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To: [Representative Bryce Edgmon@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Bryce_Edgmon@legis.state.ak.us)
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Dear Sirs,

Back in Dec. '09, Judge MacDonald delivered his Summary Judgement decision for the case Alaska Outdoor Council and Chitna Dipnetters Assoc. vs. the State of Alaska which aims to reclassify the dipnet fishery on the Copper River from 'personal use' to 'subsistence use'. In this summary the Judge ruled in favor of the State of Alaska but requested that the Board of Fish better define the term "subsistence way of life". Using this clarified definition of subsistence, the Board of Fisheries will take up this matter at the March 16 meeting to determine if reclassification of the dipnet fishery is warranted.

In regards to Mr. Stolz's HB266 which aims to give equal priority for 'personal use' and 'subsistence' fisheries during times of limited stock, please keep in mind that this is essentially the same matter before the Board of Fisheries as stated above. Thus it is my opinion that HB266 is premature in it's proposal and should be tabled at least or until the BoF makes their final determination.

Sincerely,

Wade Buscher