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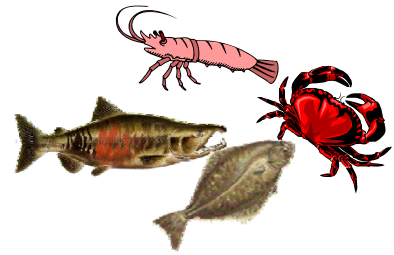
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House Fisheries Committee

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair

Alaska State Legislature, House Fisheries Committee

State Capitol, Room 416

Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 112 - Repeal CFEC and Transfer Functions to ADF&G

Dear Representative Stutes and House Fisheries Committee Members,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) does not support the advancement of this bill at this time. We believe that action should be delayed until the legislative audit requested last year is available for review. SEAFA supports allowing CFEC time to reorganize as they presented in their response to the Lawson audit.

We believe there is some balance and benefits when CFEC is an autonomous division that would be lost with transferring the functions to ADF&G. For example, comments submitted by CFEC to Board of Fish proposals are completely different than the comments on the same proposal by ADF&G because the functions and responsibilities are different. We believe that there are additional changes that could be made such as two commissioners as they operated recently and hire on a consultant basis when a third administrative judge is necessary for the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hansen" followed by a long horizontal line.

Kathy Hansen

Executive Director