

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32(FSH) am S

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

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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, Ogg, Weyhrauch

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 to
6 consumers; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the timely labeling of
2 fish and fishery food products in the market place to identify the country of origin and the
3 presence of coloring and other additives, to indicate whether there has been genetic
4 modification, and to distinguish between wild and farmed fish.

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