

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Finance CS for Senate Concurrent Resolution 10:

#### Seafood Industry Task Force

#### Summary of Changes (version A to S)

April 17, 2024

- Change #1** Added language to the “whereas” sections describing increased costs of operations, high interest rates, and the fact that numerous processing facilities are either for sale, closing, or planning to shut down for some or all of the 2024 season.
- Change #2** Adds a new duty to the task force, to consider a policy regarding the process and procedures to execute limited entry permit buy-back programs throughout the state.
- Change #3** Reorganizes the membership in the task force. The total number of members is increased to thirteen, including the two senators and two representatives that were in the original resolution. The nine public members are:
- Three representatives of the seafood processing sector, including two larger processors (owning two or more shoreside plants in multiple communities) and one small processor (with a single plant).
  - Three commercial seafood harvesters, including one salmon harvester, one whitefish harvester, and one shellfish harvester.
  - Three representatives of fishing-dependent communities, including one from rural western Alaska, one from a Gulf of Alaska community, and one from Southeast.
  - In addition, there are three non-voting ex-officio members. These are the Commissioners of Commerce, Fish and Game, and Revenue, or their designees.
- Change #4** Clarifies that the members of the task force shall objectively represent and support the statewide seafood industry, not their specific region or fishery.

#### Summary of Changes (version S to S.A)

April 22, 2024

- Change #5** There was a senate floor amendment to strike reference to being an Alaska resident for purposes of being eligible to serve on the task force, and thereby allow for inclusion of a major processor based out of Seattle.