



Mission Statement: To develop, expand, and enhance new and existing dive fisheries in Southeast Alaska.

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Support for HB 41: "An Act relating to management of enhanced stocks of shellfish; authorizing certain nonprofit organizations to engage in shellfish enhancement projects; relating to application fees for salmon hatchery permits; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Dan Ortiz State Capitol Room 513 Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Dan Ortiz,

The Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) appreciates your efforts to assist the emerging mariculture industry in Alaska. SARDFA has been involved in sea cucumber enhancement work for several years. HB 41 is an important element to have in place so that SARDFA may someday be able to enhance wild stocks. Without HB 41, the State of Alaska lacks the statutory authority to manage invertebrate enhancement.

Again, thank you for your efforts to support mariculture development in Alaska.

Sincerely

Phil Doherty Kate Sullivan

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