



February 6, 2013

Alaska State Legislature
House Fisheries Committee
Representative Paul Seaton, Chair
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

Chairman Seaton and Fisheries Committee Members,

Alaska Glacier Seafoods is a family owned seafood company with approximately 135 employees seasonally in Juneau, Alaska. We have been operating since 1996 and have become extremely dependent on the strong stocks of our wild fisheries.

As a member of the seafood industry, our company has a vested interest in the health of the wild salmon stocks. GE salmon run the risk of escaping into the wild and harming wild salmon populations. We have seen, with farmed salmon, that despite measures taken, they cannot be controlled and kept out of the wild salmon stock, and often are infected with sea lice.

GE salmon will also threaten the jobs of Alaskan fisherman and coastal communities that thrive off of the commercial fishing industry. The fishing industry in the state of Alaska is the largest source of private sector employment and is valued at \$505 million.

It is important the FDA and the Federal Government hear our concerns, and adequately assess the threat that GE salmon pose to our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for House Joint Resolution 5.

Sincerely,

Michael J Erickson Sr.
President
Alaska Glacier Seafoods