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To: Senator Josh Revak, Chair Senate Resources Committee

From: Representative Geran Tarr, Chair House Fisheries Committee

Date: February 22, 2022

RE: HB 54 Senate Resources Hearing Request

I respectfully request that House Bill 54, "An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; relating to invasive species management decals; and providing for an effective date," for a hearing before the Senator Resources Committee at your earliest convenience.

House Bill 54 will establish an Invasive Species Council of experts. In addition, it will create, and provide for the sale of invasive species management decals and establish an invasive species response fund to provide the means to better manage invasive species, and prevent future infestations, in Alaska. Invasive species are impacting some of our most important natural resources and cost the State a significant amount of money to manage. If we do not act now, invasive species will become more difficult and costly to manage.

My staffer assigned to this legislation is Thatcher Brouwer. He can be reached at 465-6007 or by email at thatcher.brouwer@akleg.gov.

Included with this calendaring request are the following documents.

| HB 54 Sponsor Statement – Version N 2.8.22 |
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| HB 54 Version N 2.4.22 |
| HB 54 Version W 2.18.21 |
| HB 54 Version O 4.7.21 |
| HB 54 Explanation of Changes Version W to N 2.8.22 |
| HB 54 Sectional Analysis – Version N 2.8.22 |
| HB 54 Fiscal Note 3 – Governor 2.4.22 |
| HB 54 Fiscal Note 4 – DFG-DSF 2.4.22 |
| HB 54 Research Documents |
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- o HB 54 Research Cost of Managing Invasive Species in Alaska 7.2012
- o HB 54 Research Cost of Invasive Species in US 1.2012
- o HB 54 Research USFWS Alaska Invasive Species Presentation 3.11.21
- HB 54 Testimony Received as of 4.7.21