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CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(FSH)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Offered: 2/2/05
Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KERTTULA, Gara, Seaton, Harris, Foster, Chenault, Elkins, Anderson, Olson, Gatto, Coghill, Cissna, Ramras, Gruenberg, Wilson, Samuels, Kott, Kapsner, Guttenberg, Neuman, McGuire, LeDoux, Salmon, Dahlstrom, Hawker, Crawford, Rokeberg, Berkowitz

SENATORS Elton, Ellis, Wilken, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Hoffman, French, Dyson, Wagoner, Seekins, Therriault, Olson, Ben Stevens

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to the labeling of fish and shellfish to identify the country of origin and to**
2 **distinguish between wild and farmed fish and shellfish.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 **WHEREAS** the United States Department of Agriculture has exempted processed
16 food items from federal country of origin labeling requirements; and

1 **WHEREAS** many Alaska fish and shellfish readily available to Americans are
2 canned, smoked, cured, or cooked without significantly changing the nature of the fish or
3 shellfish;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the timely labeling of
5 fish and shellfish in the marketplace to identify the country of origin and to distinguish
6 between wild and farmed fish and shellfish; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports adding labeling
8 requirements for canned, smoked, cured, or cooked fish and shellfish to identify the country
9 of origin of the fish and shellfish and to distinguish between wild and farmed fish and
10 shellfish.

11 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President
12 of the United States; the Honorable Don Evans, United States Secretary of Commerce; the
13 Honorable Mike Johanns, United States Secretary of Agriculture; and the Honorable Ted
14 Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
15 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.