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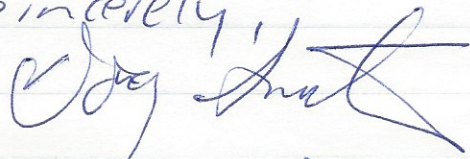
Dear members of the House Fisheries Committee,

I have spent the last 40 years living in the Mat-Su Borough, and spending my summers fishing in S.E. Alaska out of Petersburg. I am writing you to ask that you support House Bill 199.

Salmon have been here, and will be here, long after oil has come and gone — if we adopt some science-based, common-sense protections for our anadromous fish-bearing waterways. We have watched salmon stocks collapse almost everywhere else in the world, and the runs in Mat-Su are in decline. It is not too late to get smart about protecting this valuable resource, giving Alaskans an opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their livelihoods, ~~and~~ and promote responsible development with clear guidelines.

Thank you for your efforts on the Fisheries Committee. I hope you'll support HB 199.

Sincerely,



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