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Senate Resources Committee
Juneau, Alaska

This is in regard to scallop SB 54.

My two sons and I hold a statewide Scallop Fishing Vessel Entry Permit # W2BBV85012H, Category:B, Overall Length less than 80'.

Our vessel is the F/V Wayward Wind, ADF&G #23574. We also hold a Federal Scallop Limitation License, SSLP No.004. We were issued these permits due to our **historical participation** in the Alaska Scallop Fishery. My sons and I have been Alaska residents since 1966 and involved in Alaska fisheries since 1979.

Due to the decrease in state scallop quotas and the high cost of fuel and the observer, we have not fished our state permit for the past few years---strictly due to economics. In 2011 we dry docked our scallop vessel for some upgrades, and do plan to participate in the fishery in the near future. Hopefully, the quotas will improve, especially in the Kayak Island areas which have been closed in some years.

It is my understanding should Senate Bill 54 not be passed, and the fishery is open to all comers, there is a great possibility that Fish and Game will close the fishery due to the small quotas and difficulty in management.

Seems fair and logical to me that **historical participation** in a fishery should count for something. Accordingly, I ask the legislation to enact SB 54 and not take my two sons' future in the scallop fishery away.

Sincerely,

Max G. Hulse