

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45
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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to bilateral trade talks with Japan regarding Alaska seafood products.

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

3 WHEREAS the United States and Japan are engaged in bilateral trade talks; and

4 WHEREAS seafood products are the major renewable resource product exported from
5 Alaska; and

6 WHEREAS the harvest, processing, and distribution of Alaska seafood products
7 provide employment for a large number of Americans in Alaska and other states; and

8 WHEREAS Japan is the largest foreign market for Alaska seafood products; and

9 WHEREAS Japan dominates the world market for seafood products; and

10 WHEREAS many seafood processing, marketing, and exporting companies in Alaska
11 are owned or controlled by Japanese companies; and

12 WHEREAS the price paid to fishermen for Alaska salmon is severely depressed; and

13 WHEREAS it is appropriate that the United States government discuss with Japan the
14 need for direct access to Japanese seafood markets for Alaska seafood products and for fair
15 prices for Alaska seafood products;

16 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests President

1 Bill Clinton to expand bilateral trade talks with Japan to include discussion of access to
2 Japanese markets for Alaskan seafood products and discussion of fair pricing and marketing
3 practices by Japanese companies operating in Alaska.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
5 United States; the Honorable Michael Kantor, United States Trade Representative; and to the
6 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
7 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.