

Senator Donny Olson
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Alaska State Capitol, Room 508
Juneau AK 99801

March 13, 2013

Dear Senator Olson:

We submit this letter of support for the Alaska Chinook Research & Restoration Endowment Fund (SB69). This fund will provide critical reinforcement to one of our most important fisheries, and strengthen the communities throughout Alaska that are sustained by the Chinook salmon. We advocate for scientific based research that will improve our Chinook stocks across the state. The recent declines in Chinook salmon runs have created hardship on many communities and fear that nothing will be done to change this trend. We applaud the effort taken in this legislation and the state-wide approach to solving our declining Chinook salmon runs.

The signers of this letter are committed to securing healthy fish stocks and protecting the water and surrounding habitat the fish need to thrive. We continue to advocate for a clean environment that will protect all our sustainable resources. We believe the Alaska Legislature is right to create this new legislation and provide necessary funds to protect the Chinook salmon, one of our most treasured renewable resources. This endowment will promote food security, strengthen subsistence, and bolster our commercial and sport fisheries. We urge the Alaska Legislature to pass Senate Bill 69 and Governor Parnell to sign it in to law.

Thank you,

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