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REPRESENTATIVE PAUL SEATON HOUSE DISTRICT 30

Memorandum

From: Representative Paul Seaton
To: House Finance Committee Co-Chair, Representative Bill Stoltze
House Finance Committee Co-Chair, Representative Alan Austerman
Date: 1/27/2014
RE: Clarification on intent of House Fisheries Committee in passing HB 143

When the House Fisheries Committee passed HB 143, the intent of the committee was to establish the fee for short-term commercial fishing licenses for Alaskan residents at \$30 and to apply the Carlson V. State differential to non-resident short term commercial fishing licenses in addition to the base rate of \$30.

The reason that the committee did not determine it necessary to raise the rate on the resident short-term license is that the purchase of multiple short-term licenses by Alaska residents is occurring at a minimal rate: There were 24 multiple license purchases by Alaska residents in 2012, while non-residents made 1,015 multiple short-term license purchases.

The House Fisheries CS inadvertently combined resident and non-resident short-term license rates so that the Carlson differential applies to both. Should the House Finance Committee wish to maintain the \$30 fee for Alaska residents, I have attached an amendment for consideration which was drafted by Legal after the bill was passed from committee and clearly separates resident and non-resident fees as was the House Fisheries Committee's intention.