

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Ericksen, Wagoner, Muzzall, Wilson, L., Holy, Brown, Warnick, Schoesler, Zeiger, Becker, King, Short, Rivers, Carlyle, O'Ban, Walsh, Padden, Honeyford, Sheldon, Randall, Wilson, C., Van De Wege, Saldaña, Salomon, Das, Hobbs, and Lovelett

1 WHEREAS, The Washington State commercial fishing fleet will set
2 off for the waters of the Pacific on May 3, 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, The Blessing of the Fleet is a longstanding tradition
4 and will be observed at Blaine Harbor to honor and remember our
5 heroes on the first Sunday in May; and

6 WHEREAS, The commercial and tribal fishing industries have been
7 the fundamental bedrock of the state for centuries and are a job
8 security to many Washington families; and

9 WHEREAS, The fishing industry is one of the largest creators of
10 jobs and the Washington state economy relies heavily on its bountiful
11 harvest; and

12 WHEREAS, The courageous fishers, who tirelessly risk their lives
13 to provide us these necessities, deserve our utmost honor and
14 respect; and

15 WHEREAS, The dangers of the turbulent and unpredictable seas all
16 too often rob the lives of the brave men and women who voluntarily
17 jeopardize themselves all for our benefit; and

18 WHEREAS, The grief of losing our beloved friends and neighbors on
19 the high seas impact not only the families of those we lose, but also
20 our entire state;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
22 extend its deepest condolences to the families and friends of all our
23 fishers who have lost their lives at sea, wish the entire commercial

1 fishing fleet a safe and prosperous season, and convey its hope that
2 all of our fishers will return home safely to their families,
3 friends, and communities.

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