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The Honorable Cathy Giessel
State Senate
Alaska State Capitol, Room: 427
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182ITOL

RE: Support for SB92: Derelict Vessel Accountability Act

Dear Senator Giessel:

As the owner and operator of Jakolof Bay Oyster Company, I am writing to support SB92: Derelict Vessel Accountability Act. The day after we purchased our farm in December of 2012 two derelict vessels sank in Jakolof Bay Bay closing our farm for 3 months. The boats had been anchored there for several months, after being evicted from Homer Harbor (one owner of both boats). The vessels were uninsured, which meant that there was no financial support to our business, the cleanup process was costly to the state, and response was painfully slow while agencies first attempted to work with the owner on a cleanup plan, then had to negotiate an interagency cleanup plan, since responsibilities were not clear (DEC/Spill Response, DOT, DNR and Coast Guard each had representatives at the table).

As a responsible insured boat owner, and a potentially impacted business, I fully support any legislation that helps limit the potential impact of derelict vessels in Alaska's waters. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Margo Reveil
Owner