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House Resources Committee
Special Committee on Fisheries
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99811
Emailed

RE: HB 247 / SB 189 Sport Fishing Enhancement Surcharge

Dear Committee Chairs,

The Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) represents the Southeast Alaska commercial troll fleet. Our members are professional hook and line salmon fishermen who target primarily chinook, coho and chum salmon. The troll fleet is one of the largest salmon fleets in the state, has been around for well over a century and is 85% Alaska resident. A large number of our 1600 troll permit holders mostly live in rural communities throughout Southeast Alaska.

Thank you for hearing HB 247 and giving this legislation due consideration. At this time, we urge your committees to move this legislation forward.

Our Southeast seafood industry is reliant on and supportive of the salmon enhancement component of our stocks in Southeast Alaska. During our recent Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations, the hatchery supplementation to our local river stocks helped our State's position.

For many years, our fishermen have participated and contributed financially to this segment of the industry. It will be helpful to keep other users of this enhanced resource contributing as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Daugherty', written over a light blue background.

Amy Daugherty
Executive Director
Alaska Trollers Association