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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:30 AM
To: Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Cc: Timothy Clark
Subject: HB 266 comment

Dear Representative Edgon:

I am a commercial fisherman who resides in Cordova. I am very concerned about the threats that HB 266 pose for us commercial fishermen. I urge you NOT to support this bill. In these days of a damaged , weakened economy, where many have lost their jobs, the prospect of reducing access to fishery resources and threatening our livelihoods (as commercial fishermen) is simply unacceptable. The main industry of Cordova is commercial fishing. Not only the livelihoods of fishermen and their families would be negatively impacted if this bill should pass but all the businesses having anything to do with our industry would be negatively impacted as well; other businesses such as hardware stores, groceries, mechanics shops, fisheries supply stores, not to mention crews, gear repairing personnel, and the entire town dependent upon raw fish tax revenues received from the state. These tax monies help support schools (and by the way, we are very proud of our school system.) We do not want to reduce the productivity and wholesomeness of our community. The prospect of personal use being elevated to a subsistence status is unsupportable and preposterous. Where is the justification for individuals that **already have jobs** ; a largely urban group that participate in a personal use activities that threaten the livelihoods of commercial fishermen and the economies of the communities in which they live?? I urge your support. Please vote against HB 266.

Yours truly, Kenneth Adams