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Special Committee House Fisheries
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Chairman Stutes and Committee Members;

On behalf of the Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) Board of Directors, we urge the legislature to take no action on HB 112, moving CFEC to Fish & Game. We need to be well informed on this move and suggest this Committee wait for the Legislative Audit, scheduled for release in June.

CDFU has been the voice of commercial fishermen since 1935 and currently represents over 800 fishing families in the Prince William Sound and Copper River region of Alaska. It is our mission to preserve, promote and perpetuate the commercial fishing industry and fishing resources of our region for the mutual benefit of both current and future generations of fishermen.

CFEC is a separate division that has provided a solid service to the commercial fishing industry over the years. Recognizing the need to streamline operations in the current fiscal climate, CFEC has identified efficiencies and written a plan for implementation. We ask that they be given the time and opportunity to do so.

We will be following the process closely and thank you for bringing these issues to our attention.

Sincerely,

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