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Dear Louise and Staff

I am writing to you in opposition to HB107, The "weak stock enhancement" legislation.

As a 35 yr veteran fisher of Alaska Salmon, I am profoundly aware of the robust management program for all of the significant salmon runs that occur in our state. These programs are executed/overseen by well trained and proficient professional career staffers and field operatives in almost all circumstances. It would create unnecessary risk to pass any measures that might jeopardize what has been proven to be a sustainable and world class management system, by permitting amateur and individual participants impact wild salmon populations.

- HB 107 endangers Alaska's wild salmon stocks by eliminating important checks and balances that ensure wild fish are not out-numbered and out-competed by hatchery fish.
- This bill would undo our careful planning and risk the wild Alaskan salmon upon which our jobs and culture depend by allowing unqualified people to raise fish and release them into Alaskan waters.
- Alaska has a responsible hatchery program that supplements and reinforces our fisheries. The current checks and balances are how our state, for the most part, has ensured bountiful wild salmon for Alaskans to harvest for recreation, business and as a source of food.
- The current permitting process works and provides the necessary oversight

Please consider this a written submission of testimony in opposition to HB107
Thanks for all you do.

Respectfully Submitted,
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