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From: Chad Schaefer <schaefer.chad.r@gmail.com>
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To: House Fisheries
Subject: HB 199 Oppose

To Whom it May Concern,

I am an Alaska resident of Soldotna, father and business owner and I want to voice my strong opposition to HB199. We currently already have permitting processes in place and if it needs to be revamped then that should be looked at first. The huge push by commercial fishing industry in support of this bill is unfounded, and I am anxious for the day they go back to wood boats and sails. If this is truly about protecting fish then I would advise an observer be placed aboard every commercial fishing vessel to record actual by-catch at the cost of the operator of the boat. I have seen no one present proof of the current system in Alaska failing which makes me wonder why this is even needed. In closing this is a huge waste of time and resources and should be thrown out the window as it does nothing to actually protect fish just a few vested interests.

Regards,

Chad Schaefer