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**From:** gsvendsen1795@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Greg Svendsen <gsvendsen1795@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 27, 2024 10:46 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Anchorage, AK 99516-2101  
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**From:** robingrace09@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robin Grace <robingrace09@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:04 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Robin Grace  
Haines, AK 99827  
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**From:** bljinalaska@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brenda Johnson  
<bljinalaska@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 27, 2024 8:57 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Brenda Johnson  
Juneau, AK 99801-7219  
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**From:** ferrariangela@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Ferrari  
<ferrariangela@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 27, 2024 7:19 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Angela Ferrari  
Anchorage, AK 99517-1549  
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**From:** mattval63@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Matthew Craig <mattval63@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 27, 2024 6:24 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Matthew Craig  
Haines, AK 99827-9800  
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**From:** theoconnors@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mike OConnor  
<theoconnors@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 27, 2024 5:35 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Mike OConnor  
Fairbanks, AK 99712-1636  
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**From:** jconitz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jan Conitz  
<jconitz@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 10:50 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my alarm and strong opposition to HB 169, the "bucket biology bill." This is a severely outdated and reckless idea. The hatcheries we have are problematic enough, but at least they make an effort to be responsible in handling genetic and disease issues that are introduced with any artificial propagation.

Allowing anyone to apply for a permit to run a backyard hatchery is a slippery slope that will further challenge our wild salmon populations. The State of Alaska needs to continue its oversight and management of our wild salmon and those being produced by existing, scientifically managed hatcheries. HB 169 solves no problem, but would jeopardize struggling wild stocks. There is no way small organizations and individuals without the necessary scientific and technical knowledge and training could properly manage known problems including inbreeding and introgression into wild stocks. Allow unqualified individuals or corporations to attempt to propagate salmon is reckless and would put at risk our state's greatest natural resource.

Our salmon fisheries depend on the protection and scientific management of healthy wild stocks, along with existing hatchery stocks. The greatest need of our existing salmon stocks at present is to improve and strengthen protections and management of our clean water and coastal marine and freshwater environments that are critical to salmon survival and reproduction. Climate change, along with disregard for salmon habitat, is creating unprecedented challenges for our wild salmon stocks and the focus should be on protecting the environment so as to minimize these threats. Without clean, cool water, we will have fewer salmon. This reckless "bucket biology" bill is simply a ruse to avoid dealing with the damages being caused to salmon habitat. I strongly urge you to oppose HB 169.

Sincerely,  
Jan Conitz  
Juneau, AK 99801-1515  
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**From:** cobaltmcneil@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Margaret McNeil  
<cobaltmcneil@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 9:57 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Margaret McNeil  
Anchorage, AK 99518-2839  
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**From:** pauline7185@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pauline Bennett-Gannon  
<pauline7185@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 9:13 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Pauline Bennett-Gannon  
Fairbanks, AK 99712-1245  
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**From:** billywedin3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Billy Wedin <billywedin3@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 9:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Billy Wedin  
Coffman Cove, AK 99918-9800  
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**From:** frieds4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Hilcoske <frieds4@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 6:24 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Mary Hilcoske  
Anchorage, AK 99501-4354  
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**From:** bowmantim38@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tim Bowman <bowmantim38@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 6:08 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Tim Bowman  
Anchorage, AK 99507-6018  
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**From:** ALASKAMAGICMAN@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jan and Bill Stacey  
<ALASKAMAGICMAN@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 4:03 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Jan and Bill Stacey  
Haines, AK 99827-0792  
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**From:** s.rathert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Rathert  
<s.rathert@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 3:20 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Stephanie Rathert  
Eagle River, AK 99577-7902  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** s.rathert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Rathert  
<s.rathert@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 3:19 PM  
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**From:** campbellrita50@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rita Campbell <campbellrita50@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 2:33 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Rita Campbell  
Homer, AK 99603-7712  
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**From:** rjesak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Renee Jacoby  
<rjesak@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 2:24 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Renee Jacoby  
Soldotna, AK 99669-9478  
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**From:** rjesak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Renee Jacoby  
<rjesak@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Soldotna, AK 99669-9478  
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**From:** skylinep@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marc Dumas  
<skylinep@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 1:29 PM  
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Marc Dumas  
Fairbanks, AK 99712-1309  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** lickinstck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William LeDoux  
<lickinstck@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:40 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
William LeDoux  
Wasilla, AK 99654-1608  
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**From:** overgrown2008@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gail Johnson <overgrown2008@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 11:25 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Gail Johnson  
Valdez, AK 99686-0996  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** tuoheym16@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of michael tuohey <tuoheym16@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
michael tuohey  
Anchorage, AK 99516-2238  
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**From:** dkaercher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dale Kaercher  
<dkaercher@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Dale Kaercher  
Anchorage, AK 99515-2303  
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**From:** dkaercher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dale Kaercher  
<dkaercher@everyactioncustom.com>  
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**From:** yupikartist@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Oscar  
<yupikartist@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 10:18 AM  
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Sincerely,  
John Oscar  
Bethel, AK 99559-2420  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** howsekat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathy Howse  
<howsekat@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Kathy Howse  
Anchorage, AK 99504-4 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** julie\_mages@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Mages  
<julie\_mages@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 9:42 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Julie Mages  
Anchorage, AK 99517-1600  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** hcbrons@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hans Brons  
<hcbrons@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 9:34 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Hans Brons  
Soldotna, AK 99669-8865  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** ci@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Menke <ci@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 9:33 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Kathleen Menke  
Haines, AK 99827



