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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Representative Bryce Edgmon, Chair  
House Special Committee on Fisheries

**FROM:** Bill Stoltze 

**DATE:** January 27, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Hearing Request

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I respectfully request a hearing be scheduled for House Bill 266, relating to a personal use fishing priority.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## HB 266

### Personal Use Fishing Priority

*"An Act providing for a priority for a fishery that is restricted to residents when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve an escapement goal."*

Insuring that residents have access to Alaska's fisheries resources is vitally important as we continue to grow as a state. Right now, user groups are growing both in size and number, splitting the allocation of our resources into smaller and smaller percentages. However, one thing all Alaskans can agree on is that we should have a priority over people coming from elsewhere in the country and the world to utilize and harvest our fisheries resources.

Fisheries that are restricted to residents only are meant to enable Alaskans to access their fisheries resources for their personal use and consumption. Currently, there are many personal use fisheries throughout the state. Excluding the priority that is already contained within statute for subsistence, HB 266 directs the Board of Fisheries to place restrictions on sport and commercial fisheries before putting restrictions on personal use fisheries when the harvest of a stock or species is limited to achieve an escapement goal.

I ask for your consideration and support of HB 266 so Alaskans can be assured that they will continue to have access to their fisheries resources to the benefit of themselves and their families.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
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**BY**

**Offered:  
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**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES STOLTZE, KELLER, AND NEUMAN, Fairclough, Gatto, Johnson**

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10 the board.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tamara Cook  
LAA-Legal Services

FROM: Bill Stoltze *BS*

DATE: March 16, 2007

SUBJECT: Draft Legislation

I am requesting blank sponsor legislation be drafted based upon the following:

"After providing for biological escapement goals the fisheries that are restricted to the residents of the State of Alaska only shall have a management priority over other fisheries."

The intent of the legislation is that in times of biological need all other fisheries, other than subsistence, are closed prior to fisheries that are limited to the residents of Alaska only.

If there are any questions, please call Ben Mulligan in my office at 6541.

Thank you,

Bill Stoltze  
State Representative

*give residents priority in fisheries if restrictions are implemented*

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# WORK ORDER REQUEST FORM

W.O. 25-LS0774

KEYWORDS: FISH/GAME, FISHERIES  
RESIDENCY  
SUBSISTENCE

ASSIGNED: Kane

REQUEST FOR: New Bill

TAKEN BY: Barnes

SUBJECT: Alaskan Fishing Preference

REQUESTED FOR: REP STOLTZE

BY: Rep. Stoltze

PHONE: 465-4958

DELIVER TO: Rep. Stoltze; Cap. 501

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Draft bill providing that in "times of biological need," all other fisheries (other than subsistence) close prior to fisheries that are limited to Alaska residents. See attached.

OBTAIN	SPECIAL DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/>
	AUTHORIZED TO CONFER WITH _____ _____
	RETURN _____
	_____ TO REQUESTOR
	APPROVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECTOR, LEGAL SERVICES

REVIEWED <u>la</u> <u>MA 3/19</u>	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS to TYPING/PROOFING
IN <u>03/16/07</u> DUE	<u>Sponsor blank (see sponsor memo)</u>
TYPED: DRAFT <u>2</u> <u>2</u> <u>REV</u> DATE <u>3/19</u> <u>3/19</u>	<u>MEMO</u> ✓
FINAL _____ DATE _____	<u>3/19</u>
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## MEMORANDUM

February 5, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Request for bill draft regarding fishing priorities  
(Work Order No. 25-LS0774\A)

**TO:** Representative Bill Stoltze

**FROM:** Brian J. Kane *BJK*  
Legislative Counsel

I drafted a bill for your office in 2007 during the first session of the 25th Alaska State Legislature regarding fishing priorities when restrictions are implemented to achieve a biological escapement goal. Your initial request asked for a bill providing that "in times of biological need," all other fisheries, except for subsistence fisheries, close prior to fisheries that are limited to Alaska residents. (See attached copy of request for W.O. 25-LS0774\A.)

Through the process of writing various versions of the bill in reaching a final bill draft, I misinterpreted an instruction from your office that led to the introduced bill placing subsistence fisheries incorrectly in order of priority -- not as the top priority as you directed in your original request.

