

# Representative Rebecca Himschoot

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## HOUSE BILL 201

### RESIDENCY REQ: HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING Version U

“An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date.”

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December 18, 2023

Dear Legislators of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Alaska Legislature,

The Petersburg Borough Assembly supports House Bill 201, sponsored by Representatives Himschoot and Hannan, which will change the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges to align with the requirements to receive a Permanent Fund Dividend (AS 43.23).

Passage of HB 201 will benefit all Alaskans by:

- 1) limiting the amount of time and reasons one can be absent from the state and still qualify for a resident license;
- 2) making residency requirements easier to enforce; and
- 3) protecting subsistence resources for year-round Alaska residents.

The statute changes proposed in HB 201 will ensure that Alaskans who qualify for a resident hunting, trapping, or sport fishing license are in fact year-round residents of Alaska who deserve the increased bag limits that are the privilege of state residents.

We urge the 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislature to pass HB 201 into Alaska law.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Jensen".

Mark Jensen  
Mayor



Silverthorn Charters, Inc.

Thorne Bay, AK 99919

December 10, 2023

RE: Alaska HB201 (Residency Req: Hunting, Trapping, Fishing)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to our support of HB201. Silverthorn Charters, Inc. was started in 2016 and provides a charter fishing service based out of Thorne Bay AK.

We support this bill for the following reasons:

- Eliminate seasonal visitors with secondary homes from falsely claiming residency; it will improve enforcement and deter criminal activity.
- Clearly identify definition of State of Alaska resident vs non-resident for purpose of fishing, hunting, or trapping licenses; it will generate additional revenue for the State of Alaska and ADFG.
- It will improve our lives and better protect our subsistence resources for those who need them most.

We would like to be a voice of support of and urge you to vote yes on HB201!

Thank you!

Jim & Shannon Silverthorn  
Silverthorn Charters, Inc., Owners

**Date:** December 27, 2023

**To:** The State of Alaska Legislature and Resources Committee  
Representative, Rebecca Himschoot  
Representative, Sara Hannan

**From:** Glen Holt

at-large newly elected member of the East POW Island Fish & Game Advisory Committee. Lived in Alaska full time 41 years. Full-time current resident and homeowner in Thorne Bay, Alaska.

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Thorne Bay, AK 99919  
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Dear Legislature and all Committees:

I support legislation proposed in ***HB 201 Resident Requirements for Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Licenses*** as currently amended. Please pass this important legislation. It will protect the rights of real residents and enhance revenues to ADF&G as they manage our fish and game resources for everyone.

People who cannot qualify to receive the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend Check should not be allowed to purchase resident licenses. Our lifestyle is the reason we remain residents of this beautiful state.

Having a seasonal domicile or address should not qualify anyone for residency.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Glen Holt

# Ketchikan Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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*Beau Dale, Chair*

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*Ketchikan, Alaska*

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January, 5 2024

Alaska State Legislators,

The Ketchikan Advisory Committee supports HB 201

Thank you,

Ketchikan Advisory Committee

December 5, 2023

Alaska State Legislators,

The ADFG Craig Advisory Committee is pleased to offer its unanimous SUPPORT for House Bill 201.

The Craig AC is a diverse group of 14 members from the Craig, AK area.

Below, we have listed a few of the many reasons we support HB201.

- It will improve our lives and better protect our subsistence resources for those who need them most.
- It will generate additional revenue for the state and ADFG.
- It will improve enforcement and deter criminal activity.
- It will not change the requirements for a bona fide, year round, Alaskan resident to obtain a sport fishing, hunting or trapping license.

We urge you to vote YES on HB201.

Thank you,

The ADFG Craig Advisory Committee