

**HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16(FSH)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES**

**Offered: 1/31/22**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD TRADE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Calling on President Biden to immediately seek and secure an end to the embargo**  
2 **imposed by Russia on seafood imports from abroad, or place a reciprocal embargo on**  
3 **Russian seafood entering the United States, until a reasonable trade agreement restoring**  
4 **Alaska seafood producers' full access to Russia's domestic seafood market is secured.**

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

6 **WHEREAS** Russia instituted an embargo on certain seafood imports in 2014,  
7 affecting almost all United States seafood products, including almost all categories of fish,  
8 crustaceans, mollusks, and other aquatic invertebrates; and

9 **WHEREAS**, before the embargo, Russia was an important export market for Alaska  
10 seafood, with \$61,300,000 in purchases from Alaska seafood producers in 2013, the year  
11 preceding the embargo; and

12 **WHEREAS** the embargo has deprived Alaska seafood producers of a market for  
13 certain products, including Alaska salmon roe, that have few alternative markets; and

14 **WHEREAS** the lack of access to the Russian domestic seafood market reduces the  
15 value of Alaska seafood products and imposes significant and ongoing costs on the state's

1 seafood economy; and

2       **WHEREAS** Russian seafood products compete directly with Alaska seafood products  
3 in the United States domestic market and the global market and yet are not subject to an  
4 analogous import limitation by the United States or another county; and

5       **WHEREAS** Russian seafood imports continue to enter the United States almost  
6 entirely duty-free and have increased by 173 percent since 2013, the year preceding the  
7 embargo;

8       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature calls on President Joseph R.  
9 Biden to immediately seek and secure an end to the embargo imposed by Russia on United  
10 States seafood, or place a reciprocal embargo on Russian seafood entering the United States,  
11 until a reasonable trade agreement restoring Alaska seafood producers' full access to Russia's  
12 domestic seafood market is secured.

13       **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President  
14 of the United States; the Honorable Antony Blinken, United States Secretary of State; the  
15 Honorable Gina Raimondo, United States Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Katherine  
16 Tai, United States Trade Representative; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the  
17 Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
18 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.