

DOMESTIC SEAFOOD PRODUCTION ACT

DSPA (H.R. 9226) boosts local seafood systems and halts expansion of industrial finfish farms to protect livelihoods and food security for coastal communities who rely on healthy oceans.

THE PROBLEM

- Coastal communities lack sufficient seafood processing, cold storage, and distribution infrastructure.
- Large-scale finfish farms threaten marine ecosystems by polluting surrounding waters, spreading disease to wild marine life, and introducing mass escapes of farmed fish.
- Industrial farms compete with traditional fisheries and exacerbate overfishing for the production of fish feed.

THE SOLUTION

- DSPA enhances seafood processing and distribution capacity, allowing working waterfronts to provide nutritious protein to local and regional consumers.
- Protects ocean health by blocking intensive offshore finfish farms.
- Prioritizes funding for retrofitting outdated facilities and building new infrastructure.
- Provides training for local workers to strengthen regional food systems and economies.
- Ensures sustainable local fisheries, protects community livelihoods, and preserves cultural heritage.



Credit: Neal Santos

“In Alaska, so many communities rely on fish and seafood production both for subsistence and good-paying jobs.”

-Mary Sattler Peltola
U.S. House of Representatives, Alaska
DSPA Sponsor

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Harmful large-scale offshore fish farms that DSPA would halt

65-90%

Amount of *imported* seafood that Americans consume (while we *export* 80% of what we catch), a problem that is stifling coastal economies

\$90M

With DSPA, the amount the government would spend to support and protect coastal communities over the 2025 and 2026 fiscal years

vs.

\$350M

Amount the government would spend to boost massive fish farms, which would harm coastal communities, under the destructive AQUAA Act

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