



April 3, 2017

Sen. Peter Micciche  
Alaska Senate  
Room 508  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: SB 92 – Vessels: Registration/Titles; Derelicts

Dear Senator Micciche,

Please accept my apology for not making it to the hearing in order to provide testimony. I was in a hearing as part of “invited testimony” that seemed to be dragging on a bit longer than I anticipated.

During AML’s Annual Local Government Conference held last November in Anchorage, the membership adopted Resolution #2017-13 which supports the issues you have addressed in your bill, SB 92.

The issue of derelict boats along the coastlines of Alaska has become an issue on which many municipalities have found themselves providing more and more time and money. The laws and regulations, while wisely allowing for protection and freedom with regard to the vessel owner, has become slow and ineffective for municipalities. The Alaska Municipal League supports this legislation in the hopes that it can be a tool in allowing municipalities to rid themselves of these unsafe eyesores that clutter shipping lanes, harbors, and beaches, while yet allowing numerous opportunities for public input and notification of previous owners.

We thank you for submitting this bill and stand in full support of the passage of SB 92.

Sincerely,

Kathie Wasserman  
Executive Director