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Relating to the labeling of fish and fishery food products.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS Americans deserve wholesome foods and information about the contents and production of their food supply; and

WHEREAS concerns have recently been raised about the safety of farmed fish to consumers; and

WHEREAS farmed fish are often fed antibiotics, hormones, and coloring agents, and their environments are treated with various chemicals; and

WHEREAS Alaska's fish production is distinct from farmed fish production because our stocks are wild, free-ranging, and, therefore, naturally wholesome and healthy; and

WHEREAS there are numerous outstanding issues and questions regarding public policy, fair trade, and the social and economic consequences of farmed fish production; and

WHEREAS more and more consumers are expressing a preference for and requesting wild fish over farmed fish; and

WHEREAS both the Alaska State Legislature and the United States Congress have passed labeling laws specifically to inform consumers about fishery and other food products;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the timely labeling of fish and fishery food products in the marketplace to identify the country of origin and the presence of coloring and other additives, to indicate whether there has been genetic modification, and to distinguish between wild and farmed fish.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Don Evans, United States Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Ann Veneman, United States Secretary of Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.