



January 28, 2020

The Honorable Representative Louise Stutes
Chair, House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Capitol
Rm 406
Juneau, AK. 99801

Re: HB 203 – Transportation of Live Crab

Dear Representative Stutes & Members of the Fisheries Committee:

On behalf of Ocean Beauty, I write in support of House Bill 203. Expanding the transportation of King crab, Dungeness crab, and Tanner crab from air freight only to surface transportation would allow Alaskan crab to reach markets that are currently underserved (or not yet served), and would also provide economic benefits to crab fishermen, the shoreside processing communities, the processing industry, and the state as a whole.

Ocean Beauty Seafoods operates five seafoods processing facilities throughout Alaska as well as fresh seafood distribution operating locations nationally. Ocean Beauty also specializes in frozen commodity sales, value added products, smoked salmon, as well as canned salmon and specialty caviar. Ocean Beauty has and will always take pride in its mission to provide the safest and wholesome quality sustainable seafood products for our customers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our support for HB 203.

Sincerely,

Mark Palmer

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President & CEO, Ocean Beauty Seafoods