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Urging the United States Department of the Interior to maintain three lease sales in the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea Planning Areas and two lease sales in the Cook Inlet Planning Area and to remove certain potential lease sales.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS the 2019 - 2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program shows a genuine commitment to the nation's energy security and economic development; and

WHEREAS the ocean areas adjacent to the state are essential for traditional ways of life, subsistence, commercial and recreational fishing, tourism, and other uses; and

WHEREAS communities, tribes, and subsistence users have requested that oil and gas leasing be prevented in certain ocean areas adjacent to the state; and

WHEREAS the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas contain the second and fourth largest estimated undiscovered technically recoverable oil and gas resources of all the outer continental shelf planning areas and have historically generated significant leasing interest; and

WHEREAS the involvement of industry, community, and regional leaders has resulted in existing deferral arrangements for developing the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas that are compatible with economic development and subsistence uses; and

WHEREAS the Cook Inlet Planning Area continues to provide an important supply of affordable energy for the state's most populous region; and

WHEREAS new lease sales in the Cook Inlet Planning Area are the key to new exploration and continued regional energy stability; and

WHEREAS a strong and effective near-term offshore development program will maximize resources by focusing on the planning areas with the broadest support for development among residents of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully urges the United States Department of the Interior to maintain three lease sales during the 2019 - 2024 period in the Chukchi Sea and Beaufort Sea Planning Areas with a commitment to a robust and meaningful consultation with local communities, tribes, and other stakeholders; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully urges the United States Department of the Interior to maintain two lease sales in the Cook Inlet Planning Area during the 2019 - 2024 period; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully urges the United States Department of the Interior to remove the potential lease sales in the Hope Basin, Norton Basin, St. Matthew-Hall, Navarin Basin, Aleutian Basin, Bowers Basin, Aleutian Arc, St. George Basin, Shumagin, Kodiak, and Gulf of Alaska Planning Areas, and areas previously deferred from leasing in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas from the Draft Proposed Program.