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The Honorable Louise Stutes
House Fisheries Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Stutes,

On behalf of Governor Mike Dunleavy, the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) respectfully requests HB 80 "An Act establishing the sport fishing hatchery facilities account; establishing the sport fishing facility surcharge; and providing for an effective date," be scheduled for a hearing in the House Fisheries Committee at your earliest convenience.

The purpose of this legislation is to allow the Department of Fish and Game to resume collecting a reduced surcharge on sport fishing licenses. This bill proposes creation of a new sub-account of the fish and game fund to collect and account for the surcharge revenue separately. This bill also proposes restrictions on the uses of the surcharge revenue, only allowing for sport fishing enhancement and the maintenance of sport fishing facilities. The loss of the surcharge revenue has resulted in the loss of half a million dollars per year that has been used for sport fish hatchery production in southeast Alaska.

In accordance with your hearing request requirements, we are submitting the following documents for your review:

1. Governor Dunleavy's transmittal letter
2. Sectional analysis
3. Additional supporting document – surcharge revenue breakdown

No Information Services equipment is needed. Invited testimony will be confirmed by close of business Friday, February 19th.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need additional information please contact Rachel Hanke, Legislative Liaison, at 465-6137 or Rachel.hanke@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Lang".

Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang

cc: Miles Baker, Legislative Director, Governor's Legislative Office