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Representative Louise Stutes
Chair
House Fisheries Committee
State Capitol Room 416
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Stutes,

Re: HB 112 Repeal CFEC; Transfer Functions To ADFG

We request you defer further action on HB 112 until the Administration has had time to review the results of both the Lawson Audit and the pending Legislative Audit.

We believe the Administration's proposal to hire an Executive Director, prepare a reorganization plan, and report back to the Legislature in 2016 is a worthwhile plan.

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters Association has 170 members and represents the common interests of 473 gillnet permit holders in the fishery. 82 percent of SE gillnet permits are held by Alaska Residents.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our comments.

Sincerely,



Thomas M Gemmell
Executive Director

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Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Sam Kito III
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