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Representative Ortiz
State Capitol, Room 513
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Ortiz,

Good afternoon, I am the President of the Board of Directors for OceansAlaska which is a non-profit shellfish hatchery located in Ketchikan. HB 41 creates a regulatory framework with which ADF&G can manage shellfish fishery enhancement, restoration and shellfish hatcheries. This will allow interested stakeholders to either continue or begin enhancement and/or restoration of certain species. OceansAlaska supports HB 41 as it will diversify economic development, sustain cultural legacy and increase environmental stewardship through:

1. Enhancement of traditional and economically important shellfish species.
2. Enhancement of shellfish species integral to marine ecosystems and habitat restoration.
3. Enhancement of shellfish species that are vital to climate change and pollution mitigation.

Thank you for your support of HB 41 and the mariculture industry.

Best regards,

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