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**From:** corinnestelle77@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Corinne Ferre <corinnestelle77@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 9:20 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Corinne Ferre  
Kodiak, AK 99615-7218  
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**From:** maureen.knutsen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maureen Knutsen  
<maureen.knutsen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 8:27 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong concern about HB 169, the "bucket biology bill." Allowing anyone to apply for a permit to run a backyard hatchery starts us down a slippery slope for the health of Alaska's iconic wild salmon. Alaska has a history of taking careful approaches to hatcheries and should continue its oversight and management of any introduction of salmon to the natural environment. HB 169 jeopardizes struggling wild stocks because it does not take into account that our current hatchery oversight minimizes inbreeding and competition. This bill would allow unqualified individuals or corporations to raise hatchery salmon without scientific knowledge or training. The permitting system also does not allow adequate public input on permit distribution.

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Sincerely,  
Maureen Knutsen  
Naknek, AK 99633-0134  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** soulrei@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rene Morrissey  
<soulrei@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 8:15 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my concern for HB 169, the "bucket biology bill." Please don't allow this Bill to happen! Allowing anyone to apply for a permit to run a backyard hatchery starts us down a slippery slope for the health of Alaska's iconic wild salmon. Alaska has a history of taking careful approaches to hatcheries and should continue its oversight and management of any introduction of salmon to the natural environment. HB 169 jeopardizes struggling wild stocks because it does not take into account that our current hatchery oversight minimizes inbreeding and competition. This bill would allow unqualified individuals or corporations to raise hatchery salmon without scientific knowledge or training. The permitting system also does not allow adequate public input on permit distribution.

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Sincerely,  
Rene Morrissey

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Rene Morrissey  
Haines, AK 99827



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**From:** ferrariangela@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Ferrari  
<ferrariangela@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 8:01 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Angela Ferrari  
Anchorage, AK 99517-1549  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** cianaredman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ciana Redman  
<cianaredman@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 7:23 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Ciana Redman  
Haines, AK 99827  
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**From:** forqhoak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shirley Forquer  
<forqhoak@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 7:03 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

This is a bad bill and will harm salmon genetics. Please do not pass it.

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Please do not pass this bill.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Forquer  
Homer, AK 99603



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**From:** cherimemacfarlane@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cherime MacFarlane  
<cherimemacfarlane@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 7:00 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Cherime MacFarlane  
Wasilla, AK 99623-9432



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**From:** albertaj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeff Robinson  
<albertaj@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 6:57 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Jeff Robinson  
Petersburg, AK 99833  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** cleanecaffeine@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lori Stephenson  
<cleanecaffeine@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 6:42 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Lori Stephenson  
Homer, AK 99603-7755  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** tomi\_girlie7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle Stone <tomi\_girlie7@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 6:40 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Michelle Stone  
Palmer, AK 99645-9083  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** rschumanhookset@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ryan Schuman  
<rschumanhookset@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 6:24 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Ryan Schuman  
Kake, AK 99830  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** dselby2042@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dena Selby <dselby2042@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 5:53 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Dena Selby  
Haines, AK 99827  
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**From:** ironupjc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Catrett  
<ironupjc@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 5:52 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Richard Catrett  
Juneau, AK 99801-9609  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** cynthiaallen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cynthia Allen  
<cynthiaallen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 5:32 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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PLEASE PROTECT OUR NATURAL FISH!

