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From: chris thomas <tessdad@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 9:06 PM
To: Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello
Subject: SB 42

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SENATE DISTRICT I

My name is C. Scott Thomas, I am an Alaska resident, born and raised here. I have been fishing for over 40 years in the state. I have participated in sport, guided sport, commercial, personal-use, and subsistence fisheries throughout the state. My wife and daughters were also born and raised in the state and have also been “fishermen” for more years than we have fingers/toes. **I strongly oppose SB 42.**

Fishing is paramount to our family, friends, community, and State. It is my understanding that the Alaska State Legislature is currently considering a personal use priority for Alaska’s fishing resources. I believe this would place personal use fisheries above all other users except subsistence. This bill undermines the state’s recognized subsistence priority and pits user groups against each other. Furthermore in times of scarcity all should share the burden of conservation. Alaskans as a whole need to be responsible for the health of Alaska’s fishing resources, this means working together on a level playing field to protect what is important to all of us.

Daniel George

From: Dan P Bilderback <danbilderback@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 4:40 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SENATE RESOURCE COMMITTEE: SB 42

Dear Senator Stoltze,

My name is Dan Bilderback, I am a commercial salmon fisherman who fishes on the Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound. This has been my livelihood for 45 years. I also sport fish for salmon and enjoy it immensely. I currently live at 4623 Campus Circle, Anchorage, AK with my wife Christine.

I would like to strongly urge you not to support SB 42 which would give the State of Alaska Personal Use category an equal access priority with the Subsistence users over the Sport and Commercial user groups. SB 42 is devisive legislation for Alaskan Residents.

Fish and Game has to Manage for brood stock and subsistence as a mandated priority. If the Personal User group is thrown into this mix it makes Management much more complicated for ADF&G to achieve.

Personal use was created by the Board of Fisheries to give the people of Alaska access to fish resources for recreational and household personal consumption. As such, Personal Use has been given a generous quota and access that has, due to its popularity, only increased with time. I believe that to circumvent the Board of Fish's authority to allocate resources within fisheries would be a detrimental to all users.

As I said, I have been in the fisheries for a long time and frankly I'm tired of seeing that some people feel that they are *ENTITLED* to the resource because they have the political clout at the moment.

I would be glad to clarify any of the points I have made.

Thank You Senator,

Dan P Bilderback,

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From: Suzie Kendrick <suzie.kendrick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 7:07 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: SB 42: I oppose this bill!

I am an Alaskan resident, born and raised here and a US Coast Guard Captain and commercial fisherman since 1963. I have fished in PWS/Copper River since 1988. Prior to that, I held commercial permits in Cook Inlet, False Pass and Bristol Bay.

In addition to my career as a commercial fisherman, I have always been a sport and subsistence harvester and as such, I think it is important that we remember that harvesters be equally responsible for the health of our fishing resources. There is no point in pitting Alaskans against Alaskans!

In all fairness, personal use harvesters have been able to consistently meet their needs. Commercial fishing and the many small businesses and communities who depend on the economic benefits would be impacted.

Please do not support this bill. The last thing we need is to divide Alaskans further!

Thank you for your consideration!

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From: Irv Carlisle <irvcarla@gci.net>
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To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB42

Senator Stoltze,

I am a 45 year Alaska resident that served a three year term on the Alaska Board of Fisheries during the Hickel Administration. I feel that you are overstepping the intent of the Alaska Legislature, when more than 40 years ago they founded a Board of Fish & Game to regulate and administer related issues in the State of Alaska. The initial board was later broken down into two separate Boards; one for fisheries and one for game. The process has worked well when political influence is not forced upon it and suffered when political influence is allowed to influence decisions. If fisheries issues are your priority, I would suggest that you resign from the Senate and seek a seat on the Board of Fisheries, where there are already criteria in place to deal with resource allocation in times of shortages. I know first hand that biological management will produce far greater results than political management and do so without making a mockery of the current Board process.

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From: John Johnson <johnsonj1956@gmail.com>
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To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Oppose SB 42

My name is John Johnson and I am a life long resident of Cordova for 58 years. My sole income comes from commercial fishing on the Copper River and Prince William Sound and I have been on a commercial fishing boat for 54 years and owned my own commercial fishing business for 46 years.

I Oppose SB 42 for many reasons. I see SB 42 as another re-allocation of our fishing resources while putting the burden of conservation of these resources on the commercial fishing fleet.
The conservation of our fishing resources should be shared by all user groups that are taking the fishing resources.

I am completely Opposed to SB 42.

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From: Kari Gilman <kgilman12@gmail.com>
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Subject: Opposition SB 42

Hello,

I am a life long Alaska, born in Anchorage and raised in rural Alaska. Now currently living in Anchorage attending college. Fishing is a huge part of my life. This bill will upset the balance we have currently set up between all the different types of fishing throughout our great state. Personal use fisheries should not take priority over other user groups besides subsistence fisheries. The number of Alaskan's that participate in sport and commercial fishing outnumber the personal use fisherman by far. As Alaskan's we need to stick together in sharing our resources in times of low fish populations. The long term effects of this bill will be detrimental to the sustainability of our fish populations throughout the state.

