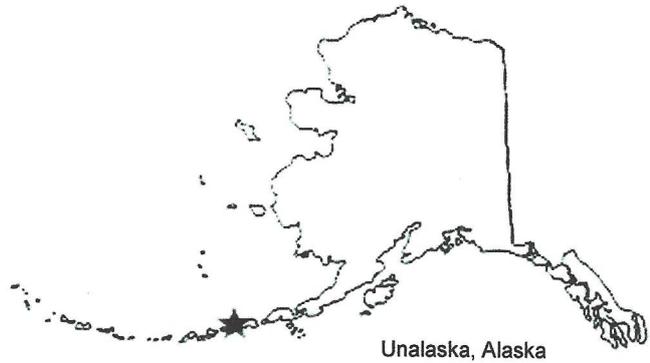


CITY OF UNALASKA

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February 18, 2020

Rep. Lincoln, Co-Chair Chair, Rep. Tarr, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Subject: House Bill 203 Sponsored by Rep. Knopp

Dear Co-Chair Rep. Lincoln, Co-Chair Rep. Tarr, and Members of the House Resources Committee

I'm writing today in support of HB 203 on behalf of the City of Unalaska where I serve as their Fisheries Consultant. A short bio on my background; I have been involved in the Bering Sea Crab fisheries for many years. I have worked in Unalaska as seafood plant manager running crab and cod operations for 30 years. I have also served Unalaska as an elected official for over 20 years serving as Mayor, City Council Member. I have also served as the Chairmen of the ADFG Unalaska Fish & Game Advisory Committee for over 20 years and have served on many state and federal fishery related committees.

We believe that HB 203 is a bill that the House Resource Committee should support and move forward to the full House. Unalaska believes this bill is a win win for all involved in the develop of live crab market for low volume, high value species such as Bering Sea King Crab, Tanner Crab and for that matter; all of Alaska crab species. I should point out to committee, that live shipments of Aleutian Island Golden King Crab have been allowed for many years with much success. The City of Unalaska believes if the shipping of these species live, will increase the value of this product, and will allow for the development of new high-end markets for this product. The shipment of live crab species will also potentially increase value for the quota shareholders, that have faced declining crab allocations and season closures for many years.

Unalaska believes there won't any impacts to local and state shared taxes, as the crab will landed in Unalaska or in other coastal communities at local seafood processing plants, all fishery taxes will be paid, and ADFG fish tickets recorded. We have concluded that there won't be impacts to the local workforce, as processing plant

workers will be working in packaging the crab for live shipment, most the shipping will be sent out in specially outfitted containers so local waterfront workforce won't be impacted.

In Closing, we urge the Resources Committee to move HB 203 out of committee, and on to the House floor. The City of Unalaska believes that changing the existing legislation to allow for the shipping of crab species live, is in the best interest of the companies involved in developing this new market, it will also increase the value of crab species harvested in Alaska. House Bill 203 also shows the State of Alaska support of increasing economic value for crab species landed in Alaska, and for the development of new markets for Alaska live crab shipments.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Kelty', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Frank Kelty
City of Unalaska

CC: City Manager Erin Reinders
Mayor Vincent Tutiakoff
Unalaska City Council

Frank Kelty

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February 12, 2020

Rep. Lincoln, Co-Chair Chair, Rep. Tarr, Co-Chair

House Resources Committee

Alaska State Capital

Juneau, Alaska 99801

Subject: House Bill 203 Sponsored by Rep. Knopp

Dear Co-Chair Lincoln, Co-Chair Tarr, and Members of the Resources Committee

My name is Frank Kelty, a 50-year resident of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor and I'm writing on behalf of myself today. I left Alaska in early January of 2020 to my retirement home California. A short bio on my background, I have been involved in the Bering Sea Crab fisheries for many years. I have worked in Unalaska as seafood plant manager running crab and cod operations for 30 years. I have also served Unalaska as an elected official for 20 years serving as Mayor, City Council Member. I served as the Chairmen of the ADFG Unalaska Fish & Game Advisory Committee for over 20 years and have served on many state and federal fishery related committees.

I write in support of HB 203; I believe this bill is a win win for all involved in developing a live crab market for low volume, high value species such as Bering Sea King Crab, Tanner Crab and for that matter all of Alaska crab species. I should point out to committee that live shipments of Aleutian Island Golden King Crab have been allowed for many years with much success. I believe if the shipping of these species live, will increase the value of this product, and will allow for the development of a new high-end markets for this product.

I don't see any impacts to local and state shared taxes as the crab will landed in Unalaska or other coastal communities; at local processing plants and all fishery taxes will be paid and ADFG fish tickets recorded. I have concluded that there won't be impacts to local workforce, as

processing workers will be working in packaging the crab for live shipment, most the shipping will be sent out in special containers so local waterfront workforce won't be impacted.

In Closing; I urge the Resources Committee to move HB 203 out of Committee I believe that changing this legislation to allow the shipping of all Alaska crab species is in the best interest of the companies involved in developing this new market, and for the State of Alaska in supporting increased economic development in fisheries.

Sincerely


Frank Kelty