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Rep. Paul Seaton
State Capitol Room 505
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Representative Seaton:

On behalf of the City of Seward, and the Harbormaster's office, I would like to stress our support of HB386. In November of 2017, Seward City Council unanimously passed a resolution in support of an act relating to abandoned and derelict vessels.

Abandoned and derelict vessels are a problem for many Alaska harbors and water ways. Derelict or abandoned vessels are not only an eyesore, but can be a hazard to navigation.

These vessels can pose a significant threat to natural resources destroying sensitive marine and coastal habitats and leaking fuel and other toxic chemicals further endangering our harbors. Seward Boat harbor worked very hard to become a Certified Alaska Clean Harbor in 2012 and we support HB386 increasing our ability to deal with abandoned and derelict vessels that threaten our waterways.

Regards,

Melody Moline
Seward Harbormaster, Acting