Thank you,

Kari Gilman

Daniel George

From: Michael Bowen <copperdogfish@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 7:45 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Cc: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Opposition to SB 42

Good morning Senator Giessel and fellow committee members.

I am strongly opposed to SB 42

This bill will divide Alaskans and is not needed. The allocations for the PU fisherys are in the escapement goals and the commercial fishery is managed to meet these goals. It does not matter if the run is strong or weak. So there is no reason to believe that the PU fisherys will not have a fair opportunity to harvest salmon.

Since the inception of the PU fishery the Board of Fish has been very attentive to making sure these fisherys are managed to get fish into the dip nets of Alaskans. The Board of Fish just increased the bag limit for the PU on the Copper river this winter.

If Alaskans truly want to own the resource then they should truly want to share in the conservation of that resource if at some point it is needed to fulfill escapement goals and for sport fishing users up river. Not Alaskans are PU fisherman, Alaskans are sports fishermen and they are commercial fishermen.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide you with my thoughts on this issue.

Michael Bowen

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From: Mike Peterson <mp1@gci.net>
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To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Cc: Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Bert Stedman; Rep. Munoz; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Sam Kito; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Subject: SB 42

Good Morning Sen. Giessel,

What a tough two years(and beyond) the 29th Legislature is having to endure. Between deficits, ensuing budget cuts, and marijuana regulation, where is the silver lining?

In my opinion Senator, one aspect of the silver lining is not passing SB 42. This is a one page bill fraught with future nightmares.

The current field as it exists: commercial, sport, and personal use, is balanced on a certain level. Not perfect perhaps but fairly balanced. To place 1 of these higher than the other 2, at this point in time, is a mistake.

No to Senate Bill 42.

Respectfully Submitted

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From: w evans <wose18@gmail.com>
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To: Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello
Subject: Opposition SB42

Dear Senate Resources Committee, I live in Spenard, Alaska, part of the big village of Anchorage, District I, when I do not reside on my vessel out of Cordova making a living commercial fishing. I have lived in my home since 1981. I came to Alaskan 1980. I have been part of the fishing industry since my arrival. I started out sport fishing. I have personal use fished, and I have subsistence fished. I have been a part of the commercial fishing industry since 1984.

Fishing is how I support myself and family. It also provides an important part of my diet. The Landing taxes in each fishing community is important part of the income which helps to provide the necessary infra- structure to support Alaskan communities and provide income to its citizens.

I OPPOSE SB42. Personal use should never be precedent-ed above subsistence use, that is why it is protected by the Alaskan constitution. Alaskans who do not already harvest fish by sport, personal or subsistence are able to access fishing resources through commercial harvest. The commercial management of Alaska Fisheries has assured escapement to provide fish for future generations, when necessary, mostly at the expense of commercial harvest times. All Harvesters need to be responsible for the health of Alaska's fishing resources, this includes sharing the burden of conservation.

Please honor your pledge to uphold the Alaska Constitution by opposing SB 42.

Thank you, William Evans
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March 28th, 2015

Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair

Senate Resources Committee

State Capitol Room 427

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RE: Oppose SB 42, Personal Use Priority

Dear Chair Giessel and committee members,

I'm an Alaskan resident and I've been supporting my family commercial fishing for 21 years. I oppose SB 42. My small, local, family-run fishing business supports not only my family, but my crew and their families, the workers and tenders of my processor, and the many local marine trades business.

Under the current ADF&G management plans personal use already has a priority when there is a short fall of fish, and to set in statute a personal use priority will reduce ADF&G's ability to manage fisheries. Creating a personal use priority will make management plans even more complicated, which reduces flexibility. It would also remove the Board of Fisheries ability to set allocations on a case by case basis based on science and public input. There are over 100 personal use fisheries in the state and the long term effects of SB 42 to this broad range of fisheries are unknown.

This bill would limit access to fish for the many Alaskans who get their seafood from sport fishing, grocery stores and restaurants. It pits Alaskans against Alaskans. The intent by the Board of Fisheries establishing Personal Use fisheries is clear in 5ACC 77.001 (4) (b) which states "...allowed when that taking does not jeopardize the sustained yield of a resource and either does not negatively impact an existing resource use or is in the broad public interest." **Although the original intent was for personal use fisheries to not negatively impact the other uses, I fully support personal use fisheries, but on an equal footing with sport and commercial fisheries.** When there is low abundance all user groups should share in the responsibly of conservation.

Establishing a personal use priority will do nothing to ensure run strength or timing, and does not guarantee that fish will be in the rivers when people want to catch them. I urge you to leave the prioritization of fishery allocations within the Board of Fisheries, and the sustainable management of fisheries resources within ADF&G.

Thank you for your time,

Matthew Alward & family

Owner Alward Fisheries LLC

Daniel George

From: POMS@akleg.gov
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Subject: New Pom:SB 42 Personal Use Fishing Priority

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I oppose SB42 the Personal Use Priority bill as there is already sufficient management for the various user groups accessing our state's wild fish stocks. As a life-long resident, I know of no one who is short of salmon when they endeavor to procure it.