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Representative Louise Stutes
State Capitol, Room 416
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Via Fax: 907-486-5264

Re: HB 119 -- Request for Hearing by House Special Committee on Fisheries

Dear Representative Stutes,

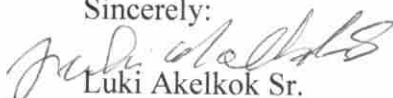
Ekwok, on the Nushagak River, is represented by the Ekwok Village Council and the Ekwok Village Corporation. In the last general election, our community voted strongly in favor of Ballot Measure 4. It passed. It requires final authorization by the legislature of any large-scale metallic sulfide mine in the drainages of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve, including the Nushagak River drainage where Ekwok is located.

Because you represent Kodiak and serve as Chair of the House Special Committee on Fisheries, you know how important our salmon fisheries are.

The Ekwok Village Council and the Ekwok Village Corporation request that the House Special Committee on Fisheries hold a hearing on HB 119. It would improve upon, and clarify, Ballot Measure 4.

We would be pleased to testify in support of HB 119. We urge that it be passed out of the fisheries committee with a do-pass recommendation, so that it can move on to the next committee, which will be the House Resources Committee.

Sincerely:


Luki Akelkok Sr.
President