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Senator Gary Stevens
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Dear Senator Stevens,

I am President of the Board of Directors for OceansAlaska which is a non-profit shellfish hatchery located in Ketchikan. SB 89 creates a regulatory framework with which ADF&G can manage shellfish fishery enhancement, restoration and shellfish hatcheries. This will allow interested stakeholders to either continue or begin enhancement and/or restoration of certain species. OceansAlaska supports SB 89 as it will diversify economic development, sustain cultural legacy and increase environmental stewardship through:

1. Enhancement of traditional and economically important shellfish species.
2. Enhancement of shellfish species integral to marine ecosystems and habitat restoration.
3. Enhancement of shellfish species that are vital to climate change and pollution mitigation.

Thank you for your support of SB 89 and the mariculture industry.

Best regards,

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