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Alaska State Legislature
Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
Senator Lora Reinbold, Chair
State Capitol, Room 105
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: SB 61 – SUPPORT for Fishermen's Fund Legislation

Dear Committee Members,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) is a membership-based association representing our 300+ members involved in the salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries primarily in Southeast Alaska. In addition, SEAFA has successfully owned and operated a vessel insurance pool (Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance Reserve) for 205 of our members.

SEAFA supports SB 61 which would allow a vessel owner to receive 100% of the owner's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurance deductible up to \$5,000 whichever is less from the Fishermen's Fund. This legislation provides an incentive for the commercial fisherman vessel owner to fully insure their crewmembers in the event of an injury or illness at sea.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director