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Whereas albacore tuna have been harvested commercially in Oregon since 1929; and

Whereas between 350 and 425 Oregon commercial fishing vessels land albacore tuna each year, contributing to family-wage jobs; and

Whereas more than 60 businesses buy the albacore tuna from the vessels and process it for distribution, also contributing to Oregon jobs; and

Whereas albacore tuna fishermen and buyers come from 22 of Oregon's 36 counties; and

Whereas the albacore tuna fishery has been certified as a well-managed, sustainable fishery by major environmental groups; and

Whereas the albacore tuna fishery is ranked among the top five Oregon fisheries for revenue; and

Whereas albacore tuna consumption has expanded beyond the sandwich to the center of the plate in gourmet meals; and

Whereas the peak of the annual albacore tuna harvest occurs during the summer months; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, declare August as Oregon Albacore Tuna Month and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

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