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Representative Dan Saddler
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for CSHJR16 regarding National Ocean Policy

Dear Representative Saddler

United Fishermen of Alaska is the largest statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 36 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters.

UFA supports CS for House Joint Resolution No.16(RES). Given the fact that fisheries in Alaska's waters and our federal offshore waters consistently account for more than half of U.S. production, and that these waters and fisheries do not suffer from many of the problems that face U.S. waters in other areas of the country, we have long held that the ongoing National Ocean Policy process is unnecessary in Alaska. In addition, it poses increased costs and regulatory overlaps at a time when federal funding is reduced for science and stock assessments that are critical to continued fisheries, and undermines the authority of the process of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council that UFA has long supported.

We appreciate the call for an exemption for Alaska and our offshore waters from the National Ocean Policy that is in CSHJR16.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and for your support of CSHJR 16.

Julianne Curry
Executive Director

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association • Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association
Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association • Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve
Cape Barnabas Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Catcher Boats • United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association