

Alaska State Legislature
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House District 37

Memorandum

Date: January 21, 2015

To: Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries

From: Representative Bryce Edgmon

RE: HJR 7 Hearing Request—Oppose Aleutian National Marine Sanctuary

I respectfully request a hearing for HJR 7—Oppose Aleutian National Marine Sanctuary—at your earliest convenience.

HJR 7 declares the Legislature's opposition to a nomination made by the Washington, D.C., based Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) for the creation of an Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

Currently, HJR 7's sponsor is unaware of any support from local communities, local tribes, or other local groups. In fact, in the wake of the PEER nomination the Aleutians East Borough Assembly, the federally recognized Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove, the Akutan Traditional Council, and the City of Sand Point have published official declarations of their strong opposition to the creation of an Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

Through HJR 7, the Legislature joins the residents of the Aleutians in voicing its profound disapproval of the Washington D.C. based PEER's nomination of an Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

Please find the following materials in the HJR 7 packet:

- HJR 7
- Sponsor Statement
- NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Nomination Process Guide
- PEER Nomination of Aleutian Islands National Marine Sanctuary
- Resolutions and Letters from Local Communities

I would request that any hearing granted be teleconferenced to LIOs statewide. Testimony is expected from officials from the Aleutians East Borough and the communities of King Cove, Sand Point, and Akutan.

My staff contact for this legislation is Tim Clark, who can be reached at 465-2839.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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