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Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

February 20, 2025

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am pleased to transmit a bill authorizing and regulating finfish farms and finfish farm products. Currently, Alaska law prohibits the farming of finfish, except for private nonprofit (PNP) salmon hatcheries. Authorizing finfish farming would introduce a new industry to Alaska, creating jobs, increasing food security for residents, and contributing to economic growth.

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), to permit the cultivation and sale of certain finfish in natural or artificial inland, closed-system bodies of water.

With a finfish farm permit, a permittee may operate a finfish farm and acquire, hold, offer, transfer, or sell finfish stock and finfish farm products, subject to DFG regulations and DEC oversight. The bill defines finfish as any bony fish belonging to the *Osteichthyes* class, excluding pink, chum, sockeye, coho, chinook, and Atlantic salmon. All finfish in finfish farms must remain sterile, and no artificial propagation is authorized.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure