

HB

118

# Alaska State Legislature

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## REPRESENTATIVE Paul Seaton

District 35

Recommended by the Joint Legislative  
Salmon Industry Task Force

### Sponsor Statement

#### CS HB 118 (Fish)

**“An Act relating to the transportation and sale of certain commercially caught fish by an agent of a commercial fishing permit holder and to the sale of fish; and providing for an effective date.”**

In 1988, the value of Alaska's salmon was worth \$800 million. This year salmon fisherman took home significantly less money, totaling \$150 million. Municipal revenues have dwindled, jobs have been lost, and fishermen are going broke. The economic effects of a failing salmon industry on the rest of the state could be detrimental. The Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force has recognized the plight of Alaska's Salmon fisherman by forwarding to the legislature fourteen different bills and resolutions; House Bill 118 is one of those bills. HB 118 is a tool to help the industry by adding an alternative to cut costs for fisherman. It also creates new possibilities for accessing fresh markets.

HB 118 allows commercial fisherman to transport fish caught by associates to market. Under current law, transporting another person's fish is illegal unless you are a licensed processor or act as a contractor for a licensed processor. HB 118 creates an opportunity for fisherman to work together and consolidate their product for shipment. This simple option may cut down on additional fuel costs and give fisherman the ability to get their fish to market when processors no longer provide tender services.

As aforementioned, current laws limit fishermen's marketing flexibility. Currently, processors buy fish at the dock or send tenders out to the fishing fleet in order to bring fish to market. These special arrangements between fisherman and processors can be costly. HB 118 changes the statute by allowing fisherman to hire their own tender or pool their resources on one boat and transport the fish to market. Under the bill, a person transporting fish would need to have a transporter permit in addition to the currently required fish ticket. Only the fish ticket is used for the final sale of the fish. This arrangement would allow for the fisherman to retain ownership of the fish, while authorizing his/her associate or another vessel to transport and sell his or her fish. In some areas of the state, processors are non-existent. In that case, the transporter flexibility created in this bill may be the only avenue to get fish to market.

HB 118 simply provides an additional tool for fishermen to cut costs and increase quality while creating efficient and productive businesses.

While hearing the bill, the Fisheries Committee made one technical amendment at the request of the Dept of Fish & Game. The technical amendment removed two words, which were deemed unnecessary and only reflected wording left in the bill from previous drafts. The bill moved without objection.

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### Sectional Analysis

#### HB 118

**“An Act relating to the transportation and sale of certain commercially caught fish by an agent of a commercial fishing permit holder and to the sale of fish; and providing for an effective date.”**

#### **\*Section 1.**

- (a) Amends Alaska Statute (AS) 16.05 by adding a new section, AS 16.05.671, which allows for the transportation and sale of a fish as an agent of a commercial fisherman. Under this new section, the agent/transporter must be permitted to be a transporter by the commissioner of ADF&G.
- (b) Authorizes the commissioner to officially permit a person to conduct the activity of transporting another fisherman's fish.
- (c) Describes the process in which a transporter must acquire and maintain proper documentation to act as a transporter.
- (d) Describes the process in which a commercial fisherman shall provide a fish ticket to the transporter.
- (e) Allows a commercial fisherman to act as a fish transporter with proper documentation and continue to operate, selling his/her own fish as a commercial fisherman.
- (f) Allows the commissioner to adopt regulations relating to the permitting of transporters and to the act of transporters.

(g) Defines ownership of the fish being transferred to the transporter, which are still the property of the fisherman who caught the fish until sold to a buyer.

(h) Defines the term "fish" as it relates to this bill.

**\*Section 2.**

Amends AS 16.675(a) by allowing a permitted transporter to deliver fish in the state.

**\*Section 3.**

Amends AS 16.05.680 by adding a fish transporter to one of the exemptions for unlawful practices with regards to purchasing of fish.

**\*Section 4.**

Adds the definition of a "fish transporter" by amending AS 16.05.940, fish & game code.

**\*Section 5.**

Amends AS 16.10.265(a) by including a fish transporter as a person from whom fish can be purchased.

