



February 17, 2010

Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Chairman Edgmon and Committee Members,

I wish to express our support for HB 344, an act to extend the salmon product development tax credit program through the year 2015.

Icicle Seafoods, Inc. purchases and processes salmon in Southeast, Prince William Sound, Kodiak, Cook Inlet and Bristol Bay. We have utilized the salmon product development tax credit program on a number of occasions to purchase equipment to further diversify our product line, improve quality and prolong product viability. This has resulted in higher customer acceptance of our products.

The salmon product development tax credit program has been beneficial to the Alaska salmon industry. It has enabled the industry to re-tool and modernize equipment thereby putting Alaska salmon in a better competitive position in the global market place with other types of seafood and protein sources. The program has served as the catalyst that can make needed capital improvements a rational choice during economically challenging times.

We urge you to support HB 344 and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC.


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