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Allen  
Haines, AK 99827  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** fred.freer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Fred Freer  
<fred.freer@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 5:22 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my concern for HB 169, the "bucket biology bill." Are you kidding me!!! Allowing anyone to apply for a permit to run a backyard hatchery starts us down a slippery slope for the health of Alaska's iconic wild salmon. Are you that desperate that you'd allow just any qualified person to raise and then "dump" unchecked salmon into our waters?? YEAH, let's all turn into the lower 48! Alaska has a history of taking careful approaches to hatcheries and should continue its oversight and management of any introduction of salmon to the natural environment. HB 169 jeopardizes struggling wild stocks because it does not take into account that our current hatchery oversight minimizes inbreeding and competition. This bill would allow unqualified individuals or corporations to raise hatchery salmon without scientific knowledge or training. The permitting system also does not allow adequate public input on permit distribution.

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Sincerely,  
Fred Freer Mr.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709



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**From:** akjenny@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Derks-Andersen  
<akjenny@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 4:51 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

Wow! Just wow! This is very much not the route we should be headed to improve our salmon stocks around the state.

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Derks-Andersen  
Kenai, AK 99611-8367  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** keeni@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Goodwin  
<keeni@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 3:21 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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I used google top learn more about "bucket biology". The first description read, "someone who brings his or her preferred species of fish from one lake to another that may be more convenient or closer to home". So, I take a salmon stock that I have a permit to raise, and I release a "few" in a small stream "more convenient or closer to home". Will this happen? Of course it will happen. It's human nature!

Or, unqualified corporations whose main purpose for existence is to grow the business for profit. How can they gain from being a bucket biologist? What is their intention in becoming a buket biologist? To help sustain a healthy population of salmon? Only if it makes a profit!

Who is to blame for a new species introduced into a stream, the bucket biologist? Or, the people responsible for this idea? Please ask yourself- What could go wrong?

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Sincerely,  
James Goodwin  
Soldotna, AK 99669-8735



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**From:** mroxenem@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roxene Miller  
<mroxenem@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 2:50 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Roxene Miller  
Douglas, AK 99824-5310  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** charitygoddard@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charity Smith  
<charitygoddard@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 2:18 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Charity Smith  
Gustavus, AK 99826-0082  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** leanne.m.werner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leanne Werner  
<leanne.m.werner@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 12:00 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Leanne Werner  
Anchorage, AK 99517-1843  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** vadams78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vernon Adams <vadams78@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 12:00 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Vernon Adams Jr  
Noatak, AK 99761  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** joeray\_muse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Skrha  
<joeray\_muse@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2024 12:00 AM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Joseph Skrha  
Kenai, AK 99611-8853  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** akfletchers@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barrett Fletcher  
<akfletchers@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:27 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my concern for HB 169, the "bucket biology bill." While it's arguably admirable to encourage Alaskans of all ages to have a visceral understanding of salmon life cycles, they should also clearly understand the potential harm of uncontrolled genetic manipulation and possible introduction of invasive diseases, as should all of our legislators. Whose asinine idea was this, anyway?

Our salmon fisheries need wild stocks protected and strengthened. Management should focus on maintaining healthy oceans and ensuring that we continue to have clean freshwater habitat that wild salmon need for spawning. Please oppose HB 169.

Sincerely,  
Barrett Fletcher  
Homer, AK 99603-0575  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** addhiker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Dunaway  
<addhiker@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:44 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

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Sincerely,  
Amanda Dunaway  
Hoonah, AK 99829-0092  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** shannonfraney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Walther Jim  
<shannonfraney@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:41 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Walther Jim  
Haines, AK 99827-9603  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** shannonfraney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shannon Franey  
<shannonfraney@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:40 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Shannon Franey  
Haines, AK 99827-9603  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** scribing@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rebecca Goodrich  
<scribing@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:05 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Rebecca Goodrich  
Anchorage, AK 99515-3456  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** ljurgeleit@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Larry Jurgeleit  
<jurgeleit@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:59 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

As a retired commercial fisherman, I feel this is a horrible idea. I'm surprised this bill has even seen the light of day.