**\*Section 6.**

Includes a fish transporter under AS 16.10.267(b) as a person required to show identification if asked to do so by a peace officer.

**\*Section 7.**

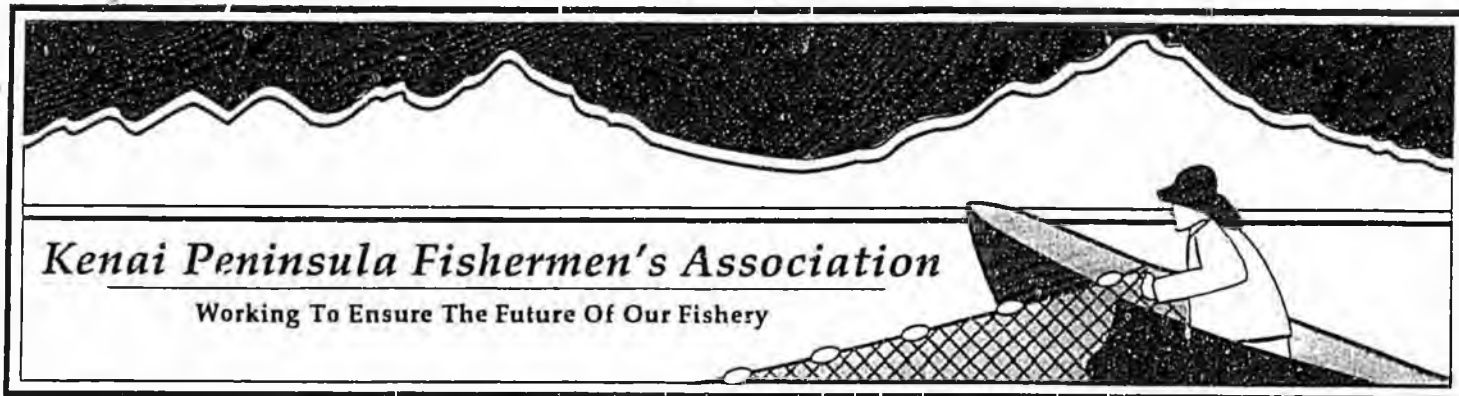
As it relates to examples of identification, a fish transporter is included under AS 16.10.267(c) as referenced in Section 6.

**\*Section 8.**

Amends AS 16.10.267 by adding a new subsection (e), which requires the fish transporter to carry a transporter permit, a completed fish ticket for the fish being transported, and a personal piece of identification.

**\*Section 9.**

(The Effective Date) This act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).



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Testimony given to the House Special Fisheries Committee on HB 118 (2-28-03)

February 28, 2003

My name is Paul Shadura, I reside on the Kenai Peninsula and represent the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association.

We support the adoption of *hb 118* although we feel that it stops short of addressing the regulatory impediments on the Cook Inlet set-net fishery. We believe that if this bill is to truly allow efficiency and higher productivity, this bill should address other changes in the delivery and reporting requirements.

Currently, commercial set-net fishermen in CI are fined several thousand dollars for doing what they have practiced for several years. We have operated a form of *co-operatives* in Cook Inlet for many years. They are comprised of family and extended family or groups of small businessmen who have pooled their resources to reduce costs and accommodate individual situations.

Currently, a set-net fishermen cannot have his wife or other crewmember of his or her operation deliver their salmon to market. They must stop fishing, stop picking their nets and drive to wherever their market is. Considering that many times that openings for set-net fleet are 24 hrs. or are near 24 hrs, there leaves little time to repair or prepare for the next opening or sleep.


This is counter productive for the quality efforts that we are attempting with our branding program within Cook Inlet.

We strongly object to the CFEC position on the need for individual fish ticket reporting. It is apparent that the operations of set-net fishing in Cook Inlet is not fully understood.

And with this last statement, I will stop here.

Thank You Chairman Seaton and other members of the fisheries committee,

Sincerely Yours,

  
Paul A. Shadura II  
President and Acting Ex. Director  
Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association

Kenai Pen. Fish. Assoc.

