

## **Elijah Verhagen**

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**From:** Bruce Cain <bcain@ahtna.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** Rep. David Talerico; Elijah Verhagen  
**Subject:** HB 107 Letter of Support

The Copper Valley Chamber of Commerce is in support of HB107. We have faced reduced salmon runs in many parts of the state. We faced reductions last year on the Copper River on sport and personal use fisheries. This has an adverse impact on Copper River Businesses. We also face potentially even more severe reductions in Chinook salmon this season on the Copper River. HB 107 supports a technology that has worked for many years on the Copper River for Sockeye. This along with sound management practices has kept the Sockeye runs on the Copper River strong and healthy for many years.

It is important that we care for our fisheries using all tools available to us. The small incubation box is a sound practice that can make a substantial improvement in reduced runs and could be a big help in our area as well as the Yukon drainage and other places in the State.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you.

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