

HB

638



# KODIAK AREA NATIVE ASSOCIATION

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February 10, 1978

The Honorable Alvin Osterback  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau  
Alaska 99801

Dear Representative:

We of the Kodiak Area Native Association are concerned about the threat to private salmon enhancement efforts posed by House Bill 638 introduced by Representative Ernie Haugen. Salmon fishing has always been the mainstay of the Kodiak Island economy, and the private non-profit hatchery program permits Kodiak fishermen and others who benefit from the salmon resource to help rebuild the salmon stocks to their former heights.

We appreciate your past support of the salmon resource and of the private non-profit hatchery program, and we request that you do whatever necessary to defeat H.B. 638.

Again, we thank you for your continued support of the salmon resource.

Sincerely,

KODIAK AREA NATIVE ASSOCIATION

  
Frank R. Peterson  
President

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# Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.

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January 30, 1978

Representative Alvin Osterback  
Chairman, House Resources Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Al:

Thank you for your letter of January 20, 1978, regarding the proposed legislation, H.B. 638.

After reviewing H.B. 638, I am somewhat surprised. I have always believed that the State was in the business, along with its' citizenry, to protect, promote, and enhance the growth of our greatest resources. That is the salmon resources. Now it appears as though this is not so. HB 638 would, in effect, kill off the valuable salmon stocks we are all working to enhance.

As you know, we on the Aleutians are making every attempt, through our Association, to develop and enhance the salmon stocks in some of our Island communities. We have been working on enhancement programs for the last several years. We are realizing success and only wish to see it continue.

Therefore, our Association is totally against HB 638. We do not believe that it will serve the best interests of the State or its' people. Please do all that is possible to insure the defeat of HB 638.

I look forward to hearing from you soon on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patrick Pletnikoff".

Patrick Pletnikoff  
Executive Director

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# CITY OF KING COVE

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## RESOLUTION NO. 78-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE BILL 638 WHICH PROPOSES TO PROHIBIT NON-PROFIT SALMON HATCHERIES UPON ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed Alaska State House Bill 638 and has considered the effect of said House Bill and finds that the proposed bill would prohibit non-profit salmon hatcheries such as is located in Sand Point after adoption of said House Bill; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does not view such prohibition to be in the interest of residents of the Aleutian region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council oppose adoption of Alaska State House Bill 638.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE THIS 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF January, 1978.

*Don V. McCallum*  
Mayor, City of King Cove

ATTEST:

*Lothi J. Ruskin*  
City Clerk



February 2, 1978

Alvin Osterback, Chairman  
 House Resources Committee  
 Pouch V - State Capitol  
 Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Chairman:

House Bill 638, a bill, providing for a termination date for receipt of applications for permits under the private non-profit hatchery program has come to my attention. I am opposed to this bill for many reasons.

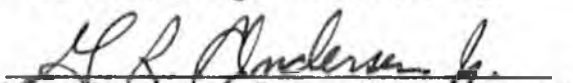
As we all know the status of our Alaskan salmon resources are at a low ebb and a means of rehabilitating those runs without large scale closures is needed. Our Alaskan fishermen and those associated with those fisheries cannot afford that. It seems obvious that a hatchery program is needed. A hatchery program that has local involvement from the planning, financing, building, operating, and other obvious areas is the best way to proceed.

The private non-profit hatchery is a means to rehabilitate our fisheries with a method to get private and other capital not available to a state program while providing more local input, some local controls, stimulates the economy on a local level. If my own experience is an indicator it provides a total commitment and involvement by the user groups.

I would hope that the State of Alaska would try to further assist such a program that would benefit all "Alaskans" by what means they have at their disposal.

Sincerely,

  
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President, Chugach Natives, Inc.

  
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Vice-President, Prince William Sound  
Aquaculture

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Tim Joyce, Aquaculturist  
Sand Point JOM Program  
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House Resources Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

January 25, 1978

Attn: Alvin Osterback

Dear Sirs:

House Bill 638 was recently brought to my attention. I must urge you to the utmost to defeat this bill! It should be plain to see the benefits of the non-profit hatchery just by the results of Sheldon-Jackson College this last fall. It would be a grave mistake to put a deadline date on an infant program which has such a great potential.

The small hatchery operating here in Sand Point which I supervise provides tremendous opportunities for high school students to receive "hands on" training in the field of salmon culture. Several other communities have inquired about setting up a small educational facility as our own and the non-profit hatchery is a very good means to do it.

We have not had any returns as yet to our hatchery, but expect over 300 pink salmon to return this fall from the 33,000 released last spring. These fish were all spawned and cared for by the students in the aquaculture program. Our returns on silver salmon will not arrive until 1980.

Humboldt Creek, where our hatchery is located, is a small stream that has very depleted runs of both silver salmon and pink salmon. In the fall of 1976, only 60 pink salmon returned to spawn, as you can see, a return of over 300 fish in 1978 will increase the run five fold. This amount of fish is not of commercial importance, but they do supply many local residents and their children with a good sport fishery. This fishery would not exist without the present hatchery program. I ask you to cautiously consider the effects of HB 638 before you take action. The rejection of this bill will benefit Alaska and Alaskans far into the future.

Sincerely,

*Timothy L. Joyce*  
Timothy L. Joyce  
Aquaculturist

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KONIAG, INC.

HARBOR VIEW COMPLEX

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KODIAK, ALASKA 99615

January 25, 1978

Honorable Representative Alvin Osterback, Chairman  
House Resources Committee  
Pouch V State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Osterback:

We are shocked and dismayed at the intent of HB 638 and whoever introduced it should be ashamed. Kodiak now has begun an aggressive positive move to establish a non-profit salmon hatchery program in this region where such a program is needed. If the program is not available to Kodiak then all funding for all such programs should be ended immediately. We are incensed at this blatant attempt by the haves to deprive and discriminate against the have-nots. HB 638 is wholly unworthy of any consideration.

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Respectfully,

KONIAG, INC.

Karl Armstrong  
Executive Vice President

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# Calista Corporation

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January 27, 1978

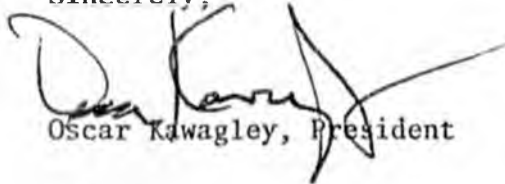
Alaska State Legislature  
House of Representatives  
Committee on Resources  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Attn: Rep. Alvin Osterback

We are surprised that legislation has proposed (HB 638) which would effectively kill the private nonprofit salmon hatchery program and strongly oppose this move. These hatchery programs are just getting started not only on the Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers but in the Cook Inlet, Sand Point, Kodiak, PWS and Southeast areas and need the strongest possible support from the Legislature and State and Federal agencies. The success of the Port San Juan and Sheldon Jackson programs has been notable and we can see no justification whatever for discouraging these programs.

We unconditionally and emphatically oppose HB 638.

Sincerely,

  
Oscar Kawagley, President

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