

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29(FSH)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

IntroducedOffered:

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Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the extension of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024;
2 supporting the continued national prohibition on Russian seafood imports effected by
3 Executive Orders 14024, 1406614068, and 1406814114; and urging the President of the
4 United States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to consider additional
5 measures necessary for prohibiting the importation of Russian seafood into the United
6 States and to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect
7 the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production.

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

9 **WHEREAS** the state's seafood industry contributes over \$5,000,000,000 annually to
10 the economy of the state, \$125160,000,000 in state, municipal, and federal taxes, and
11 \$7,30015,000,000 in total United States economic activity; and

12 **WHEREAS** the state's seafood industry produces over 60 percent of the wild seafood
13 commercially harvested in the United States; and

14 **WHEREAS** the state's seafood industry brought in an annual average of

1 \$1,500,000,000 in ex-vessel value in 2023 and 2024 and employed over 19,000 commercial
2 fishermen, 58 percent of whom were state residents; and

3 **WHEREAS** the state's seafood industry accounts is also the state's largest
4 manufacturing sector, accounting for 62 percent of all state residents employed in
5 manufacturing, which is over 21,000 workers; and

6 **WHEREAS** the state's seafood industry faces an existential and global threat in the
7 form of unfair trade and market practices by Russian seafood producers that drive down the
8 cost of seafood around the world and prevent seafood companies in the state from competing
9 on fair terms; and

10 **WHEREAS** Russia exported 70,000 metric tons of Russian-origin cod, pollock, and
11 salmon into the United States in 2022, at a value of over \$452,000,000; and

12 **WHEREAS** Russia has dramatically increased seafood production since 2022,
13 removing key sustainability sideboards from Russia's fisheries management; and

14 **WHEREAS** the price of Russian seafood is artificially low because of factors that
15 include state-subsidized construction of fishing vessels and processing plants, exploitation of
16 workers, and lax environmental protections; and

17 **WHEREAS** Russian seafood competes directly with the state's seafood in global
18 markets, driving down prices and preventing companies in the state from competing on fair
19 terms; and

20 **WHEREAS** the dumping of Russian seafood into global markets after the 2022
21 Russian invasion of Ukraine contributed to a crisis in the state's seafood industry; and

22 **WHEREAS** the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has found that
23 declines in the state's seafood industry in 2022 and 2023 resulted in more than 38,000 job
24 losses nationwide and a loss of \$4,300,000,000 in total United States output; and

25 **WHEREAS** the state's seafood industry abides by strict state and national laws and
26 prioritizes the ethical treatment and fair compensation of workers; and

27 **WHEREAS** Russia has banned the importation of the state's seafood products since
28 2014, depriving the state's seafood sector of a historically important export market; and

29 **WHEREAS** the United States is the largest market for the state's seafood products,
30 accounting for approximately one-third of total annual sales of the state's seafood; and

31 **WHEREAS** the removal of Russian products from the United States domestic market

1 ~~is a reasonable response to the closure of the Russian market to United States seafood,~~
2 ~~provides a fair opportunity~~ensures fairness for domestic seafood producers ~~to balance sales~~
3 ~~and recover lost profits, and ensures that consumers in the United States receive the highest,~~
4 ~~makes~~ quality seafood available to American consumers, and enables consumers to replace
5 ~~Russian seafood products with seafood from the state~~; and

6 ~~WHEREAS~~ the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration found that
7 ~~declines in the state's seafood industry in 2022 and 2023 resulted in more than 38,000 job~~
8 ~~losses nationwide and a \$4,300,000,000 loss in United States gross domestic product; and~~

9 ~~WHEREAS~~, on April 15, 2021, Executive Order 14024, ~~establishing~~ established a
10 national emergency to address threats posed by Russia, and, on March 11, 2022, Executive
11 Order 14068 prohibited the ~~direct import~~importation of Russian seafood products into the
12 United States; and

13 ~~WHEREAS, on December 22, 2023, Executive Orders 14066 and 14068, issued on~~
14 ~~March 8 and March 11, 2022, respectively, Order 14114~~ broadened the scope of ~~that~~
15 ~~prohibition, banning the import~~federal action, prohibiting the importation of ~~Russian~~ all
16 ~~seafood harvested by Russia, regardless of whether the~~ seafood products entering the United
17 ~~States through~~was substantially transformed in a ~~third-party countries~~ country; and

18 ~~WHEREAS the executive orders were~~Executive Order 14024 was extended for an
19 additional year on April 10, 2025, and are~~is~~ scheduled to expire April 15, 2026;

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly supports the further
21 ~~extension and further enforcement of the executive orders that~~Executive Orders 14024,
22 14068, and 14114, which prohibit the importation of Russian seafood products into the United
23 States; and be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges President Trump,
25 federal agencies, the Alaska Congressional delegation, and the entirety of the United States
26 Congress to consider additional measures necessary for prohibiting the importation of Russian
27 seafood into the United States and to maintain and strengthen measures that ensure fair trade,
28 protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production.

29 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
30 of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and
31 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of

1 Representatives; the Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the
2 Honorable Howard Lutnick, United States Secretary of Commerce; and the Honorable Lisa
3 Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas
4 Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.