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To: House Special Committee on Fisheries

Re: HB 35 – Conflict of Interest: Boards of Fisheries & Game

Dear Chair Stutes and members of the House Fisheries Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) **supports** the Committee Substitute to HB35, Work Draft version M 3/4/19 as written.

There are many instances when the most knowledgeable board member on a specific proposal before that respective board must declare a conflict of interest, and under the current system that member then cannot even deliberate on that proposal. It is important that we allow a member with a declared conflict of interest who may have intimate knowledge regarding a proposal to at least sit in on deliberations over that proposal.

It is equally important that a member with a declared conflict of interest on a particular proposal **not** be allowed to vote on that proposal.

Thank you to Representative Stutes for your efforts on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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