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MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

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Representative Daniel Ortiz
State Capitol, Room 513
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Ortiz,

I am President of the Board of Directors of OceansAlaska which is a non-profit shellfish hatchery located in Ketchikan. OceansAlaska supports HB 76 as it will:

1. Allow shellfish and seaweed hatcheries to access loan funds to support operations and production costs for seed to mariculture farmers.
2. Put shellfish and seaweed hatcheries on a path to financial stability.
3. Enable the mariculture industry to grow past the constraint of limited seed supply, because without a consistent, healthy source of seed, the industry cannot expand.

Thank you for your support of HB 76 and the mariculture industry.

Best regards,

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