

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

Offered:**Referred:****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, 14068, and 14114; and urging the President of the United**
4 **States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to consider additional measures**
5 **necessary for prohibiting the importation of Russian seafood into the United States and**
6 **to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's**
7 **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, \$160,000,000 in state, municipal, and federal taxes, and
11 \$15,000,000 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 is also the state's largest manufacturing
4 sector, accounting for 62 percent of all state residents employed in manufacturing, which is
5 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** the price of Russian seafood is artificially low because of factors that
13 include state-subsidized construction of fishing vessels and processing plants, exploitation of
14 workers, and lax environmental protections; and

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

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

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

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

25 **WHEREAS** Russia has banned the importation of the state's seafood products since
26 2014, depriving the state's seafood sector of a historically important export market; and

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

29 **WHEREAS** the removal of Russian products from the United States domestic market
30 ensures fairness for domestic seafood producers, makes quality seafood available to American
31 consumers, and enables consumers to replace Russian seafood products with seafood from the

1 state; and

2 **WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2021, Executive Order 14024 established a national
3 emergency to address threats posed by Russia, and, on March 11, 2022, Executive Order
4 14068 prohibited the importation of Russian seafood products into the United States; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on December 22, 2023, Executive Order 14114 broadened the scope of
6 federal action, prohibiting the importation of all seafood harvested by Russia, regardless of
7 whether the seafood was substantially transformed in a third country; and

8 **WHEREAS** Executive Order 14024 was extended for an additional year on April 10,
9 2025, and is scheduled to expire April 15, 2026;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature strongly supports the further
11 extension and enforcement of Executive Orders 14024, 14068, and 14114, which prohibit the
12 importation of Russian seafood products into the United States; and be it

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

18 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
19 of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and
20 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of
21 Representatives; the Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the
22 Honorable Howard Lutnick, United States Secretary of Commerce; and the Honorable Lisa
23 Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas
24 Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.