



North Pacific Fisheries Association
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May 1, 2017
Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Fisheries Committee

Representative.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov

Re: Support for HB231

"An Act relating to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission; and providing for an effective date."

Dear Chairman Stutes and House Fishery Committee Members,

The North Pacific Fisheries Association is a multi gear, multi species, commercial fishing organization based in Homer, Alaska since 1955. We have over 55 members who participate in a variety of fisheries throughout the State of Alaska.

NPFA's Board of Directors is writing you today in support of HB 231. Almost all of our members hold at least one limited entry permit and we have worked with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission since its inception. We appreciate the introduction of this bill to help achieve efficiencies within CFEC. Our group strongly supports the fact that this bill preserves the autonomy of the commission.

We request that you move this bill forward as we believe it is in the best interest of the State of Alaska.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G Malcolm Milne".

G Malcolm Milne
President, North Pacific Fisheries Association