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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 12:32 AM
To: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: HB199 Wild Salmon Restoration
Attachments: Earliest sign of human habitation in Canada may have been found CBC News.pdf

Representative Talerico:

I am grateful for and write to strongly support HB199 Wild Salmon In-Stream Restoration. As I child in Ketchikan, I was taught the importance of reseeding and restoration of salmon by my Grandmother. Our Fogwoman Totem on Creek street, identified Ketchikan Creek as a Traditional Knowledge restored and managed salmon stream. We harvested salmon in our fish traps weirs where we had reseeded.

Below please find a news article documenting an underwater village site near Haida- Gwaai some 100 meters below the surface and estimate over 13,800 years old. It was discovered by locating its fish traps weirs, which would only exist if in-stream salmon restoration were being traditionally practiced.

In addition I suggest a review of this video series link showing how Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California not only promote but also authorize private citizens to actively engage in reseeding salmon streams. You will also see a video of in-stream salmon restoration in New Zealand with salmon returning to spawn directly adjacent to old lockers that were used to hold salmon.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGVcUPYTY7I-9S-b3G1C78VO24c1qITNI>

We must restore our salmon in stream.
I look forward to visiting tomorrow.

Thank you,

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