



February 9, 2011

Representative Les Gara
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB144

Dear Representative Gara:

The Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) supports the legislative objective of House Bill 144, an act requiring the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, in conjunction with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, to annually deliver to the legislature and the governor a report on fishing stream access.

Alaska is home to some of the best sportfishing, personal use and subsistence opportunities in the world. HB144 provides the Legislature with a reporting mechanism to ensure monitoring of public access to important fishing streams in the state. Protecting and enhancing public access to the hunting, fishing and recreational uses along the state's waterways is of primary importance to many people and a wide variety of user groups.

KRSA is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the sustainability of the greatest sportfishing river in the world – the Kenai. Our goals are to conserve and rehabilitate fisheries habitat, promote predictable and meaningful sportfishing opportunity, encourage and foster fisheries research and provide public aquatic education. Over the past fifteen years we have raised and invested over \$10 million towards these goals.

We appreciate your efforts and those of your colleagues in regards to HB144.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricky Gease". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ricky Gease
Executive Director