



# Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance

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Representative Dan Ortiz  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 513  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 354 – SUPPORT for Modifying Dive Fishery Self-Assessment Tax

Dear Representative Ortiz,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) is a membership-based association representing our 330+ members involved in the salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries primarily in Southeast Alaska. Many of our members participate in the dive fisheries.

**SEAFA supports HB 354** which modifies the way the dive association can conduct an election to change the self-assessment tax rate. The change is to allow a  $\frac{3}{4}$  affirmative vote from the Board of Directors to initiate a vote for changing the tax rate. It would still take a majority vote of the permit holders participating in the vote to pass the changed tax rate.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen  
Executive Director