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April 24, 2019

The Honorable John Lincoln  
The Honorable Geran Tarr  
Co-Chairs, House Resources Committee  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
State Capitol Room 124  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Chairman Lincoln and Chairwoman Tarr,

Alaska's salmon stocks account for nearly 95 percent of the wild salmon harvested in the U.S., and about 37 percent of the wild salmon harvested in the world. The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) has the honor of sharing the story of Alaska's sustainable wild salmon resource to the world. The Alaska Constitution proudly mandates sustainably managed fisheries and that the state's highest priority is to manage Alaska's wild salmon resource for Alaska's future generations.

An overwhelming majority of Alaska's commercially-fished salmon are landed and processed at seafood plants in scores of small coastal communities along Alaska's 34,000 miles of coastline. These long-established villages and towns depend on salmon as their economic base, and therefore have a strong incentive to support long-term, sustainable management of the fisheries. Of all the commercially harvested seafood species in Alaska, salmon are responsible for the greatest economic impact to Alaska in terms of jobs, income and total value.

Salmon are an important cultural, recreational, and economic resource for Alaska. As the state's official marketing voice for wild Alaska salmon, ASMI is encouraged by the initiative of the International Year of the Salmon, affirming the importance of wild salmon.

Sincerely,

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Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute