



# Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance

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Senate Resources  
Alaska State Legislature  
Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: SB 172

Dear Senator Giessel, Chair and Senate Resource Committee Members,

As a member of the Board of Directors of United Fishermen of Alaska we had an opportunity to discuss this legislation with the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). SEAFA supports this legislation, BUT we do have some concerns that there is a reliance on describing shellfish hatcheries when the real intent is to permit shellfish enhancement projects such as the king crab enhancement efforts that have outgrown developmental permitting. By relying on the word hatchery vs permitting shellfish enhancement projects this has become confusing to the public on the intent of this legislation.

SEAFA is a non-profit commercial fishing association representing our 300+ members involved in salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director