



February 14, 2017

Honorable Dave Talerico
Alaska State Legislature
State Capital Room 110
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Transmitted via email to Representative.David.Talerico@akleg.gov

Dear Representative Talerico,

Doyon writes in support of HB 107, "An Act relating to fish; and establishing fisheries enhancement permit." Doyon, Limited is the state chartered Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Regional Native Corporation for Interior Alaska. Doyon's mission is to continually enhance our position as a financially strong Native corporation in order to promote the economic and social well-being of our shareholders and future shareholders, to strengthen our Native way of life, and to protect and enhance our land and resources.

Doyon understands that HB 107 would allow individuals, Alaskan corporations, school districts or other organizations to apply for a fish enhancement permit through the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, and provides another option to manage and boost the survival rates of young salmon.

If the commissioner grants a permit, the individuals, Alaskan corporations, school districts or other organizations would be allowed to collect a limited amount of fish, fertilize and hatch the eggs and then place the un-fed natural fish back into the water where they were taken. This will boost the natural fertility rate of the eggs from around 5 percent to roughly 90 percent.

Doyon supports the intent of HB 107 to enhance the king salmon habitat in the most natural ways. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact Doyon at (907) 459-2092. Thank you for the work you do in the interest of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Aaron Schutt
President and CEO
Doyon, Limited