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Senator Gary Stevens
State Capitol Room 409
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: SB 22

January 18, 2019

Dear Senator Stevens,

Thank you for cosponsoring SB 22 to the 31st Alaska State Legislature. As Director of the Alutiiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery I would like to express my support for this legislation.

SB 22 would allow us to expand on the work we have been doing on many of the shellfish stocks in Alaska. We have developed hatchery techniques for red and blue king crab, sea cucumbers, little neck and butter clams, cockles and most recently abalone. We have done experimental out stocking experiments with some of these species but a regulatory mechanism is not available to do large scale projects.

Specifically, we would like to begin the application of the techniques we have developed for Red King Crab (RKC). Although we make no claim that we will be able to resurrect the RKC populations throughout Alaska we do believe, based on our preliminary work, that we will be able to contribute to localized populations.

This legislation has been through extensive revisions and I believe it is now in a form that could help move our industry forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hetrick", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeff Hetrick
Director