



April 11, 2018

Representative Louise Stutes
Chair, House Fisheries Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Stutes and the House Fisheries Committee:

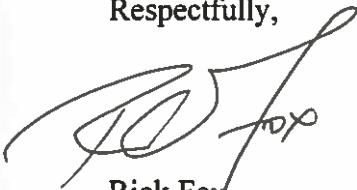
Please accept this letter of opposition to HB 199 for your consideration, on behalf of Fairweather, LLC. Fairweather is an Alaskan company that was established in 1976. We provide support services to the diverse Alaska Natural Resource Industry, Government agencies, Engineering firms and even the Aviation Industry. We depend on the success of our clients and a strong Alaskan economy, to ensure the longevity of our company.

Fairweather respectfully opposes HB 199 as we believe it will create additional, unnecessary permitting burden including financial resources and delays to community infrastructure projects. This will be especially burdensome to rural Alaska where these projects are already challenging and expensive. This legislation will pose a threat to much needed infrastructure development and improvement. Additionally, we believe this legislation will challenge Alaska's economy at a time when we are already in a state of fiscal crisis.

Alaska has in place an established structure for issuing permits that is backed by scientific research and is succeeding in protecting fish habitat. The majority of the employees here at Fairweather are avid Alaskan fishermen and women. We all wish to protect our fisheries and fish habitat, but we believe this bill is excessive and unreasonable.

Please reconsider HB 199 as the current rigorous permitting system works and there would be no benefit to advance this bill. We would like to see the growth of Alaskan communities and the Alaskan economy, and we do not believe this legislation would be conducive to that end.

Respectfully,



Rick Fox

CEO