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Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 6:38 AM
To: Jomo Stewart
Subject: Opposition to HB 20

To Jomo Stewart,
Please pass on my comments directed toward HB 20 to the "Fisheries Special Committee:

I have been a commercial fisher, based out of Cordova, AK, since 1976. I am proud to be part of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, that provides for thousands of returning salmon, each year, for use by all fishery user groups of Alaska. The subsistence, sports, personal use & commercial user groups all share in 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 they are the only ones not limited. That is the way that needs to be maintained. HB 20 changes the status quo, 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 achieved 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,

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