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Subject: HJR 21

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

Koniag Inc, strongly supports House Joint Resolution #21 that you have co-sponsored. We are deeply concerned that current North Pacific Fishery Management Council action toward reducing existing federal ground fish licenses for both fixed gear and trawl gear, combined with the proposed sector split is not good for our coastal communities and not good for Alaska.

As it was for generations of Alutiiq people before us, the life blood of our village and regional hub communities depend upon access to marine resources. Fisheries are the only economic engine in many coastal communities; the source of small business development and self reliance. The opportunity to participate in fisheries represents many things to Kodiak including thriving resident families and increasing regional infrastructure.

We encourage the Alaska Legislature to pass this resolution and thereby make a strong statement to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council that their present amendment package is not good for Alaska's communities.

Sincerely,

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