

**CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/4/03**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS GARY STEVENS, Wilken, Guess, Bunde, Seekins, Wagoner, Dyson, French, Ben Stevens, Ellis, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Olson, Hoffman, Therriault, Cowdery**

**REPRESENTATIVE Lynn**

**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, 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 at-sea-  
11 discarded 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 dead halibut by-catch, which is otherwise an unutilized

1 resource, 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.