

Rep. Alan Austerman

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To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: HJR 21

Honorable Representative Alan Austerman,

My name is Iver Holm and I am a lifelong resident of Kodiak. I am only 21 years old but have fished for many years crewing for salmon seine and set net as well as tanner crab, herring, halibut, and cod jigging. I am in the process of purchasing a 38' boat.

I strongly support HJR 21. My father has an LLP that I could use with my boat but it doesn't have recent history so the pending N.P.F.M.C action would render it useless for cod fishing. LLP's with history are priced so high that I wouldn't be able to afford one for many years, if ever. While I can jig for cod in the state waters season, being able to pot fish for cod in the earlier federal season may be necessary for my boat to be successful. It is clear that being able to switch fisheries based on market conditions and availability of fish is necessary to be successful in small boat fisheries.

I hope that HJR 21 receives support in the Senate and is heeded by the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Thank you for your efforts regarding these important issues.

Sincerely,

Iver Holm