

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32(FSH)**  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES**

**Offered: 2/4/04**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KERTTULA, Dahlstrom, Guttenberg, Lynn, Cissna, Chenault, Seaton, Kapsner, Kott, Heinze, McGuire, Meyer, Croft, Gruenberg, Kookesh, Wolf, Moses, Coghill, Wilson, Gara, Samuels, Gatto, Joule, Anderson, Crawford**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to the labeling of fish and fishery food products.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** Americans deserve wholesome foods and information about the contents  
4 and production of their food supply; and

5 **WHEREAS** concerns have recently been raised about the safety of farmed fish; and

6 **WHEREAS** farmed fish are often fed antibiotics, hormones, and coloring agents and  
7 their environments are treated with various chemicals; and

8 **WHEREAS** Alaska's fish production is distinct from farmed fish production because  
9 our stocks are wild, free-ranging, and, therefore, naturally wholesome and healthy; and

10 **WHEREAS** there are numerous outstanding issues and questions regarding public  
11 policy, fair trade, and the social and economic consequences of farmed fish production; and

12 **WHEREAS** more and more consumers are expressing a preference and requesting  
13 wild fish over farmed fish; and

14 **WHEREAS** both the Alaska State Legislature and the United States Congress have  
15 passed labeling laws specifically to inform consumers about fishery and other food products;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the timely labeling of

1 fish and fishery food products in the market place to identify the country of origin and the  
2 presence of coloring and other additives, to indicate whether there has been genetic  
3 modification, and to distinguish between wild and farmed fish.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Don Evans, United States  
5 Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Ann Veneman, United States Secretary of  
6 Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S.  
7 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
8 delegation in Congress.