

Dear Representative Wool,

For more than 30 years, Alaska Travel Adventures has held a Recreational Site License for our Gold Creek Salmon Bake in Juneau. The Gold Creek Salmon Bake hosts thousands of guests each summer and provides nearly 75 seasonal jobs, many of which are filled by Juneau locals. In addition to serving locally harvested wild salmon during our lunch and dinner service, an essential part of the guest experience we create is live music and the ability to enjoy a glass of wine or beer.

Like many other established businesses, we were surprised and extremely disappointed when put on notice by AMCO that our Recreational Site License would not be renewed. By sheer luck, last summer we were able to locate and purchase the **only** Restaurant/Eating Place license available for sale. An unfortunate stipulation of this license is that it only allows live entertainment between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. Unless the existing law is amended, we will not be able to provide music for our lunch patrons, which is roughly half our total business. We should not have to choose between providing live entertainment or serving beer & wine. We built this business on the ability to do both.

The modification to the existing law would be minor, a simple change to a 10 a.m. start versus the existing 3 p.m. start (see below in yellow highlight). This amendment would allow Gold Creek Salmon Bake to continue to operate successfully in the manner it has for the last thirty plus years.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this issue being addressed in SB 16.

Below is the current law regarding Restaurant/Eating place licenses.

#### **TITLE 4. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

##### **Sec. 04.11.100. Restaurant or eating place license.**

- (a) A restaurant or eating place license authorizes a restaurant or eating place to sell beer and wine for consumption only on the licensed premises.
- (b) A license may be issued under this section only if the board determines that the premises to be licensed are a bona fide restaurant or eating place.
- (c) A license may be issued under this section only if the sale and service of food and alcoholic beverages and any other business conducted on the licensed premises of the restaurant or eating place is under the sole control of the licensee.
- (d) The biennial fee for a restaurant or eating place license is \$600.
- (e) A license may be renewed under this section only if the licensee provides evidence to the board's satisfaction that gross receipts from the sale of food upon the licensed premises constitute no less than 50 percent of the gross receipts of the licensed premises for each of the two preceding calendar years.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of (b) of this section, upon written application and approval of the local governing body, the board may renew a restaurant or eating place license and exempt the licensee from the requirements of (b) of this section if the license was issued under the provisions of this subsection before October 1, 1996. The board may not
  - (1) renew a license as provided under this subsection if

(A) the renewal would result in more than one exempt restaurant or eating place license for every 10 restaurant or eating place licenses allowed under the provisions of AS 04.11.400(a)(2) or (3);

(B) the premises would be located in a building having a public entrance within 200 feet of the boundary line of a school or a church building in which religious services are being regularly conducted; for purposes of this subparagraph, the 200-foot prohibition is measured from the outer boundary line of the school or the public entrance of the church building by the shortest pedestrian route to the nearest public entrance of the restaurant or eating place; or

(2) transfer an exempt license issued under this subsection to another person. (g) A restaurant or eating place licensee

(1) operating under a license issued under (f) of this section shall offer a full-service menu of food items available to the public during all times that beer or wine is served or consumed; the menu must be approved by the board;

(2) may only provide entertainment on the licensed premises between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. unless approved by the director after written request by the licensee for a specific occasion; in this paragraph, "entertainment" includes dancing, karaoke, live performances, or similar activities, but does not include recorded or broadcast performances without live participation.

Sincerely,

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