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Representative Louise Stutes
Chair, House Fisheries Committee
State Capitol Room 416
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
sent via email

Dear Representative Stutes and Committee members:

RE: SUPPORT for HB 231 "*An Act relating to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC); and providing for an effective date.*"

This legislation is a culmination of efforts between fishing groups, including United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters, the Governor and his staff, and CFEC Commissioners to improve this critical program. We support the bill as written and encourage you to move it forward.

The mission of the CFEC is "to control entry into Alaska's commercial fisheries to promote conservation of Alaska's fishery resources and economic health of commercial fishing". CFEC is in existence for and paid by commercial fishermen.

The mission of United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters is to protect, serve and enhance the gillnet fleet of southeast Alaska. We represent the interests of 473 salmon gillnet permit holders and their families.

Thank you,



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Executive Director

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