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Supporting the extension of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024; supporting the continued national prohibition on Russian seafood imports effected by Executive Orders 14024, 14068, and 14114; and urging the President of the United States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to consider additional measures necessary for prohibiting the importation of Russian seafood into the United States and to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production.

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

WHEREAS the state's seafood industry contributes over \$5,000,000,000 annually to the economy of the state, \$160,000,000 in state, municipal, and federal taxes, and \$15,000,000,000 in total United States economic activity; and

WHEREAS the state's seafood industry produces over 60 percent of the wild seafood commercially harvested in the United States; and

WHEREAS the state's seafood industry brought in an annual average of

\$1,500,000,000 in ex-vessel value in 2023 and 2024 and employed over 19,000 commercial fishermen, 58 percent of whom were state residents; and

WHEREAS the state's seafood industry is also the state's largest manufacturing sector, accounting for 62 percent of all state residents employed in manufacturing, which is over 21,000 workers; and

WHEREAS the state's seafood industry faces an existential and global threat in the form of unfair trade and market practices by Russian seafood producers that drive down the cost of seafood around the world and prevent seafood companies in the state from competing on fair terms; and

WHEREAS Russia exported 70,000 metric tons of Russian-origin cod, pollock, and salmon into the United States in 2022, at a value of over \$452,000,000; and

WHEREAS the price of Russian seafood is artificially low because of factors that include state-subsidized construction of fishing vessels and processing plants, exploitation of workers, and lax environmental protections; and

WHEREAS Russian seafood competes directly with the state's seafood in global markets, driving down prices and preventing companies in the state from competing on fair terms; and

WHEREAS the dumping of Russian seafood into global markets after the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine contributed to a crisis in the state's seafood industry; and

WHEREAS the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has found that declines in the state's seafood industry in 2022 and 2023 resulted in more than 38,000 job losses nationwide and a loss of \$4,300,000,000 in total United States output; and

WHEREAS the state's seafood industry abides by strict state and national laws and prioritizes the ethical treatment and fair compensation of workers; and

WHEREAS Russia has banned the importation of the state's seafood products since 2014, depriving the state's seafood sector of a historically important export market; and

WHEREAS the United States is the largest market for the state's seafood products, accounting for approximately one-third of total annual sales of the state's seafood; and

WHEREAS the removal of Russian products from the United States domestic market ensures fairness for domestic seafood producers, makes quality seafood available to American consumers, and enables consumers to replace Russian seafood products with seafood from the

state; and

WHEREAS enforcement of prohibitions to this point has relied primarily on importer self-declaration, and strengthening enforcement by requiring catch certificates for foreign-caught seafood is a priority to ensure the objectives of current prohibitions are fully realized; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2021, Executive Order 14024 established a national emergency to address threats posed by Russia, and, on March 11, 2022, Executive Order 14068 prohibited the importation of Russian seafood products into the United States; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2023, Executive Order 14114 broadened the scope of federal action, prohibiting the importation of all seafood harvested by Russia, regardless of whether the seafood was substantially transformed in a third country; and

WHEREAS Executive Order 14024 was extended for an additional year on April 10, 2025, and is scheduled to expire April 15, 2026;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly supports the further extension and enforcement of Executive Orders 14024, 14068, and 14114, which prohibit the importation of Russian seafood products into the United States; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges President Trump, federal agencies, the Alaska Congressional delegation, and the entirety of the United States Congress to consider additional measures necessary for prohibiting the importation of Russian seafood into the United States and to maintain and strengthen measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Howard Lutnick, United States Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Jamieson Greer, United States Trade Representative; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.