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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 79 "An Act relating to salt water sport fishing operators and salt water sport fishing guides; 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 reinstitute the salt water sport fishing guide and operator license requirements, fees, and logbook reporting requirements. Currently, the salt water logbook program is an unfunded federal mandate. The data provided by salt water logbooks is critical to the department's ability to uphold several treaty obligations and management.

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

1. Governor Dunleavy's transmittal letter
2. Sectional analysis
3. Additional supporting document – logbook use summary

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 black ink, appearing to read "D. Lang".

Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang

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