

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 **Supporting the halibut by-catch utilization project of the Alaska Food Coalition.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** fishermen operating trawl vessels are prohibited from retaining
4 accidentally caught halibut; and

5 **WHEREAS** these fishermen are required by federal regulation to dump halibut by-
6 catch, even dead halibut, wastefully at sea; and

7 **WHEREAS** these fishermen, who would receive no personal profit, gain, or benefit,
8 except the intrinsic satisfaction derived of noble action, desire, at the expense of their labor
9 and time, to retain and donate halibut by-catch to charitable food relief agencies; and

10 **WHEREAS** Kodiak processors are willing to handle and process otherwise wasted
11 halibut by-catch for charitable purposes; and

12 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Food Coalition, a network of charitable food relief
13 organizations, has established a plan, has acquired funds, and is ready to distribute the halibut
14 by-catch to assist Alaskans in need;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the Alaska Food
16 Coalition in its efforts to see that the halibut by-catch, which is otherwise a wasted resource,

1 is put to use to support our Alaska families in need; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature commends Kodiak
3 fishermen and processors for their efforts and willingness to see that halibut by-catch is
4 responsibly disposed of through charitable donations; and be it

5 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the
6 National Marine Fisheries Service and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to
7 support the by-catch utilization project of the Alaska Food Coalition and to issue the
8 necessary permits for implementation of the project.

9 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Susan J. Salveson, Assistant Regional
10 Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and
11 Atmospheric Administration, United States Department of Commerce; Kenneth D. Hansen,
12 Assistant-Special-Agent-in-Charge, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service,
13 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Department of Commerce;
14 David Benton, Chair, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Alvin Burch, Executive
15 Director, Alaska Draggers Association; Mitch Kilborn, Manager, Western Alaska Fisheries;
16 Matt Moir, Manager, Alaska Pacific Seafoods; Greg D. Hathaway, Manager, Trident
17 Seafoods Corporation; and Trevor Jones, Chair, Alaska Food Coalition.