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To: House Resources Committee

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Subject: CS for HJR 26\B Sea Otter Management

During the initial hearing of HJR 26 in the Resources Committee on Friday February 3, a concern was raised on the ambiguity of language in the resolution involving the "sale of intact sea otter pelts." The CS change clears up this issue. See the following for the exact change (*italicized is the new wording*):

The CS change for HJR 26\B replaced the whereas clause on page three line one to read: "Whereas, under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 *and the regulations adopted under the Act, Alaska Natives are limited to selling only 'authentic' and 'traditional' Native handicrafts...*"

The CS also replaced the third resolved clause of the original draft starting on page three line 31 to read: "Further Resolved that the Alaska State Legislature urges federal authorities to *consider broadening the scope of allowable uses for sea otters taken for subsistence purposes by replacing the references to 'authentic' and 'traditional' handicrafts in the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and the regulations adopted under the Act with the phrase 'Alaska Native articles of handicraft' and continuing the sale of sea otter pelts consistent with all other provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.*"