

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



House Fisheries Committee

HJR 29 Sponsor Statement

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"Supporting the extension of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024; supporting the continued national prohibition on Russian seafood imports effected by Executive Orders 14024, 14066, and 14068; and urging the President of the United States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production."

Alaska's seafood industry is facing a serious existential threat from Russia's seafood industry. Russia's unfair trade and market practices, state subsidized fishing fleet and processors, as well as the dumping of unsustainably managed seafood into international and domestic markets have placed our fishermen in dire straits.

Executive Order 14024 (originally implemented in 2021 and expanded by Executive Orders 14068 and 14114) was extended on April 10th, 2025, for a period of one year; it is currently set to expire on April 15th, 2026.

HJR 29 calls on the federal government to extend Executive Orders 14024, 14068, and 14114. The resolution further calls on President Trump, federal agencies, our congressional delegation, and the United States Congress to enhance federal enforcement of the Executive Orders to ensure fair trade, protect Alaska's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production.

Alaska's commercial fishing industry is a mainstay for our economy and coastal way of life, as well as the gold standard for pristine wild fisheries and delicious seafood.

The Alaska Legislature must send a clear and strong message to our federal partners in order to protect and bolster coastal communities, our struggling commercial fishing industry, and our model of sustainable fisheries management.

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