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Representative Steve Thompson, Chair
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB251 (Removal of \$3,000.00 cap on CFEC permits)

Dear Chairman Thompson

My name is Patrick O'Donnell, I own and operate the 85 foot fishing vessel Caravelle in Kodiak where I have lived for 24 years and fished for 27 years. I have two Captains that operate the Caravelle throughout the year splitting the time so that each Captain can have some Family life with their wife and Kids.

Removing the cap of \$3,000.00 on CFEC permits will have an economic impact on my vessel and the way we operate, as it is now we are required to have a CFEC Permit Card for each skipper in order to land fish, the permit card and the individual has to be onboard in order to be allowed to fish and deliver fish.

With the removal of the cap and increased costs we will be forced to let one Skipper go in order to offset the cost of an increased CFEC permit card

This action will only capture 263 Permit cards out of about 22,000 Permit cards Issued annually and is targeting only vessels over 60 feet.

There are many multifunction vessels that take part in Salmon, Crab, Trawling, Pot fishing, IFQ Halibut and IFQ Sablefish and generate higher gross revenue than many of the vessels over 60 feet.

An increase in all CFEC permits that are issued by the state of Alaska should be looked at to get to the proposed increase in revenue of \$2,179,775.00 as this would look at all user groups and not discriminate against big boats versus small boats

I am opposed to the removal of the Cap of \$3,000.00 on CFEC permits as are many in the fishing industry in Kodiak.

I ask that you take no action on HB 251 at this time.

Sincerely
Patrick O'Donnell