

1 [Supporting the Protection of Chilean Sea Bass]

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3 **Resolution urging the U.S. government to achieve greater protections for Chilean Sea**
4 **Bass and urging all chefs, retailers, wholesalers and consumers to stop consuming**
5 **Chilean Sea Bass until action is taken to protect Chilean Sea Bass from extinction.**
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7 WHEREAS, Chilean Sea Bass (toothfish) may be commercially extinct within five
8 years at the current rate of illegal fishing; and

9 WHEREAS, 60% to 80 % of all Chilean Sea Bass sold on the international market is
10 illegally obtained; and,

11 WHEREAS, Between 1996 and 2001, more than 500,000 seabirds, including
12 endangered species of albatross, were hooked and drowned as they dove for the bait set for
13 toothfish; and,

14 WHEREAS, The United States is the second largest consuming market, behind Japan,
15 for Chilean Sea Bass;

16 WHEREAS, The restaurant industry accounts for 70% of all toothfish sales in the
17 United States;

18 WHEREAS, More than 60 restaurants in the Bay area, and nearly 1000 restaurants
19 across the country took action in 2002 and pledged to stop serving Chilean Sea Bass until
20 greater protections for Chilean Sea Bass were in place and illegal fishing was eliminated;

21 WHEREAS, The United States government is a member of the Commission for the
22 Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), the international body that
23 regulates the Chilean Sea Bass fishery and participates in the Convention on the International
24 Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) which has taken preliminary steps to monitor the trade
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1 in Chilean Sea Bass and may take further action in 2004 to eliminate the illegal trade of
2 toothfish by its 160 member nations; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges
4 the US Government to take a leadership role at CCAMLR in 2003 and CITES in 2004 to
5 achieve greater protections for Chilean Sea Bass; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
7 Francisco urges all chefs, retailers, wholesalers and consumers to stop serving, selling,
8 buying or consuming Chilean Sea Bass until a scientifically reliable estimate of the population
9 of Chilean Sea Bass has been compiled, illegal fishing of this species is eliminated, vessels
10 hunting Chilean Sea Bass stop catching endangered seabirds on their fishing lines; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED that That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of
12 San Francisco commends those Chefs, retailers, wholesalers and consumers who have thus
13 far stopped serving, selling, buying or consuming Chilean Sea Bass until adequate
14 protections are achieved and illegal fishing is eliminated.

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