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The Honorable Paul Seaton, Chair
House Fisheries Committee
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HOUSE BILL NO. 109, entitled: "An Act naming bridge number 670, over the Kasilof River on the Sterling Highway, the Michael G. Wiley Bridge.

Dear Representative Seaton,

The Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) supports naming the Kasilof River Bridge the Michael G. Wiley Bridge.

CIAA conducts fishery enhancement projects throughout the Cook Inlet drainage and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors dedicated to providing and protecting the salmon resources of Cook Inlet for all user groups. Board members also dedicate their time serving on various committees that provide additional guidance to the Association.

In 2012, CIAA lost Board member Mike Wiley who passed away in December. Mike was an active member of the Clam Gulch community, counting service to CIAA among one of his many volunteer commitments. He was remembered at a memorial held at our 2013 CIAA Annual Meeting as someone that always made decisions based upon the best interests of CIAA; and as someone who held strong beliefs but also reasoned responses to issues brought before him. Mike Wiley served on the CIAA Board of Directors for nine years.

At our 2013 Annual Meeting, Paul Shadura II made a motion (M37-13) for CIAA to support naming the Kasilof River Bridge after Mike Wiley. The motion passed without objection. We appreciate your efforts to recognize Michael G. Wiley.

Sincerely,

Gary Fandrei, Executive Director

Email: 2/23/13