I am writing to express my concern for HB 169, the "bucket biology bill." Allowing anyone to apply for a permit to run a backyard hatchery starts us down a slippery slope for the health of Alaska's iconic wild salmon. Alaska has a history of taking careful approaches to hatcheries and should continue its oversight and management of any introduction of salmon to the natural environment. HB 169 jeopardizes struggling wild stocks because it does not take into account that our current hatchery oversight minimizes inbreeding and competition. This bill would allow unqualified individuals or corporations to raise hatchery salmon without scientific knowledge or training. The permitting system also does not allow adequate public input on permit distribution.

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Sincerely,  
Larry Jurgeleit  
Haines, AK 99827-0515  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [nellegreene@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nellegreene@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of Nelle Jurgeleit-Greene  
<[nellegreene@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nellegreene@everyactioncustom.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:55 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I am in shock to learn that such a proposal even exists.

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Sincerely,  
Nelle Jurgeleit-Greene  
Haines, AK 99827-0515  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** cipher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Wyatt  
<cipher@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:42 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

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Sincerely,  
Mary Wyatt  
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4152  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** freestyle257@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Nagel <freestyle257@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:18 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
John Nagel  
Juneau, AK 99801-1933  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** lthorpe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurie Thorpe  
<lthorpe@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:06 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Laurie Thorpe  
Wasilla, AK 99654-2441  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** vicarylaska@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Clyde Vicary  
<vicarylaska@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 7:37 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Clyde Vicary  
Anchorage, AK 99508-3256  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** blanks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Blank  
<blanks@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 7:17 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Blank  
Haines, AK 99827-0112  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** kalei.lw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lynn Wilbur  
<kalei.lw@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 6:41 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Lynn Wilbur  
Juneau, AK 99801-9092  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** agobydma@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carmen Williams Bydalek  
<agobydma@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 5:51 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Carmen Williams Bydalek  
Anchorage, AK 99517-3256



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**From:** piampiama@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Piama R. Oleyer  
<piampiama@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 5:31 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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In plain speech, if this is eventually allowed, anyone (in the pro-pebble mine industry, for instance) could intentionally annihilate the Bristol Bay salmon run with no legal ramifications.

Sincerely,  
Piama R. Oleyer  
Anchorage, AK 99509-0309  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** SantaClaus@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of SANTA CLAUS  
<SantaClaus@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 5:26 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
SANTA CLAUS  
North Pole, AK 99705-7757  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** nickc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicholas Cassara  
<nickc@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 5:17 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Nicholas Cassara  
Palmer, AK 99645-8778  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** feedingchangeAK@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Dubovsky  
<feedingchangeAK@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 5:11 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Dubovsky  
Anchorage, AK 99516-3382  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** fishhoundexp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Adam Cuthriell  
<fishhoundexp@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 5:08 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Adam Cuthriell  
Girdwood, AK 99587-0568  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** cheetahmaya@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maya Rainey  
<cheetahmaya@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 5:00 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Maya Rainey  
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5711  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** smcbeen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Samuel McBeen  
<smcbeen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:59 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Samuel McBeen  
Tenakee Springs, AK 99841-0023  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** banklady65@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Jacobson <banklady65@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:53 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Mark Jacobson  
Soldotna, AK 99669-0297  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** banklady65@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claudia Jacobson <banklady65@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:53 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Claudia Jacobson  
Soldotna, AK 99669-0297  
[REDACTED]

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Claudia Jacobson  
Soldotna, AK 99669-0297  
[REDACTED]

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Mark Jacobson  
Soldotna, AK 99669-0297  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** fclarson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Fred Larson  
<fclarson@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:16 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Fred Larson  
Anchorage, AK 99502-1643



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**From:** halibuts@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Hillstrand  
<halibuts@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:16 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

