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To: Jomo Stewart
Subject: HB 20

Dear Mr. Stewart

I would appreciate it if you would pass on my comments directed toward HB 20 to the "Fisheries Special Committee" as I tried to get into the POM website but was unable to do so

I have worked in the Cordova AK fishery since 1993. I have also volunteered in our local organizations that sustain and promote thousands of returning salmon, each year, for use by all.

The subsistence, sports, personal use & commercial user groups all share the bountiful harvest that PWSAC provides in Prince William Sound and the Copper River.

We, the commercial user group, pay for this corporation with 2% of our gross fishing income, collected by the State of Alaska each season.

The only user group that has a priority is subsistence.

In times of fishing restrictions subsistence is the only user group not limited.

HB 20 changes this balance, it wants to give a priority to the "personal use" user group.

I am in direct opposition to this plan. HB 20 is basically the mirror image of last year's HB 266 (submitted by the same State Representative), HB 266 did not achieve enough support, so Rep. Stoltze is back again with a new bill. HB 20 does nothing to improve relations between the fisher user groups, it in fact, pits one against another.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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