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The Honorable Louise Stutes, Chair  
House Fisheries Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Stutes:

The Department of Revenue (DOR) respectfully requests that HB 251, "An Act requiring the electronic submission of a tax return or report with the Department of Revenue; relating to fisheries business tax and fishery resource landing tax; relating to refunds to local governments; and providing for an effective date," be scheduled in the House Fisheries Committee at your earliest convenience.

The purpose of this legislation is to increase the tax rates of the fisheries business tax (AS 43.75.015) and the fishery resource landing tax (AS43.77.010). This increase would result in additional revenue of approximately \$18,000,000 annually.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated. If you need any additional information, please contact Jerry Burnett, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Revenue at 907-465-3669.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randall J. Hoffbeck".

Randall J. Hoffbeck, Commissioner

Cc: Darwin Peterson, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor  
Jerry Burnett, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Revenue  
Ken Alper, Director, Tax Division, Department of Revenue