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Representative Louise Stutes
State Capitol, Room 416
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Request for Hearing on HB 119

Dear Representative Stutes,

Congratulations on your designation as Chair of the House Special Committee on Fisheries. I am certain that you appreciate the importance of maintaining our fisheries.

The Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association (AIFMA) is the oldest commercial fishing organization in Bristol Bay. I am writing as president of the Association to request that the House Special Committee on Fisheries hold a hearing on HB 119. It would improve upon, and clarify, the recently-enacted initiative which requires legislative approval of any large-scale metallic sulfide mine in the drainages of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve.

I would be pleased to testify in support of HB 119 and answer any questions about our Association and its support for the bill.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "David Harsila".

David Harsila,
President