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The North Pacific Fisheries Association (NPFA) is commercial fishing industry group based out of Homer, Alaska. NPFA was founded in 1955 and today we have over fifty members, mainly owners of family oriented fishing operations that participate in a variety of fisheries throughout the State Of Alaska.

NPFA is keenly aware of the dire fiscal situation that the State of Alaska is facing. At our February 11, 2016 Board of Directors meeting our group recognized that all sectors of the Alaskan economy are going to have to be part of a solution. First and foremost we believe that all attempts to curtail budgets and find efficiencies within operations is imperative. As small business owners we understand first-hand the measures necessary when times get tough.

NPFA appreciates the fact that a plan has been put forward. While we do not oppose an increase to the fisheries landing tax we do oppose the piecemeal legislative approach that appears to be occurring. HB251 and SB135 are good starting points but we would much prefer a comprehensive bill that includes all resource industries excluding Oil and Gas which is its own animal. We want to contribute as an industry along with the other sectors of the economy.

Additionally we would like to see analysis of all the contributions commercial fishing makes to the economy including the community revenue sharing program and programs that go directly to management. We are the beneficiaries of the management and see efficient management as a priority for the revenue we create.

Finally, NPFA recognizes this is a process and as more analysis and information becomes available our position may evolve. Thank you for your consideration.

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