

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMAN, Ulmer**

**Introduced: 2/22/93**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Fisheries, Resources, Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to management of the community development fisheries quota program**  
2 **and fisheries development by the state.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** the community development quota (CDQ) program is a fisheries  
5 development program involving the federal Department of Commerce, the North Pacific  
6 Fishery Management Council, the State of Alaska, and 55 rural coastal communities on or  
7 near the Bering Sea; and

8 **WHEREAS** the CDQ program has set aside 7.5 percent of the available Bering Sea  
9 pollock quota during 1992 through 1995 for rural coastal communities on or near the Bering  
10 Sea; and

11 **WHEREAS** the amount of pollock available for harvest under the CDQ program is  
12 more than 100,000 metric tons per year and has an estimated valued of \$20,000,000; and

13 **WHEREAS** the CDQ program allocates the available harvest of pollock among  
14 eligible communities, local fishermen's organizations, and local economic development  
15 organizations who in turn reinvest the proceeds from the harvest and processing of the pollock  
16 in additional local fisheries development projects; and

1           **WHEREAS** the CDQ program may be expanded to include halibut, sablefish (black  
2 cod), Pacific cod, and crab; and

3           **WHEREAS** the CDQ program is important to the economic development of rural  
4 coastal communities on or near the Bering Sea; and

5           **WHEREAS** the operation of the CDQ program is governed by federal and state  
6 regulations that prescribe the goals and objectives of the program, the communities and other  
7 groups that are eligible to participate in the program, application and review procedures, quota  
8 allocation procedures, and reporting and performance requirements; and

9           **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska plays a significant role in the operation of the CDQ  
10 program because the Governor is responsible for requesting, accepting, and reviewing  
11 proposals from eligible communities and organizations that seek a community development  
12 quota allocation and for making recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce as to  
13 which applicants should receive a quota allocation and as to how much each applicant should  
14 receive; the Secretary of Commerce accepted and approved all recommendations made by  
15 Governor Hickel for allocation of the 1992 pollock community development quota; and

16           **WHEREAS** responsibility for state participation in the CDQ program may be  
17 delegated to either the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Commerce and  
18 Economic Development, or the Department of Community and Regional Affairs; and

19           **WHEREAS** the CDQ program needs strong leadership and support from the State of  
20 Alaska to be successful; and

21           **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska does not have a fisheries development policy;

22           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully  
23 requested to continue support for the community development quota program and related  
24 fisheries development programs by

25                   (1) designating a single individual to direct the state's participation in the CDQ  
26 program, to serve as a technical advisor to and liaison with CDQ program participants, and  
27 to maintain communication with the federal Department of Commerce and the North Pacific  
28 Fishery Management Council;

29                   (2) fairly and firmly applying state and federal CDQ program regulations to  
30 ensure accomplishment of the economic development objectives of the program and to ensure  
31 continued support for the program among participants and state and federal agencies;

32                   (3) assuring that state residents have access to the fisheries resources in or off

1 Alaska and that residents have the opportunity to engage in commercial fishing activities in  
2 the area where they live; and  
3 (4) formulation and adoption of a state fisheries development policy to guide  
4 the long-range development of the state's fisheries resources and to take maximum advantage  
5 of the short-term fisheries development opportunities currently available and to minimize the  
6 effect of any short-term dislocations in the fishing industry of the state.