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To: Timothy Clark

Subject:

Dear Mr. Clark:

I would like to encourage you to support HB 20, improving fish quality and marine engine efficiency improvement loan program. I currently fish in Bristol Bay for a company, Leader Creek Fisheries, which only accepts chilled fish. As a Leader Creek fisher, I not only chill my fish, but I utilizes good handling practices such as floating, bleeding, flush deck boat to reduce handling so that we can maintain quality. LC fishers are paid a base price after the season and a profit share after the product has been sold. This profit share the past few years has resulted in the fishers with about 20-35 percent more per pound then fishers that do not try to maintain the pristine quality of the fish. I support the engine efficiency component to the program. Fishing the shoulder seasons has become unprofitable due to high fuel costs, and these shoulders season can make the difference between a profitable and non-profitable season. I would appreciate your support for HB 20. Rick Tennyson