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Governor Michael J. Dunleavy
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January 21, 2020

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

Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill regarding sportfish guide and operator licensing.

This bill would reinstitute the salt water sport fishing guide and operator licensing standards, salt water guide and operator fees, and logbook reporting requirements for salt water guides. The logbook data provided by salt water fishing guides provides critical information that informs in season management. The Board of Fisheries management plans also benefit from updated and complete information.

The data obtained through the logbook reporting requirement is critical for the Department of Fish and Game to successfully uphold the State of Alaska's Pacific Salmon Treaty obligations. Under the treaty the state is required to issue logbooks and collect data, however the mandate is unfunded. This bill would re-establish the license fees for sport salt water fishing guide services to cover the costs of the mandated program.

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