Having been an attorney in this office for a little over a year at the time of this 2007 bill request, I was still finding my way with legal drafting and believe my inexperience at the time may have led in part to this misinterpretation by me. But that is no excuse, as I hold myself to high standards. I offer my sincere apology for the misunderstanding on my part that led to a bill that did not accomplish your intentions.

BJK:med

Attachments

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: HB 266  
Bill Version: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name): HB266-DFG-BDS-02-09-10 Dept. Affected: Fish & Game  
Title An Act providing for a priority for a fishery that is restricted to RDU Administration and Support  
residents when fishing Component F&G Boards & Advisory Committees  
Sponsor Rep. Stoltze, et al.  
Requester House Fisheries Component Number 2825

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	Appropriation Required	Information					
	FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</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>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

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

This legislation changes the priority by which the Board of Fish allocates between fisheries and composes no financial impact foreseen to the dept.

Prepared by: Jennifer Yuhas Legislative Liaison Phone 465-6137  
Division Commissioner's Office Date/Time 2/9/2010 0700 AM  
Approved by: Tom Lawson, Director of Administrative Services Date 2/9/2010  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

**Data on Personal Use Fisheries Provided to the Office of  
Representative Stoltze by the Department of Fish & Game**

Sweetheart Creek Sockeye, permits and harvest

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>SOCKEYE</b>
1993	48	957
1994	184	3820
1995	113	2054
1996	105	1815
1997	246	4746
1998	316	5922
1999	192	1674
2000	149	1560
2001	73	941
2002	88	1588
2003	145	2625
2004	223	4098
2005	148	2684
2006	175	4297
2007	264	4515
2008	339	6729
2009	*229	*2299

\*2009 data not yet complete

Juneau Area Personal Use King Crab, permits and harvest

<b>year</b>	<b>permits</b>	<b>King Crab</b>
1996	860	3658
1997	612	2594
1998	916	4071
1999	1090	4706
2000	1250	5292
2001	1357	5656
2002	1606	5924
2003	1861	7184
2004	1727	6956
2005	1504	6382
2006	1143	4624
2007	523	1528

2008 season closed

2009 season closed

**Ben Mulligan**

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**Subject:** Personal use fishery information

**From:** Swanton, Charles O (DFG) [mailto:charles.swanton@alaska.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2010 10:20 AM

**To:** Ben Mulligan

**Cc:** Yuhas, Jennifer S (DFG)

**Subject:** FW: Personal use fishery information

**Chatanika River Personal Use Whitefish Spear Fishery Results**

Year	Permits		Number of Households that Fished	Total Whitefish Harvest	Average Harvest/ Permit
	Issued	Returned			
2007	100	97	52	267	5.13
2008	200	191	92	522	5.67
2009*	200	174	113	682	6.04

\* 2009 results are preliminary

## Upper Cook Inlet including Kenai Dip Net, Kasilof Dip Net, and Kasilof Gillnet (all fisheries are covered under the same permit)

Year	Permits Issued	Mean number of individuals per permit	Number of Individuals Represented	Total Salmon Harvested	Mean Harvest per Household	Mean Harvest per Individual
2006	18,563	3.0	56,198	234,391	12.6	4.2
2007	23,046	3.0	70,065	364,334	15.8	5.2
2008	23,722	3.0	70,903	336,040	14.2	4.7

## Chitna Dipnet

Year	Permits Issued	Individual Permits	Household Permits	Mean number of individuals per permit	Number of Individuals Represented	Total Salmon Harvested	Mean Harvest per Household	Mean Harvest per Individual
2006	8,642	1,357	7,285	2.9	25,203	130,515	15.0	5.0
2007	8,474	1,305	7,169	2.9	24,495	131,217	15.5	5.4
2008	8,258	1,256	7,002	2.9	23,922	86,476	10.5	3.6

## Total for Upper Cook Inlet and Chitna

Year	Permits Issued	Mean number of individuals per permit	Number of Individuals Represented	Total Salmon Harvested	Mean Harvest per Household	Mean Harvest per Individual
2006	27,207	3.0	81,401	364,906	13.4	4.5
2007	31,520	3.0	94,560	495,551	15.7	5.2
2008	31,980	3.0	94,825	422,516	13.2	4.5

