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Subject: HB128

Hello Representative Ortiz,

I am not a constituent of yours. I am however an Alaska Resident from Wasilla and Representative Rauscher is my local Representative. I write to you today concerning HB128. I have been in contact with some people on the Mariculture task force and they said a bill like yours would be coming up and to contact you. I believe a similar bill was proposed last year but was put aside.

Getting to the point. I would love to see our State allow private individuals the ability to "seed" beaches. I know this would not constitute ownership of the resource or the beach. I saw your bill has a \$1000 permit fee to do such a thing. (My interpretation, I am not real well versed on legal speak). I know in WA and OR individuals can buy clam seed from a certified source and then proceed to seed local beaches. I would think this would be a win win for the State. The nursery's/hatcheries would be able to sell more seed and the State's beaches are getting seeded to help individuals harvest hopefully more clams in the future at no cost to the State. I am not sure if such a thing could be added to your bill or amended. I may also not be reading your bill correctly.

I bring this up because several beaches I used to clam as a child in Cook Inlet have been decimated by various factors. I would love to help revitalize these beaches.

Thank you for your time,

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