



# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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Representative Paul Seaton, Chairman  
House Special Committee on Fisheries  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, 120 Fourth Street  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182  
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**RE: OPPOSITION TO HB 98 – Escapement Goals**

Dear Chairman Seaton and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) represents 36 Alaska Commercial fishing organizations from fisheries throughout Alaska and its offshore federal waters.

We appreciate the intention behind HB 98 - to protect the sustainability of Alaska's salmon resources.

*However, we have long supported the Alaska Board of Fisheries and its deliberative process as the appropriate forum for fisheries regulations and policies, and for this reason we oppose HB 98 as a matter to be addressed in the Legislature.*

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Julianne Curry  
Executive Director

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association  
Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association  
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association  
Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United  
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association •  
North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Petersburg Vessel Owners Association  
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative  
Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance • Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association  
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