This is not the time to allow the public to take broodstock from already stressed populations of salmon. The Aquatic use permits already accommodate the public in a step by step less invasive way that needs to be used instead of opening this door with little to no monitoring. I am writing to express my concern for HB 169, the "bucket biology bill." Allowing anyone to apply for a permit to run a backyard hatchery starts us down a slippery slope for the health of Alaska's iconic wild salmon. Alaska has a history of taking careful approaches to hatcheries and should continue its oversight and management of any introduction of salmon to the natural environment. HB 169 jeopardizes struggling wild stocks because it does not take into account that our current hatchery oversight minimizes inbreeding and competition. This bill would allow unqualified individuals or corporations to raise hatchery salmon without scientific knowledge or training. The permitting system also does not allow adequate public input on permit distribution.

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Sincerely,  
Nancy Hillstrand  
Homer, AK 99603-0001

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**From:** p0williams@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paula Williams  
<p0williams@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:02 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Is this seriously being considered???

Sincerely,  
Paula Williams  
Anchorage, AK 99502-4687  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** dlareed@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dennis Reed  
<dlareed@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:01 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Dennis Reed  
Wrangell, AK 99929-1761  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** ryanasto1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ryan Astalos <ryanasto1@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:59 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Ryan Astalos  
Anchorage, AK 99508-3062  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** richlroth@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Rothstein  
<richlroth@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:32 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Richard Rothstein  
Anchorage, AK 99517-1343  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** alfafishak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Behnken  
<alfafishak@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:28 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

On behalf of the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, I am writing to express my concern about HB 169, the "bucket biology bill." Allowing anyone to apply for a permit to run a backyard hatchery compromises the health of Alaska's iconic wild salmon. Alaska's salmon have evolved over thousands of years to be exactly suited to their environment. Backyard experiments disregard this evolutionary genius and threaten to undermine long-term resource health.

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Sincerely,  
Linda Behnken  
Sitka, AK 99835-7610  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** ms.april.woods@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Woods  
<ms.april.woods@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:26 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

God made nature perfect, humanity only destroys it, leave salmon in nature and out of the hands of humans. I am writing to express my concern for HB 169, the "bucket biology bill." Allowing anyone to apply for a permit to run a backyard hatchery starts us down a slippery slope for the health of Alaska's iconic wild salmon. Alaska has a history of taking careful approaches to hatcheries and should continue its oversight and management of any introduction of salmon to the natural environment. HB 169 jeopardizes struggling wild stocks because it does not take into account that our current hatchery oversight minimizes inbreeding and competition. This bill would allow unqualified individuals or corporations to raise hatchery salmon without scientific knowledge or training. The permitting system also does not allow adequate public input on permit distribution.

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Sincerely,  
April Woods  
Anchorage, AK 99504-3724  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** bawgofish@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruce White  
<bawgofish@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:21 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Bruce White  
Sitka, AK 99835-9552  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** meditor@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurence DeVita  
<meditor@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:16 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Laurence DeVita  
Anchor Point, AK 99556-9456  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** epsheridan51@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Edward Sheridan <epsheridan51@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:09 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Edward Sheridan Sr  
Soldotna, AK 99669-9478  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** rstevenj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steven Russell  
<rstevenj@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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The support of the development of clean and sustainable mariculture in Alaska will go a long way to both expand the failing economy away from the dependency on the type of non-renewable resource extraction that sponsors short-sighted legislators that we real Alaskans seem to be stuck with, and is in-line with the very reasons that Alaskans wanted Alaska to become a state - to protect salmon. In addition, the use fossil fuels is killing the planet, while salmon feed the all the people, and not just those in the fossil fuel industry.

Finance for the future - everyones, and not just your own.

Sincerely,  
Steven Russell  
Ninilchik, AK 99639-0304



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**From:** smada101@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Francis Adams <smada101@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:03 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Francis Adams  
Fairbanks, AK 99709-6507  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Parisgrammy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Martin  
<Parisgrammy@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:03 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Martin  
Ketchikan, AK 99901-9506  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** lylelaframboise8@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lyle Laframboise  
<lylelaframboise8@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:52 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

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Sincerely,  
Lyle Laframboise  
Atmautluak, AK 99559



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**From:** mare\_e86@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Glaves <mare\_e86@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:43 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Mary Glaves  
Juneau, AK 99801-8749  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** mzldiondrajean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Lawhead  
<mzldiondrajean@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:36 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Donald Lawhead  
Wasilla, AK 99654-4544  
[REDACTED]

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Wasilla, AK 99654-4544  
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**From:** 907billk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bill Kramer  
<907billk@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:29 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Bill Kramer  
Juneau, AK 99801-8625  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** neilstichert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Neil Stichert  
<neilstichert@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:28 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

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ADFG has well designed protocols for where and how hatchery propagated fish are to be cultured and released. This bill has little merit or need proportionate to the risks. Please oppose HB 169.

