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Representative Dave Donley,
Chairman - House Labor and
Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Donley:

On Monday, February 15, I introduced HB 518 relating to the farming of aquatic plants and animals. This bill is supported by the many fishermen across the state. It allows the residents of our state to become involved in new economic industries and allows for the aquatic farming of plants and animals indigenous to our state.

One such indigenous plant to be maracultured in Alaska is the macrocystis kelp which is used for the herring roe on kelp pounding fishery. This bill sets the siting and permitting process in place, and allows for the type of economic stimulus very much needed by Alaska.

HB 518 specifically provides that there will be no permits issued for the pen rearing of fin fish. Admittedly, maraculture is a hot topic. However, there is tremendous support for HB 518; thousands of fishermen across the state support this bill and would like the opportunity to begin the deliberations on this bill and begin the critically needed discussions.

Your favorable consideration for scheduling of this bill in the House Labor and Commerce Committee will be very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

Bill
Bill Hudson

cc: All Members of United Fishermen of Alaska

