

February 15, 2010

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 421  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: House Bill 266 – Personal Use Fishing Priority

Dear Representative Edgmon and House Special Committee for Fisheries,

I am writing to oppose House Bill 266, which gives personal use fisheries priority over sport and commercial fisheries. I am a second generation commercial fisherman that depends on accesses to Copper River salmon for my livelihood. Providing a personal use fishing priority would put additional limitations on the commercial fishing fleet in times of poor salmon returns. Such limitations would result in economic hardship for both the commercial fishing fleet and the town of Cordova. Please protect an important source of revenue for Alaskans and oppose House Bill 266.

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