

The City of Port Lions strongly supports House Joint Resolution #21 that you have co-sponsored.

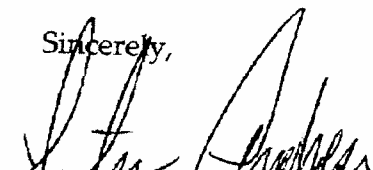
We are deeply concerned that current North Pacific Fishery Management Council action to reduce existing federal groundfish licenses for both fixed gear and trawl gear, combined with a proposed sector split is not good for our coastal communities and not good for Alaska.

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.

We encourage the Alaska Legislature to pass this resolution and thereby make a strong statement to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council that this amendment package is not good for Alaska communities and should be scrapped. The Council should heed the guidance in HJR 21 and cease considering the LLP regency amendment package. Any attempt to address similar issues in the future should also address as a primary goal how the fishing economies of Gulf of Alaska communities can be maintained or strengthened as a result of the amendment package.

We thank you for your concern and effort on this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Steve Andresen, Mayor

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