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Re: HB 41-Shellfish Enhancement

March 11, 2019

Dear Representative Ortiz,

Thank you for co-sponsoring the Shellfish Enhancement legislation to the 31st Alaska State Legislature. As Director of the Alutiiq Pride Shellfish Hatchery I would like to express the importance of this bill.

HB41 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, little neck and butter clams, cockles and most recently abalone. We have conducted experimental out stocking experiments with some of these species with great success. We now need the legal mechanism to do large scale projects to determine if we could make a significant difference.

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 the form that could move our industry forward.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hetrick
Director