

Diseases can be spread by airborne vectors such as birds or during potential escape from enclosures such as floods or negligence. The rearing of farm fish in Alaska would also directly undermine efforts to market the unique taste and nutritional benefits of Alaska wild fisheries and directly compete in the marketplace with small boat harvesters. If the state legislature allows fish farming of non-salmon species, this would only make it easier for salmon farming to become a reality in the future. Please do not allow fish farming in Alaska and instead prioritize wild stocks when it comes to our food security. A renewed focus on sound management and protection of the spawning and rearing habitat of salmon and other species is the most effective and beneficial way of enhancing Alaska's food security. Please reject HB 111.

Please guys, how would you feel if your future kids or grandkids didn't have real wild fish to go fish for? Let alone even see? I work at Alaska Coral and Fish, LLC and I import and sell a large amount of tropical live fish into to state, however there are rules to doing so, especially regarding possible contamination, disease, illegal stocking, etc. One of these rules is not bring in fish for farming, nor species that can survive in our local waters. I follow these rules because even though I want my industry to prosper, that can't come above the wellbeing of our natural fish and wildlife. Hence why I follow these rules that encourage the prevention of possible catastrophic damage to our surrounding environment, such as not importing or selling species that are likely to spread disease to livestock up here. Let's not take away some of these rules that actually help protect us. Farmed fish is not in Alaska's best interest. Let alone anyone's.

Passing this bill will is only going to encourage this grotesquely anti-Alaskan dystopia we are all starting to experience. Please stop this nonsense. If you personally don't care about fishing and our natural resources, please do it for the Alaskan youth that does. Maybe one day we will be able to have flourishing salmon runs again.

Sincerely,

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