**Subject: hb118 comments from NPFA**

**Date: Thu, 27 Feb 2003 21:21:54 -0900**

**From: Buck Laukitis <magicfish@xyz.net>**

**To: "rep.paul.seaton" <rep.paul.seaton@legis.state.ak.us>**

February 27, 2003

House Fisheries Sub- Committee

Dear Representative Seaton,

The North Pacific Fisheries Association in Homer met earlier this week to discuss House Bill No. 118. Our group supports this bill. We feel that it will solve a number of problems fishers face in remote locations. This bill will allow fishermen to save costs by consolidating fish to be transported to primary processors. We feel that, if enacted, this bill would have an immediate positive effect for fishermen this summer. We feel that this is a well thought out and well researched bill that has no downside.

Allow me to give you an example of two scenarios where this bill would work. Often times I am fall fishing for coho salmon on the Alaska Peninsula when the local processor will stop sending a tender after a certain date even though the fish are still available. The cost of the tender is too high for the volume of fish being caught or the processor is busy doing pollock. That means that every night 3-8 boats must run to King Cove to deliver if they wish to sell their catch. With current coho prices of \$.15/lb., losing the tender usually means the fishing boats leave the grounds and the resource goes unharvested. Under current regulations each boat must run in to deliver. Sometimes boats that aren't catching much try to hold over their fish for a second day which is detrimental to quality. Under this act I would be allowed to consolidate say three or four of my fishing friends' catch onto my refrigerated seawater boat on the grounds and run them in to the market. Perhaps the next night another boat would provide that service and I could get a night's sleep. The savings in fuel and effort would potentially make the difference between ending the season, versus fishermen and processors continuing to utilize the salmon resources.

Another situation I have faced where this act may help is during the statewater cod fishery on the Alaska Peninsula. Last year the cannery had a three day back-up after the season closed. That means that we had to wait for three days from the closure time to get our fish delivered. A better quality fish could be delivered for a higher price if three 58 foot cod pot boats could consolidate their catch (say 100,000 pounds) and send one boat to Kodiak where the price last year was over 33% higher per pound than the King Cove market.

We hope that this bill will move through the legislative process so that we can utilize these advantages in the upcoming season.

Sincerely,  
Buck Laukitis  
President, NPFA.  
Homer, Alaska

# Cordova District Fishermen United

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February 27, 2003

House Special Committee on Fisheries  
c/o Representative Paul Seaton, Chair  
State Capitol, MS 3100  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 907.465.3472

Dear Members,

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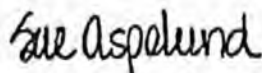
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Full accountability of resource harvests to ADF&G is very important to CDFU and we understand the imperative of assuring accurate and timely reporting to responsive management of the fisheries. We therefore appreciate that as per subsection (f), ADF&G may not always be able to allow utilization of transporter permits because of existing regulations that have evolved out of special circumstances within specific fisheries. Subsection (f) is very appropriate and we acknowledge its necessity.

We are concerned about enforceability, and look forward to hearing the comments of Fish & Wildlife Protection as to how this legislation might affect their ability to monitor harvests. We are concerned about the potential for harvest abuses that this system may enable.

We look forward to being a part of the discussions as this bill moves through the process and urge your positive consideration of it.

Sincerely,



Sue Aspelund  
Executive Director

The Child Support Enforcement Division offers the following observation regarding HB 118, and suggests a minor amendment.

This legislation creates a new occupational permit (fish transporter permit) of the type included in AS 25.27.244(s)(2)(A), which is the statute that lists state permits and licenses subject to action if the holder is delinquent in child support payments.

For clarity, the Child Support Enforcement Division suggests that this legislation be amended to include the following addition to the child support licensing statute AS 25.27.244(s)(2)(A)(xvii): *Fish transporter permit under AS 16.05.671(a)*. This would clarify that the permit envisioned by this legislation is specifically added to the list.

**Subject: Support HB 118**

**Date:** Fri, 28 Feb 2003 08:54:14 -0800

**From:** "Rich and Sonja Corazza" <cor@xyz.net>

**To:** Paul Seaton <rep.paul.seaton@legis.state.ak.us>

To Whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of HB 118. Transporting Salmon.

