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Representative Paul Seaton
Special Committee on Fisheries
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Representative.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov

RE: Support HB 177 Commercial Fishing Revolving Loan Fund

Dear Chairman Seaton and Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Cordova District Fishermen United Board of Directors, and our membership to offer our support of the changes proposed in HB177 to the Commercial Fishing Revolving Loan Fund(CFRLF).

Cordova District Fishermen United(CDFU) represents over 300 commercial fishing families operating in the Prince William Sound & Copper River Region where over 75% of the permits are owned by Alaska residents.

Our organization supports the clarified language and competitive interest rates proposed by Representative Edgemon in HB 177 as a benefit to Alaskans new to commercial fisheries and those seeking to make efficiency and power improvements to existing operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and your careful consideration of HB 177.

Sincerely,

Alexis Cooper
Executive Director