

To representatives Stutes and members of the house fisheries committee.

From Eric Graves.

Hello I am a setnetter in Olga bay Alitak district of Kodiak island. I am writing in support of hb 117 Graves camp is a small operation. My dad Stan Graves started fishing in Olga bay in 1952. I have spent summers commercial fishing in Olga my whole life.

In 1990 we bought our neighbors two shore line leases and permit. We fish four nets. Two original sets and the two we bought from neighbor.

I have a permit in my name and my son Brandon Graves has the other. We work together picking the four nets. For quality the fish go from the water into slush ice totes, separated by spices. If hb 117 fails we won't have the space in our skiff for the extra totes it will take. Fish will have to be pitched to another skiff to separate and quality will suffer.

My other concern is the time it will take to tender. It takes time to crane the bag of fish. Weigh the fish weigh the empty bag fill out fish ticket get new ice. Our two permits will now take twice as long. Tenders have a lot of area to cover. If each delivery takes longer more camps will be delivering in the dark. That is a safety issue and more time between deliveries means we have to hold fish longer and quality will again suffer.

Thank you all for working on this issue for us and reading this letter Eric Graves Sent from my iPhone