

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Resources

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program, the**  
2 **inshore/offshore allocation process, and the North Pacific Fishery Management**  
3 **Council Comprehensive Rationalization Program.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program is  
6 a fisheries development program involving the federal Department of Commerce, the North  
7 Pacific Fishery Management Council, the State of Alaska, and 56 Bering Sea coast, Aleutian  
8 Islands, and Pribilof Islands communities; and

9 **WHEREAS** the CDQ program has set aside 7.5 percent of the available Bering Sea  
10 pollock quota during 1992 through 1995 for Bering Sea coast, Aleutian Islands, and Pribilof  
11 Islands communities; and

12 **WHEREAS** the amount of pollock available for harvest under the CDQ program is  
13 more than 100,000 metric tons per year and has an approximate annual value of \$20,000,000;  
14 and

15 **WHEREAS** the CDQ program allocates the available harvest of pollock among  
16 eligible communities, local fishermen's organizations, and local economic development

1 organizations who in turn reinvest the proceeds from the harvest and processing of the pollock  
2 in additional local fisheries development projects; and

3         **WHEREAS** the CDQ program has been expanded to include halibut and sablefish  
4 (black cod); and

5         **WHEREAS** the CDQ program is important to the economic development of the  
6 Bering Sea coast, Aleutian Islands, and Pribilof Islands communities; and

7         **WHEREAS** the North Pacific Fishery Management Council established the CDQ  
8 program as a component of the inshore and offshore allocation of Bering Sea pollock; and

9         **WHEREAS** the CDQ program represents an unparalleled opportunity for long-term  
10 stable economic development for the communities of the Bering Sea coast, Aleutian Islands,  
11 and Pribilof Islands; and

12         **WHEREAS** the social and economic welfare of many Alaska coastal communities is  
13 largely dependent upon continued access to and utilization of the vast pacific cod and pollock  
14 resources off the shores of Alaska; and

15         **WHEREAS** access to and utilization of the pacific cod and pollock resources has been  
16 assured under the inshore/offshore allocation adopted by the North Pacific Fishery  
17 Management Council; and

18         **WHEREAS** the increased harvesting capacity of the large industrialized offshore  
19 fishing fleets have developed an advantage over the catcher boat fleet that harvests fish for  
20 shoreside processing plants; and

21         **WHEREAS** the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is preparing to adopt a  
22 comprehensive rationalization plan for groundfish and crab in the Bering Sea and Aleutian  
23 Islands area;

24         **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the North Pacific Fishery  
25 Management Council is respectfully requested to allocate groundfish and crab to the Western  
26 Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) groups and support the continuation of the  
27 inshore/offshore allocation process as parts of any comprehensive rationalization plan that the  
28 council prepares.

29         **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ron Brown, Secretary of the  
30 U.S. Department of Commerce; Richard B. Lauber, chair of the North Pacific Fishery  
31 Management Council; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski,

- 1 U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
- 2 delegation in Congress.