Estimated State harvest of salmon in the Copper River Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use Fishery, 1984 - 2009

Year	Permits Issued	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Steelhead	Other	Total Harvest	Estimated Harvest Per Permit
1984	5,415	1,760	48,236	717	0	20	50,734	9
1985								
1986	4,031	2,367	41,054	538	0	89	44,047	11
1987	4,245	2,968	43,492	424	0	24	46,908	11
1988	4,251	2,994	42,331	504	1	25	45,855	11
1989	4,582	2,251	55,778	857	25	31	58,941	13
1990	5,689	2,708	66,432	1,511	24	137	70,812	12
1991	6,222	4,056	77,590	3,354	12	46	85,059	14
1992	6,385	3,405	86,724	1,517	31	5	91,683	14
1993	7,914	2,846	93,472	1,416	14	19	97,767	12
1994	7,061	3,743	94,024	1,981	36	39	99,822	14
1995	6,760	4,707	79,006	4,870	21	13	88,617	13
1996	7,198	3,584	95,007	3,381	90	46	102,108	14
1997	9,086	5,447	148,727	160	3	12	154,349	17
1998	10,006	6,723	137,161	2,145	0	46	146,075	15
1999	9,943	5,913	141,658	2,128	0	34	149,779	15
2000	8,151	2,899	107,856	3,657	0	203	108,099	13
2001	9,467	3,113	132,108	2,720	0	484	138,425	15
2002	6,804	2,023	85,968	1,934	0	317	90,242	13
2003	6,441	1,903	80,796	2,533	0	264	85,496	13
2004	8,156	2,495	107,312	2,860	0	509	113,176	14
2005	8,230	2,043	120,013	1,869	0	478	124,403	15
2006	8,497	2,663	123,261	2,715	0	464	129,103	15
2007	8,377	2,694	125,126	1,742	0	660	130,222	16
2008	8,041	1,999	81,359	2,711	0	407	86,476	11
2009	7,917	225	88,651	1,555	0	278	90,709	12
2004-2008	8,260	2,379	111,414	2,379	0	504	116,676	14
1999-2008	8,211	2,775	110,546	2,487	0	382	115,542	14
1990-2008	7,812	3,419	104,400	2,379	12	220	110,090	14

Note: 2009 data are preliminary with only 82.9% returned permits.

Table 1. Effort and harvest in Upper Cook Inlet personal use salmon fisheries, 1996-2009.

Year	Days Open	Days Fished			Sockeye			Chinook			Coho			Pink			Chum			Total		
		Est.	SE	RP	Est.	SE	RP	Est.	SE	RP	Est.	SE	RP	Est.	SE	RP	Est.	SE	RP	Est.	SE	RP
<i>Kasilof River Dip Net</i>																						
1996	27	1,300	23	3%	11,197	127	2%	50	1	4%	334	18	11%	103	2	4%	17	0	0%	11,701	130	2%
1997	27	1,091	32	6%	9,737	150	3%	35	2	11%	90	3	7%	19	2	21%	19	1	10%	9,900	153	3%
1998	27	3,421	33	2%	45,161	525	2%	134	3	4%	731	18	5%	610	25	8%	74	32	85%	46,710	528	2%
1999	27	3,611	43	2%	37,176	507	3%	127	5	8%	286	50	34%	264	12	9%	52	8	30%	37,905	511	3%
2000	27	2,622	36	3%	23,877	403	3%	134	7	10%	1,004	16	3%	841	39	9%	34	0	0%	25,890	407	3%
2001	27	3,382	37	2%	37,612	505	3%	138	6	9%	766	25	6%	307	14	9%	23	0	0%	38,846	511	3%
2002	44	4,020	38	2%	46,769	530	2%	106	6	11%	1197	59	10%	1862	73	8%	139	7	10%	50,073	553	2%
2003	44	3,874	28	1%	43,870	440	2%	57	4	14%	592	49	16%	286	21	14%	30	1	7%	44,835	447	2%
2004	44	4,432	19	1%	48,315	259	1%	44	3	13%	668	21	6%	396	15	7%	90	5	11%	49,513	263	1%
2005	44	4,500	9	0%	43,151	100	0%	16	1	12%	538	16	6%	658	12	4%	102	2	4%	44,465	103	0%
2006	44	5,763	10	0%	56,144	113	0%	55	1	4%	1,057	15	3%	992	8	2%	105	4	7%	58,353	117	0%
2007	44	4,600	9	0%	43,293	105	0%	35	1	6%	487	8	3%	383	6	3%	136	2	3%	44,334	106	0%
2008	44	5,493	13	0%	54,051	153	1%	46	3	13%	509	11	4%	787	10	2%	143	4	5%	55,536	154	1%
2009	44	7,571	20	1%	73,035	246	1%	34	1	6%	1,441	30	4%	1,274	19	3%	173	3	3%	75,957	248	1%
Min.	27	1,091			9,737			16			90			19			17			9,900		
Mean	36	3,977			40,956			72			693			627			81			42,430		
Max.	44	7,571			73,035			138			1,441			1,862			173			75,957		

