



*Mission Statement: To develop, expand, and enhance new and existing dive fisheries in Southeast Alaska.*

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**Support for SB 22: "An Act relating to management of enhanced stocks of shellfish; authorizing certain nonprofit organizations to engage in shellfish enhancement projects; relating to application fees for salmon hatchery permits; and providing for an effective date."**

Senator Garry Stevens  
State Capitol Room 429  
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Garry Stevens,

The Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) appreciates your efforts to assist the emerging mariculture industry in Alaska. SARDFA has been involved in sea cucumber enhancement work for several years. SB 22 is an important element to have in place so that SARDFA may someday be able to enhance wild stocks. Without SB 22, the State of Alaska lacks the statutory authority to manage invertebrate enhancement.

SB 22 is critical to furthering invertebrate aquaculture and enhancement in Alaska. SARDFA fully supports SB 22.

Again, thank you for your efforts to support mariculture development in Alaska.

Sincerely

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cc: Representative Dan Ortiz  
Timothy Lamkin

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