

NO to FISH FARMING in Alaska! It is too dangerous for our water quality and wild stocks.

Barry Santana

Wasilla and Pedro Bay, Alaska

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Dear Members of the Committee-

My name is Celia Friedman, I am from Baltimore, Maryland but have been fishing in Ekuk Beach in the Nushagak district of Bristol Bay for 32 years. I started when I was 10 months old and am now almost 35. I am proud to say there are no farmed fish in Alaska and I strongly oppose HB 111/SB 108: Finfish Farms and Products. Allowing farmed fish in Alaska even if they are in containers is a huge risk. If non-native fish are allowed to be farmed then the floodgates will be opened for salmon farming to begin and that would be devastating. We cannot control nature and if farmed fish are introduced the area will be forever changed and we will never be able to get it back to the pristine, wild condition it is in now. Please choose our one precious earth over profit, please choose supporting our Alaska Native communities over profit, please keep Alaska wild by opposing HB 111.

Thank you, Celia Friedman

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Hello,

My name is Colin Campbell and I live in Fairbanks and I oppose the bill that would allow finfish farming in Alaska. At a time when wild fish stocks in Alaska are overall at their arguable worst in history--wild fish stocks need more protection, especially from overfishing (largely indiscriminate industrial trawl targeting flatfish and pollock) and not another thing that has a high potential to have a negative impact on wild fish stocks.

Alaskans want protections of our wild fish stocks and for subsistence fishing to be prioritized over commercial interests (which is part of our state constitution). We don't want farmed fish in any form.

Thank you,

Colin Campbell