



Kingfisher Charters & Lodge

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Dear Madam Stutes,

I have been in the sport Lodge business since 1989 when I first got my 6-Pac license. I built our lodge with my wife and 5 daughters by 1994. (our 5 children and their families are all still running our business with our 9 grandchildren). All our business came by word of mouth back in those days without present day internet, so it was tough getting our business going taking 25 years to get to where we are now. In 1994 most people didn't know where Craig Alaska was but now it is a destination as it has gained popularity due to its remote location and great fishing.

Now I have seen extreme growth with new folks wanting to get into the game with little effort but buying a boat and getting a web site. Bookings come easy as non-resident anglers want to come fishing in Alaska. We are getting over run with charter boats and now with Klawock Native Corp bringing in cruise ships we will only see more growth and pressure on limited resource that will only become more limited as pressure mounts.

The sport fishing industry is crucial in most small communities especially Craig/Klawock area where there isn't much to offer for employment and our industry supports what few local businesses we have. Without us they probably will not be able to survive.

We need stabilization in the industry and HBR1 will help stabilize the industry before it is too late.

Please support HBR1.

Thank you,

Charles and Jeanette Haydu (owners)