

EKWOK VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Representative Louise Stutes
State Capitol, Room 406
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Via Fax: 907-465-4956

Re: Support for HB 14

Dear Representative Stutes,

Native Village of Ekwok, on the Nushagak River, is represented by the Ekwok Village Council. In 2014, our community voted strongly in favor of Ballot Measure 4. It passed. It requires final authorization by the legislature of any large-scale metallic sulfide mine in the drainages of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve, including the Nushagak River drainage where Ekwok is located.

Because you represent Kodiak and serve as Chair of the House Special Committee on Fisheries, you know how important our salmon fisheries are.

The Ekwok Village Council supports HB 14. It would improve upon, and clarify, Ballot Measure 4.

We would be pleased to testify in support of HB 14. We urge that it be passed out of the fisheries committee with a do-pass recommendation, so that it can move on to the next committee, which will be the House Resources Committee.

Sincerely,

Luki Akelkok Sr.

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