

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted

Vote: 7 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Esquivel, Krieger, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt

Nays: 0

Exc.: Clem, McKeown

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Meeting Dates: 3/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to support marketing of Oregon seafood by dedicating a significant portion of marine and fishery product import tariffs to National Seafood Marketing Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of seafood and commercial fishing industry to Oregon coast economy
- Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force members introducing similar memorial in five western states
- Increased awareness of Oregon seafood products to benefit industry

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, more than 80 percent of seafood consumed in the United States is imported from foreign countries. Oregon fishermen face ever-increasing competition from these imports. House Joint Memorial 3 urges Congress to allocate money to support the domestic marketing of Oregon seafood.