

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Introduced: 1/23/26

Referred: 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, 14066, and 14068; and urging the President of the United**
4 **States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to maintain and strengthen**
5 **federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and**
6 **promote sustainable and ethical seafood production.**

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

8 **WHEREAS** the state's seafood industry contributes over \$5,000,000,000 annually to
9 the economy of the state, \$125,000,000 in state, municipal, and federal taxes, and
10 \$7,300,000,000 in total United States economic activity; and

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

13 **WHEREAS** the state's seafood industry brought in an annual average of
14 \$1,500,000,000 in ex-vessel value in 2023 and 2024 and employed over 19,000 commercial

1 fishermen, 58 percent of whom were state residents; and

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

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

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

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

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

14 **WHEREAS** Russia has banned the importation of the state's seafood products since
15 2014; and

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

18 **WHEREAS** the removal of Russian products from the United States domestic market
19 is a reasonable response to the closure of the Russian market to United States seafood,
20 provides a fair opportunity for domestic seafood producers to balance sales and recover lost
21 profits, and ensures that consumers in the United States receive the highest quality seafood;
22 and

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

26 **WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2021, Executive Order 14024, establishing a national
27 emergency to address threats posed by Russia, prohibited the direct import of Russian seafood
28 products into the United States; and

29 **WHEREAS** Executive Orders 14066 and 14068, issued on March 8 and March 11,
30 2022, respectively, broadened the scope of that prohibition, banning the import of Russian
31 seafood products entering the United States through third-party countries; and

1 **WHEREAS** the executive orders were extended for an additional year on April 10,
2 2025, and are scheduled to expire April 15, 2026;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly supports the extension
4 and further enforcement of the executive orders that prohibit the importation of Russian
5 seafood products into the United States; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges President Trump,
7 federal agencies, the Alaska Congressional delegation, and the entirety of the United States
8 Congress to maintain and strengthen measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's
9 seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production.

10 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
11 of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and
12 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of
13 Representatives; the Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the
14 Honorable Howard Lutnick, United States Secretary of Commerce; and the Honorable Lisa
15 Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas
16 Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.