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Representative Chris Tuck
State Capitol Room 216
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: HB 162 Support

Representative Tuck:

I would like to take this time to thank you for your work on HB 162, and to offer our sincere support for this bill.

As you are well aware, salmon are one of our most valuable assets here in Alaska. It is also one of the most critical part of any food security effort for a vast majority of our villages. Moist Air Incubation is one of the oldest fisheries management tools used by Alaskan Native cultures, and has been proven to be the most effective at rebuilding and revitalizing salmon runs. It has also proved to be more sustainable and more appropriate for the ecosystem compared to hatcheries and farms.

We have been working with several federal agencies to promote this practice in Alaska - most notably USDA – and this bill will be very effective at moving this work forward to the benefit of every Alaskan resident. We hope that you are successful in passing this bill during this legislative session.

Please let me know if there is anything else we can do to assist in this important work.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Parker
President/CEO