

Representative Stutes and Fisheries Committee Members:

The Alaska Salmon Alliance (ASA) wishes to provide additional technical information on the impacts of HB110 (SB42), Personal Use Priority for the House Fisheries Committee Hearing, April 7, 2015.

- Implementation of HB 110, would be complex and impose significant costs for ADFG and the Board of Fisheries, as there are over 120 fisheries throughout the State with FMPs that would need to be changed.
- Significant economic impacts and disruption to Southcentral Alaska commercial fisheries are anticipated with further restrictive allocations and regulatory instability that will arise with Legislative approval of HB110.
- Southcentral Alaska is home to over 2,300 Alaska residents that are commercial salmon permit holders that depend for their livelihoods on salmon and longline fisheries of cod and halibut.

New information soon to be published shows there are a total of 3,400 Anchorage and MatSu Borough workers directly employed in the commercial fisheries of Alaska, and 2,900 comparable FTE workers, at an average salary of \$49,500. The payroll in the region, derived from these fisheries is closely estimated at \$150 million per year, based on 2013 data.

- For the Southcentral AK region as a whole, inclusive of the Kenai Peninsula, Cordova, Valdez, Anchorage and MatSu, there are 11,600 workers in fishing, processing, support companies and government employees, with an equivalent of 8,000 FTE jobs, and a total payroll of \$430 million.

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