

HB266--Bonnie Borba Email

From: Bonnie Borba [borba@mosquitonet.com]
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 9:58 PM
To: Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Subject: Support SJR22 and HB266

Dear Representative Bryce,

I was born and raised here in Alaska and my brothers and I grew up hunting, trapping and fishing with our parents. Chitna dip netting of sockeye and Chinook salmon has been a stable source of quality food of our family. We are now on our third generation of family members now dipping to provide salmon to our parents and grandparents. Occasionally we get only a few but we are usually the diehard shore based dippers that usually get our limit if not one trip maybe a second. The trip is a family affair and the salmon are better than anything you can buy at a store. I understand the commercial aspect of the fishery as well but many of these fishermen are not even from our state and precedence lies with subsistence priority first before commercial fisheries, subsistence means food for local peoples and in this state means all residents. Chitna is not an easy place to fish and it is not for everyone because of the difficult river and weather. I typically do not sport fish because if I catch a fish I am going to eat it. I do not understand totally the reason why this fishery got changed to a personal use fishery but you should be thinking of the families this resource is providing for -the everyday working man.

Please support SJR22 and HB266.

Bonnie Borba