Neil Stichert  
Juneau

Sincerely,  
Neil Stichert  
Juneau, AK 99801-8873  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** luanncmvey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Luann McVey  
<luannmcvey@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:27 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Luann McVey  
Douglas, AK 99824-5210  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** tisabecker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tisa Becker  
<tisabecker@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:26 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Tisa Becker  
Douglas, AK 99824-0369  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** bonbee.dupree@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bonnie Dupree  
<bonbee.dupree@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:18 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Bonnie Dupree  
Homer, AK 99603-9264  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** ashlyn1059@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ashlyn johnson <ashlyn1059@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:14 PM  
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Sincerely,  
ashlyn johnson  
Anchorage, AK 99504-2257  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Tpatton100@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terri Patton <Tpatton100@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:09 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Terri Patton  
Anchorage, AK 99504-4355



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**From:** ashlyn1059@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of ashlyn johnson <ashlyn1059@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Anchorage, AK 99504-2257  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** dtallmon42@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Tallmon <dtallmon42@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:59 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I ask you to oppose HB 169. Although well intentioned, this bill has a high risk of leading to the unfavorable introduction of species into areas where they can cause unwanted biological, ecological, and economic damage. There are many examples of well-intentioned releases of species having unforeseen and unwanted impacts on native flora and fauna, as well as extremely bad economic impacts. We should be very cautious about releasing species where there do not already exist. It would be wise to limit the capacity to release species to trained biologists who follow guidelines based upon sound science, and proper ecological and economic planning. I am certain that if HB 169 becomes law in Alaska we will look back on its passage as a massive ecological and economic mistake.

Sincerely,  
David Tallmon  
Juneau, AK 99801-9562  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** jbell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jacob Bell <jbell@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:47 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Jacob Bell  
Haines, AK 99827-1682



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**From:** katepersons@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kate Persons  
<katepersons@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:44 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Kate Persons  
Nome, AK 99762  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** uintapools@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rett Gunnell  
<uintapools@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:42 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Rett Gunnell  
Homer, AK 99603-8116  
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**From:** guyslopez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Guy Lopez  
<guyslopez@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:39 PM  
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Guy Lopez  
Big Lake, AK 99652  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** wolfclan444@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Audrey Elicerio <wolfclan444@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:28 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Audrey Elicerio  
Fairbanks, AK 99712-2116  
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**From:** diann.darnall@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diann Darnall  
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Sincerely,  
Diann Darnall  
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4112  
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**From:** shuyakland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of K. Murphy  
<shuyakland@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:25 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
K. Murphy  
Juneau, AK 99801  
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**From:** krheagfournier@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gary fournier  
<krheagfournier@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:24 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
gary fournier  
Juneau, AK 99801-8597  
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**From:** garymmartinek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Martinek  
<garymmartinek@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:18 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Gary Martinek  
Anchorage, AK 99515-4052  
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**From:** markaniver@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Niver  
<markaniver@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:17 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Mark Niver  
Wasilla, AK 99654-1610  
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**From:** patrickj9kearney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patrick Kearney  
<patrickj9kearney@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
Patrick Kearney Mr  
Juneau, AK 99802  
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**From:** davidfitka@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of DAVID FITKA  
<davidfitka@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:16 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
David Fitka,  
Lifelong resident of the Yukon river village, Marshall, Alaska

Sincerely,  
DAVID FITKA  
Marshall, AK 99585-0052  
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**From:** trevor.ose@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Trevor Ose  
<trevor.ose@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:16 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
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Sincerely,  
Trevor Ose  
Fairbanks, AK 99708-0280  
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**From:** shaffer.kevin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kevin Shaffer  
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Sincerely,  
Kevin Shaffer  
Moose Pass, AK 99631-9709  
sh [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:12 PM  
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Marshall, AK 99585