My name is Richard Corazza, I am one of ten PWS salmon seiners who made up the fleet for Sea Hawk Seafoods of Valdez. Last year we fished as a cooperative. At times we saved tender costs by putting several boats catches onto to one seine boat and headed for the processing plant. In our roe stripping operations some of our boats caught the fish, some processed the roe and several of the boats hauled the carcasses to town. This made a very efficient operation and cut costs considerably.

We didn't realize that this was illegal.

HB 118 would allow us to operate efficiently and legally.

Thank you, Richard Corazza  
Box 1320  
Homer, Alaska 99603

**Subject: HB 118 SUPPORT**

**Date:** Fri, 28 Feb 2003 16:39:43 -0700

**From:** "ERIC ENGBRETSSEN" <etengbtsn@worldnet.att.net>

**To:** <rep.paul.seaton@legis.state.ak.us>

To Whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of HB 118. Transporting Salmon.

My name is Eric Engebretsen, I am one of ten PWS salmon seiners who made up the fleet for Sea Hawk Seafoods of Valdez. Last year we fished as a cooperative. At times we saved tender costs by putting several boats catches onto to one seine boat and headed for the processing plant. In our roe stripping operations some of our boats caught the fish, some processed the roe and several of the boats hauled the carcasses to town. This made a very efficient operation and cut costs considerably.

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Thank you,

Eric Engebretsen  
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January 23, 2003

The Honorable Paul Seaton  
Alaska House of Representatives  
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Juneau AK, 99811

Dear Representative Seaton:

I would like to express my support for the concepts contained in your draft legislation regarding fish transporter issues.

As you know, we have four new members on the Alaska Board of Fisheries and began a long series of regulation meetings on January 20, immediately after appointment of the new members. As soon as our agenda allows, it is my intent to bring the fish transporter bill to the attention of the full board to ask for a resolution of support. I look forward to the Board of Fisheries, Department of Law, and Department of Fish and Game working with the legislature to find statutory and regulatory solutions to the problems your bill addresses.

Sincerely,



Ed Dersham  
Chair, Alaska Board of Fisheries

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: CSHB 118(FSH)  
 (H) Publish Date: 3/3/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game  
 Title Relating to the transportation and BRU Commercial Fisheries  
sale of commercially caught fish Component Headquarters - Fisheries Management  
 Sponsor Representative Seaton  
 Requester House Fisheries Component No. 2171

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

FUND SOURCE	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

Prepared by: Robert D. Mecum, Director Phone 465-4210  
 Division Commercial Fisheries Division Date/Time 2/26/03 5:52 PM  
 Approved by: Kevin C. Duffy, Acting Commissioner Date 2/26/2003  
 Agency Department of Fish and Game

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
Bill Version: CSHB 118(FSH)  
(H) Publish Date: 3/3/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Law  
Title "An Act relating to the transportation and sale BRU Criminal Division  
of certain commercially caught fish by an agent of a . . ." Component Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation  
Sponsor Representative Seaton by Request  
Requester House Fisheries Committee Component No. 2203

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill establishes a fish transporter permit system that authorizes a permittee to transport and sell commercially taken fish as the agent of the commercial fisherman who caught the fish. Permits would be issued by the Department of Fish and Game. Purchasing fish from a person who does not hold the permits specified in AS 16.05.680 or a fish transporter permit is an unlawful act. Under AS 16.05.723, unlawful acts can be misdemeanors.

Whether passage of this legislation will have a fiscal impact on the Criminal Division depends on the number of new prosecutions that result. Without additional experience, however, we have no way of estimating how many new cases there will be, and must state an indeterminate fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Joan M. Kasson Phone (907) 465-5370  
Division Attorney General's Office Date/Time 2/26/03 4:36 PM  
Approved by: Kathryn Daughhetee for Gregg D. Renkes, Attorney General Date 2/26/2003  
Agency Department of Law

# FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: HB 118  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
Title "An Act relating to the transportation a BRU Fish and Wildlife Protection  
sale of commercially caught fish . . ." Component Enforcement  
Sponsor Representative Seaton  
Requester House Resources Component No. 490

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Captain Howard Starbard Phone 269-5589  
Division Fish and Wildlife Protection Date/Time 3/10/03 8:24 AM  
Approved by: Commissioner William Tandeske Date 3/10/2003  
Agency Department of Public Safety



# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

March 10, 2003

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Representative Hugh Fate  
Chair  
House Resources Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol (MS 3100)  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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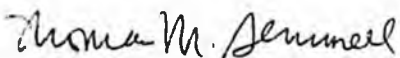
RE: HB 118 Transportation of Commercial Fish

United Fishermen of Alaska supports HB 118.

