

March 12, 2018

Senator Stedman  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: SJR 13 – Support for Sea Otter Resolution

Dear Senator Stedman,

Thank you for introducing resolution SJR13 regarding the management of sea otters. I am an Aleut originally from Unalaska/Dutch Harbor and now live in Juneau. I own Bering Sea Design, producing sea otter crafts. I also own an Alaska Dungeness crab permit and commercial fish in Southeast Alaska.

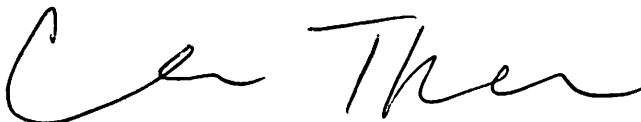
I recently married a life-long Alaskan from Fairbanks. He is non-native and our kids will not be qualified to hunt sea-otters. Also, unless my siblings marry an Alaskan Native, you are hearing from the last of the Moller's to harvest sea otters. Considering my Great, Great Grand Father was a hunter on the last commercial sea otter hunt in the Aleutians and Shimigan Island's-this is sad.

My family has been hunting these critters longer than most Alaskans and my Great, Great Grandfather traded raw pelts wholesale-now we have the federal government telling us what we can and cannot do. All while, these invasive species eats my subsistence resources and is making it more and more difficult to make a living with my commercial fishing permit.

This is about a balance of our resources; so that we can ALL co-exists. I thank you again for this effort and urge you to pass SJR 13 out of committee.

Sincerely,

Carley Thayer  
Juneau  
907.723.3872

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carley Thayer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carley" written in a large, sweeping loop and the last name "Thayer" written in a more compact, cursive style.