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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 6:47 AM
To: Matt Gruening
Subject: Support for HB 185

Representative Louise Stutes
State Capitol Room 406
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Stutes,

Thank you for your work to rectify some of the problems coming from the Derelict Vessel Bill (SB 92) through the introduction of HB 185: "An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels." Groundfish Forum fully supports HB 185. While our fleet is not particularly large (only 20 vessels), all of our vessels are registered with CFEC and we are concerned that having to register a vessel in person at a DMV is an unnecessary burden.

Thank you again for your leadership and for supporting Alaska's fishing industry.

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Dear Representative Stutes,

It was great getting to meet you at the young fisherman's summit! Thank you for being supportive of the young commercial fishermen in this state. I am one of your constituents from Cordova and I wanted to pledge my support for HB 185. It seems like an unnecessary redundancy to be registered with the Coast Guard, CFEC, and now the DMV.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 5:20 PM
To: Matt Gruening
Subject: Derelict Vessel Bill

Hello Matt.....I am grateful to Rep. Stutes for introducing the Derelict vessel Bill. My vessel is registered with CFEC and USCG making ownership clearly traceable. Another entity is unnecessary and just adds to the paperwork. Thank You!

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Subject: Please support HB 185

Doing away with having to register a commercial fishing vessel which is tied to a limited entry permit ... from having to register with the DMV....

Thank You

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Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 5:39 PM
To: Matt Gruening
Subject: Support for HB 185 - But request that the Commercial Undocumented Vessels continue to have the State DMV issue Certificates of Title

Representative Louise Stutes
State Capitol Room 406
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Stutes,

I do support HB 185: "An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date".

The Derelict Vessel Bill (SB 92) that was passed into law has a provision in it that allows for undocumented vessels to obtain a certificate of title just like a motor vehicle from the State of Alaska DMV. I have an undocumented commercial vessel over 24 feet which I have been registering every three years since I had it built. After seeing the new requirements I went through the DMV and applied for and received a title for my vessel. Title of Ownership is a good thing and I hope this requirement will remain in effect. Documented vessels can be used for a lien on a bank loan were as banks will not loan on undocumented vessels do to that there is no title in order to have a lien. Plus when I go to sell my vessel I can sign the title over to the new owner and inform the DMV that I am no longer liable for the vessel if it be comes derelict.

My concern is that HB 185 will completely remove this portion of the Derelict Vessel Bill (SB 92). I could not find a sponcer statement to determine the full effect and I tried to read HB 185 but could not tell what it was going to do the law that is on the books now.

This is the language on the State DMV website concerning the titling of undocumented boats.

New Title requirements - AS 05.25.056

New Alaska Statute 05.25.056 requires the owner of an **undocumented boat that is subject to registration and that is more than 24 feet** to apply for a certificate of title or "No Title Issued (NTI)" registration.

Due to the new titling requirement online renewal is not available for boats more than 24 feet - application must be made in-person.

Titling of an undocumented boat less than 24 feet in length is optional.

You can see that the vessel must be undocumented and subject to registration. If HB 185 removes the requirement to be registered with DMV then the title provisions will or may go away? **Hopefully there is a way to keep the title requirements or an option to getting a title from the DMV.**

I would suggest that US Coast Guard Documented Commercial Vessels that are registered CEFC be exempt from being registered with the state DMV like it was before SB 92 and keep the rest of SB 92 in the books. I think this will eliminate a lot of the confusion (maybe).

If you would like to discuss this issue in more detail you can call me and we can work on coming up with a bill that works best for the Alaska fishing fleets.

Thank you,

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