When this bill is enacted it will help reduce harvesters' operating costs and improve the economic viability of some of our fisheries.

Your consideration of our position is appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas M. Gemmell  
Executive Director

Copy: Senator Ben Stevens  
Senator Gary Stevens  
Representative Paul Seaton  
Representative Peggy Wilson

#### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Draggors Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Trollers Association • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve  
Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association • Chignik Seiners Association • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United  
Crab Rationalization and Buyback Group • Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association  
Kodiak Seiners Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Old Harbor Fishermen's Association  
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative  
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Salmon Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Western Gulf of Alaska Fishermen

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March 10, 2003

House Resources Committee  
c/o Representative Hugh Fate, Chair  
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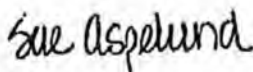
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Sue Aspelund  
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To the members of the House Resources Committee

To whom it may concern,

I am a salmon set-netter at the south end of Kodiak Island. I don't have to tell you the problems for us salmon fishermen the last decade. Unfortunately for us in our area we are also suffering from weakened runs and hopefully they will have strengthened by the time the markets turn around which I feel they will in time especially with some help from our legislators.

In the meantime I still need to feed my family and branching out into different fisheries looks like the only way I can still maintain the family bush fishing lifestyle and make a living. With the close of the CWF Alitak plant I have probably lost my halibut market as we only have a skiff fishery with my children as my crew running the fish 130 miles to town (Kodiak) is not feasible or safe.

It looked like the Dungeness crab fishery was going to be our savior but unfortunately because of beauracratc red tape the troopers won't allow the dungies to be tendered by aanother boat fishing dungies. With the few pots I can buy it wouldn't be economically feasible to hire a tender for just our crabs but it would work for one of the other larger boats already in the fishery to run the crab to town.

When I spoke with both the Alaska State Troopers (brown shirts) and ADF&G here in Kodiak they both saw no real reason why I shouldn't be allowed to send Dungeness crab to town on another fishing boat except that it was against regulations. When I saw your House Bill 118 it seemed the answer to our prayers.

I know that ours is just one small voice but it would help our family survive these tough times if you could add the Kodiak Dungeness fishery to your transporter bill. House Bill 118

Thank you,

*Rick Ellingson*

Box 633

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I am a salmon set-netter at the south end of Kodiak Island. I don't have to tell you the problems for us salmon fishermen the last decade. Unfortunately for us in our area we are also suffering from weakened runs and hopefully they will have strengthened by the time the markets turn around which I feel they will in time especially with some help from our legislators.

In the meantime I still need to feed my family and branching out into different fisheries looks like the only way I can still maintain the family bush fishing lifestyle and make a living. With the close of the CWF Alitak plant I have probably lost my halibut market as we only have a skiff fishery with my children as my crew running the fish 130 miles to town (Kodiak) is not feasible or safe.

It looked like the Dungeness crab fishery was going to be our savior but unfortunately because of beauracratc red tape the troopers won't allow the dungies to be tendered by aanother boat fishing dungies. With the few pots I can buy it wouldn't be economically feasible to hire a tender for just our crabs but it would work for one of the other larger boats already in the fishery to run the crab to town.

When I spoke with both the Alaska State Troopers (brown shirts) and ADF&G here in Kodiak they both saw no real reason why I shouldn't be allowed to send Dungeness crab to town on another fishing boat except that it was against regulations. When I saw your House Bill 118 it seemed the answer to our prayers.

I know that ours is just one small voice but it would help our family survive these tough times if you could add the Kodiak Dungeness fishery to your transporter bill. House Bill 118

Thank you,

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