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House Joint Memorial 3

Sponsored by Representative BOONE; Representative GOMBERG (Presession filed.)

To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas Oregon seafood products face constantly increasing domestic competition from imported seafood products, with more than 80 percent of the total seafood consumed in the United States currently originating in foreign countries; and

Whereas effective domestic marketing of Oregon seafood requires a constant, consistent and long-term marketing presence, especially in times of oversupply and new competition, in order for Oregon seafood to reach a greater market; and

Whereas current expenditures for the domestic promotion of Oregon seafood are not sufficient to effectively develop the thriving markets that sustainable Oregon seafood products merit, especially when confronted with nationally supported promotional programs aimed at United States consumers by key rival producer countries; and

Whereas using seafood product import revenues to market seafood from the United States will preserve fishing and seafood processing jobs and processing capacity in the United States and will ensure the availability of domestic seafood for consumers; and

Whereas throughout recent history, each spill or leak associated with the transportation or production of oil negatively affects the seafood industry through the closure of commercial and recreational fishing operations, the destruction of wildlife and natural habitat or loss of market share; and

Whereas a new National Seafood Marketing Fund designed to promote and develop seafood produced in the United States would help the United States seafood industry recoup damages related to oil spills that contribute to decreased market demand for seafood; and

Whereas a small portion of oil revenues is a logical source of funding for a National Seafood Marketing Fund as mitigation for real damages suffered by the seafood industry and coastal communities; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, respectfully request that the Congress of the United States allocate moneys generated from federal marine and fishery product import tariffs for the domestic marketing of Oregon seafood; and be it further

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States is urged to pass legislation dedicating a significant portion of marine and fishery product import tariffs to a National Seafood Marketing Fund to promote domestic seafood products that face competition from foreign imports; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by House March 12, 2013

Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 7, 2013

Peter Courtney, President of Senate