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From: Joe Warchola <Joe.Warchola@peakalaska.com>
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To: House Fisheries
Subject: I oppose HB 199!

I oppose HB 199 for the following reasons:

- The current permitting system is working to protect fish - what is this trying to fix? Where is the problem?
- The proposed bill creates additional uncertainty, which is especially concerning during a difficult fiscal time for our state and our economy.
- This will add costs and delays to community infrastructure projects, especially in rural Alaska where many of these projects are already challenging.
- CSHB 199 is a non-starter, the bill goes too far.
- Alaska already has an established structure for issuing permits and it is working.
- Fish habitat is already protected and this bill goes too far.
- Alaska has one of, if not the best, managed fisheries in the world.
- Every Alaskan wants to safeguard our fisheries, but this bill is unnecessary, goes too far and will negatively impact our communities.
- This legislation poses a threat to much needed infrastructure development and improvement.
- This legislation poses a threat to Alaska's economy and grows government at a time when the state faces a fiscal challenge.

Thanks,

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