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Representative Geran Tarr
Alaska State Legislature
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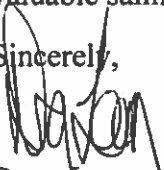
RE: Support for HR-8, Recognizing 2019 as the International Year of the Salmon and supporting an associated global initiative identifying the importance of wild salmon.

Dear Representative Tarr:

The Juneau-based Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. (TSI) was established in 1945 and currently includes about 1,100 members. Over the past seven decades, TSI has raised money for scholarships awarded to Juneau students heading to college or trade schools. Funds have been raised through TSI's annual Golden North Salmon Derby and its annual spring banquet. To date, TSI has awarded over \$1.8 million in scholarships. TSI has also raised money for and supported youth shooting sports, including local hunter education efforts.

For quite some time, TSI has been concerned about and involved with Southeast Alaska salmon issues, particularly king salmon in the Taku and Chilkat river watersheds in Northern Southeast. Given this concern, TSI has sponsored king salmon symposiums over the past several years, where State and Federal agency scientists have provided information to the public about Alaska's king salmon. These symposiums have been well received and much appreciated.

TSI wholeheartedly supports HR-8 and is committed to working cooperatively with agencies, law-makers, commercial and recreational anglers, and other entities to conserve and enhance our valuable salmon resources. Thank you for sponsoring this resolution.

Sincerely,

Doug Larsen
President, TSI