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House Fisheries Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Support for HB 107

The Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association supports HB 107 for establishing a fisheries enhancement permit. This permit will allow for the restoration/enhancement of fish populations where escapement goals and subsistence needs haven't been met. Unfortunately there are several systems within the Yakutat region that meet the permit subsection (c) which is added under AS 16.05.855. Having a clear permitting process, criteria, and methods for this type of restoration will help in those areas that are suffering from declining escapements below sustainable levels.

The Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association is relatively new having just been formed and recognized as the regional aquaculture association in 2011. This action of support was taken at their annual board meeting April 3, 2017.

Sincerely,

Larry Bemis, President

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Kathy Hansen