

Dear Representatives Burke and Dibert and committee members,

I am a 40 year Alaska resident and dipnetter and I do not support HB 125 as written.

This bill ensures that diverse voices are heard on the board except for a personal use voice. There should be a personal use member appointed to the board.

This group represents thousands of Alaska residents who buy the permit and make the trek to catch fish to feed themselves and their families. This is a healthy, high-quality and vital food source for these families.

You have two seats for sport and subsistence fishing. I am requesting one seat for personal use representation.

The members of the House Resources committee are elected to represent their constituencies and this bill should not go forward unless amendments are made to give a voice to these underrepresented Alaskans.

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