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

RE: OPPOSE HB 188

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) has followed the progression of this bill but had not formally commented to date but felt the need to after the May 5 letter to the House Fisheries Committee regarding Constitutional Considerations. While those are important considerations it does not deal with the issue that we are most concerned about. SEAFA fears that by allowing leasing of permits through a community fisheries trust will undermine the case law with IRS and permits will end up being considered property rights that are able to be attached and taken by the IRS. We have other concerns in addition to this major one.

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance is a membership based fishing association that represents our members involved in salmon, crab, shrimp and long line fisheries of Southeast Alaska as well as members participating in the Gulf of Alaska longline fisheries and Prince William Sound salmon fisheries.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director