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**AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Senator Gary Stevens  
State Capitol Room 103  
Juneau, AK 99801

**Re: SB 33, Seafood Production Development Tax Credit**

Dear Senator Stevens:

Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association, one of the six Western Alaska Community Development Organizations (“YDFDA”), strongly supports SB 33 and very much appreciates your introduction of this measure.

YDFDA is an Alaska non-profit organization focused on economic development in the Lower Yukon River Delta region. Our six member communities represent more than 3,400 residents who live in one of the most economically challenged regions in the United States. Our economic development activities are supported entirely from our allocations of the Bering Sea federal fishery resource through the CDQ program and subsequent investments and, as such, do not rely on any expenditures from the State of Alaska.

We have used the State’s seafood product development tax credit in the past to augment our investments in our salmon processing plant in Emmonak. This resource has helped us maintain and operate Kwikpak Fisheries, the largest private employer in our region, supporting more than 400 local jobs and providing a salmon market for 500 permit holders.

Re-establishing the tax credit program for salmon processing equipment and expanding it to include Alaska pollock and Pacific Cod related investments would directly benefit our program. Our Alaska based processors produce pollock and Pacific Cod products and we hope to start a small pilot project to bring commercial quantities of Pacific Cod on shore in Emmonak to provide an alternative fishery due to the low Yukon River salmon returns.

## Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association

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Senator Stevens, the capital cost recovery this program provides will directly benefit the State of Alaska, and its coastal communities, fishermen, and processors. This program needs to be re-established and extended.

Thank you again for our efforts.

Very truly yours,

YUKON DELTA FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT  
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