

Dear Rep. Stutes and members of the House Fisheries Committee,

Thank you for introducing HB 199, proactive legislation which modernizes Alaska's fish habitat permitting law, as outlined by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in a recent letter to your committee. We are writing to express our support for this long-due update to Alaska's salmon habitat protection law.

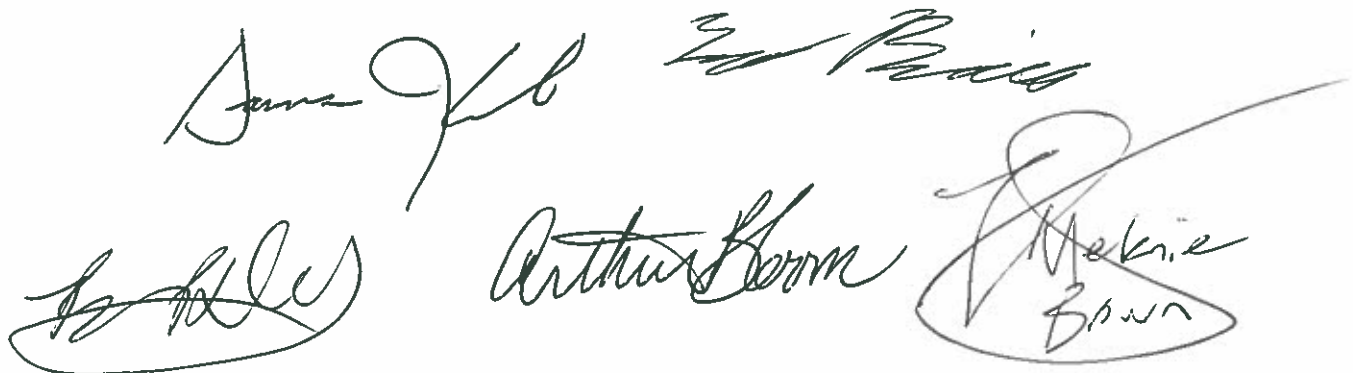
Salmon are integral to Alaska's economy and quality of life. As fishermen our incomes are directly impacted by water quality, in-stream flow levels, fish passage and other components of healthy salmon habitat. We need science-based standards to protect salmon habitat and encourage responsible development.

Currently the permitting law only applies to waters listed in the Anadromous Waters Catalogue, which ADF&G estimates to include less than 50% of the salmon-bearing waterbodies in our state and in places like the MatSu, less than 30%. ***We need better assurance that ADF&G has the authority it needs to protect salmon habitat.***

Furthermore, there is no current requirement for fishermen, or any of the public, to be notified when development permits are issued. If we want to find out what is happening near one of our fisheries we have to file an information request with the department.

The economic value of Alaska's commercial fishing industry extends far beyond our individual incomes; we contribute significantly to support services in addition to our daily costs of living in Alaska's fishing communities. If our fisheries are well-managed we will continue to contribute to Alaska's economy in perpetuity. Providing adequate protection to fish habitat is part of sound management, and is the single most effective way to ensure that this enduring cornerstone of the State's sustainable economy is not eroded as we seek fiscal solutions in difficult economic times. ***Please ensure that Alaska's salmon resources retain their value for generations to come by passing HB 199.***

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures are visible. The first is 'David J. Bell' in cursive. The second is 'Arthur Brown' in cursive. The third is 'Makie Brown' in cursive, with the name circled.

Oliver Lankin

Mariana Bell

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Cynthia	Adams
Cesar	Alvarado
Brad	Alzl
Claudia	Anderson
Brooks	Areson
Corey	Arnold
Jennifer	Aspelund
Tracy	Asselin
Everett	Athorp
Todd	Bailey
Boris	Basargin
Patrick	Baum
Anneke	Beach-Garcia
Eric	Beamer
Samantha	Becker
Celeste	Beck-Godell
Nancy	Behnken
Brian	Bennett
David	Berhardt
Ron	Blake
Iris	Blakeslee
Rich	Blanc
Lindsey	Bloom
Zenia	Borenin
Dylan	Braund
Melanie	Brown
Keith	Brown
Maggie	Bursch
Olcay	Caf
Alex	Carleton
Lanny	Carpenter
Charles	Clement
Sommers	Cole
Jolene	Cox
Keith	Cox
Ben	Crew
Richard	Curran
Cameron	Currie
Kevin	Currier

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Dugan	Daniels
John Paul	Davies
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Anna Maria	Dewing
Maria	Dosal
David	Driscoll
Heidi	Dunlap
Taylor	Dyer
Morgan	Edminster
Fred	Erofeeff
Sean	Fansler
Johnny	Fishmonger
Louie	Flora
Marcus	Fox
Sarah	Frances
Michael	Friccero
John	Glotfelty
Kevin	Graham
Tyler	Green
Ronn	Griffin
Glenn	Gustafson
Travis	Hall
Jacob	Hand
Cole	Hansen
Heather	Hardcastle
Kirk	Hardcastle
Kelsey	Hawley
Darren	Heath
Karen	Hebert
Hannah	Heimbuch
Sierra	Henry
Jay	Herring
Tara	Hines
Douglas	hogen
Ryan	Horwath
Mike	Houston
Joe	Huddleston
Brad	Jensen
Martin	Johnson
Forrest	Johnson

Michael	Johnson
Ken	Jones
Peri	Jordan
Sarah	Jordan
Joel	Kawahara
Misty	Kean
Ben	Kerwin
Kerry	Kirkpatrick
Peter	Kling
Cathryn	Klusmeier
Chris	Knight
Dave	Koester
Heather	Koponen
Rowan	Kurtz
Alexus	Kwachka
Taylor	Landrud
Zach	LaPerriere
Scott	Lesh
Cliff	Lewis
Ann	Linville
John	Little
Barbara	Loutrel
Evan	Love
Matthew	Luck
Keith	Lutz
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Carie	Mackenzie
Tanner	Mackiewicz
Eugene	Maltzeff
Matt	Marinkovich
Donald	Martinson
Stacy	Mayovsky
Dane	McFadden
Stu	McTaggart
Brianne	Mecum
Robert	Meyer
Andy	Mezirow
Jordan	Millar
Tim	Miller
Nora	Miller

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Cale	Montrone
Elizabeth	Moore
Marisa	Morgan
Howard	Mozen
Lucas	Mullen
Hilliary	Mullen
Kathleen	Murphy
Glen	Nash
Russell	Novak
Eric	Olsen
Todd	Paryman
Eric	Patton
Dean	Peper
Duane	Petersen
Brandt	Petersen
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Tim	Pine
Lance	Preston
Joseph	Princen
Jamison	Ramsey
David	Ranney
Serena	Ranney
Tyone	Raymond
chad	Reel
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Chris	Rhoads
Chuck	Ridley
Nicole	Riga
James	Riggle
Katie	Rinyland
Pete	Roddy
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Tom	Rollman
Levi	Rollman
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Laurie	Rootvik
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Ian	Seward

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Lucy	Squibb
Sammy	Steen
Kirstyn	Sterling
Kelly	Stier
Torey	Stout
Lillian	Sundt
John	Sutton
Reba	Temple
Reed	Tennyson
Allison	Tennyson
Ronald	Thompson
Peter	Thompson
Charles	Treinen
Kay	Underwood
Michael	Utt
Malcolm	Vance
Ian	Vincent
Anthony	Vlahovich
Mazwell	Vukas
Steven	Vukelich
William	Walker
Kaleb	Westfall
Christopher	White
Bruce	Whiting
Kelley	Whitson
Marissa	Wilson
Zack	Worrell