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**From:** kitchenkeils433@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Keils Kitchen <kitchenkeils433@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:07 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Keils Kitchen  
Anchorage, AK 99518-1238  
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**From:** sjfleischman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of STEVE FLEISCHMAN  
<sjfleischman@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 169

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee,

I worked as a fishery biologist for the state of Alaska for nearly 30 years and am writing now to request that you please oppose HB 169.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
STEVE FLEISCHMAN  
Anchorage, AK 99501-4268  
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**From:** lewyrick777@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tracy Holmberg <lewyrick777@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:57 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Tracy Holmberg  
Willow, AK 99688-0918  
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**From:** jerry42lee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jerry Peterson  
<jerry42lee@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:56 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Jerry Peterson  
Chuathbaluk, AK 99557  
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**From:** 1norcoast@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Steffen  
<1norcoast@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:55 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Jim Steffen  
Sitka, AK 99835-0936  
[REDACTED]

DATE: April 26, 2024  
TO: Alaska State Legislature, House Finance  
FROM: Gale K. Vick, Fairbanks, Alaska  
RE: HB169 Fisheries Enhancement

My name is Gale Vick. I am writing on behalf of myself as a fisheries policy consultant and a 55 year resident of Alaska, with more than 35 years in the Yukon River drainage. Among other roles, I currently chair the Fisheries subcommittee of the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

I object to HB169 as written. My strong recommendation is to table this legislation until the next Legislature so that there is a time over the 2024 summer to have the science and technical review this bill really needs. This has not been done previously.

This bill, in its 3<sup>rd</sup> legislative iteration, is promoting citizen's involvement in enhancing salmon stocks, specifically in the Yukon River in order to mitigate our current (and continuing) crisis with our salmon stocks. I want to thank the sponsors for their attention to this problem.

However, HB169 designed as a potential mitigation measure, is not applicable as currently written.

Chinook, summer and fall chum and coho stocks that are in danger of extirpation within specific streams in the Yukon River drainage and for Canadian passage are not available to anyone, even the Department of Fish and Game, for use in any schematic that requires egg take. Under the terms of the newly signed Yukon River Agreement that is requiring a 7 year moratorium on any Chinook harvest, this prohibition on egg take is particularly specific.

Finding original broodstock from a local stream is a major obstacle. Simple math illustrates that a permitted egg take of 500,000, would take 150-200 wild female salmon and *twice* as many males. A *single* permit in any depleted stock region would require more fish than a depleted stock could afford. In discussions with the Commissioner, permits for severely depleted stocks would not be granted.

In addition, this bill carries the expectation of a harvestable surplus. An integration with production hatchery comprehensive salmon plans raises extreme red flags on intent and process. There is significant evidence that there are already too many salmon in the North Pacific competing for forage. Adding more fish into a broken system and expecting sufficient returns to support harvest is not realistic. The goal should be to help wild salmon persist.

While seeking remedies our goal should always be the precautionary principle of “do no harm.” Localized mitigation of discrete stocks requires being heavily monitored under a specific and well monitored rehabilitation plan, which is currently absent.

Even where permits might be allowed, HB169 has the potential to greatly exacerbate wild salmon decline rather than assist rehabilitation. Lack of monitoring could:

- Create a catastrophic take of depleted wild spawners
- create an introgression of distinct populations
- carry a high potential for transmission of diseases
- carry a high potential for genetic damage
- carry an opportunity for *unmonitored* egg transport from distant populations, Including from hatchery fish

Further, even with their fiscal note, I do not think the Department would have the necessary resources that this legislation would require to administer and monitor. We are already in a critical situation for lack

of resources to enumerate and monitor our major salmon producing streams.

There has been a lot of misleading and confusing information associated with this bill. I urge you to table this legislation to allow time for vetting with a large group of stakeholders and scientists. And then re-craft as needed for the next Legislature. We all want to do that right thing for our wild salmon stocks but we need a good science team to identify the stream-by-stream application.

Our wild salmon are better served by greater understanding of the decline factors such as reducing bycatch and intercept, reducing hatchery production and protecting wild habitat.

Thank you.