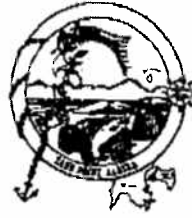


# City of Sand Point



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Representative Bryce Edgmon:

I'm writing this letter in support of HB20. It was exciting to hear that the legislature is going to take up a bill that would provide technical fixes to the Commercial Fishing Loan Act (AS 16.10.310-370) making loans for engine energy efficiency upgrades available to many other potential applicants.

As a life -long fisherman, I've been dealing with all the changing facets of the fishing industry. One of the biggest factors affecting the Alaskan fisherman is the ever changing fuel prices. This greatly impacts the bottom line of everyone involved.

With the recent technological advances in the diesel engine industry, it is possible for the Alaskan Fisherman to reduce their carbon footprint on the environment. Fuel efficiency has been improved, and emissions levels have been greatly reduced.

I'm presently going through the process of getting one of these loans, and I can't tell you how difficult the process is! If it was possible to apply for this loan under subsection A of the statutes it would make the process so much easier. I think passing this bill would open this program up for many other Alaskan Fishermen. Let's help Alaska's largest employer!

Sincerely,

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