Representative Les Gara ATTN: Mindy O'Neall State Capitol Building, Ste 500 Juneau, AK 99801

SUBJECT: Support for HB144

Dear Representative Gara,

I strongly support passage of HB144. This is legislation that is long overdue and I want to thank you for your efforts over the years to get this important piece of legislation passed.

Public access to our public waters is an important issue that many who use this resource take for granted until lost. I spent many years as a member and chair of a local fish and game advisory committee and attended many Board of Fisheries and Board of Game meetings. During this time access issues come up several times in submitted proposals and public testimony. Lost access was always a very contentious issue and was one that should have been foreseen prior to becoming an issue.

You legislation is sorely needed to help prevent these problems from occurring and I ask the Alaska State Legislature to pass this important legislation, HB144, during this session.

Sincerely,

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