Table 1.-page 2 of 2.

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<b><i>Kenai River Dip Net</i></b>																						
1996	27	10,503	60	1%	102,821	367	1%	295	5	3%	1,932	29	3%	2,404	33	3%	175	10	11%	107,627	375	1%
1997	22	11,023	87	2%	114,619	439	1%	364	13	7%	559	21	7%	619	14	4%	58	5	17%	116,219	448	1%
1998	18	10,802	59	1%	103,847	716	1%	254	10	8%	1,011	62	12%	1,032	62	12%	85	3	7%	106,229	724	1%
1999	22	13,738	79	1%	149,504	1,084	1%	488	13	5%	1,009	108	21%	1,666	64	8%	102	13	25%	152,769	1,094	1%
2000	22	12,354	69	1%	98,262	752	1%	410	18	9%	1,449	62	8%	1,457	75	10%	193	31	31%	101,771	762	1%
2001	22	14,772	66	1%	150,766	909	1%	638	15	5%	1,555	105	13%	1,326	37	5%	155	19	24%	154,440	926	1%
2002	22	14,840	56	1%	180,028	844	1%	606	11	4%	1,721	64	7%	5,662	102	4%	551	36	13%	188,568	874	1%
2003	22	15,263	50	1%	223,580	891	1%	1,016	18	3%	1,332	68	10%	1,647	98	12%	249	22	17%	227,824	905	1%
2004	22	18,513	35	0%	262,831	583	0%	792	7	2%	2,661	66	5%	2,103	27	3%	387	12	6%	268,774	905	1%
2005	22	20,977	18	0%	295,496	273	0%	997	3	1%	2,512	24	2%	1,806	12	1%	321	2	1%	301,132	275	0%
2006	20	12,685	16	0%	127,630	183	0%	1,034	3	1%	2,235	15	1%	11,127	37	1%	551	9	3%	142,577	203	0%
2007	22	21,861	23	0%	291,270	335	0%	1,509	4	1%	2,111	24	2%	1,939	23	2%	472	17	7%	297,301	337	0%
2008	22	20,676	27	0%	234,109	338	0%	1,362	10	1%	2,609	21	2%	10,631	49	1%	504	8	3%	249,215	343	0%
2009	22	26,043	35	0%	339,993	524	0%	1,189	7	1%	2,401	29	2%	5,482	27	1%	285	7	5%	349,350	525	0%
Min.	18	10,503			98,262			254			559			619			58			101,771		
Mean	22	16,004			191,054			782			1,793			3,493			292			197,414		
Max.	27	26,043			339,993			1,509			2,661			11,127			551			349,350		

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<b><i>Fish Creek Dip Net</i></b>																						
1996	22	3,749	41	2%	17,260	161	2%	37	8	42%	2,414	25	2%	331	9	5%	153	5	6%	20,195	168	2%
1997	13	991	34	7%	3,277	76	5%	0	0		63	5	16%	53	7	26%	4	1	49%	3,397	84	5%
1998	15	1,141	21	4%	4,036	113	5%	1	0	0%	649	19	6%	80	10	25%	29	2	14%	4,795	117	5%
1999	16	432	16	7%	1,083	138	25%	0	0		17	3	35%	12	7	114%	0	0		1,112	139	25%
2000	16	1,054	25	5%	6,925	211	6%	0	0		958	72	15%	83	12	28%	29	3	20%	7,995	225	6%
2001	3	131	7	10%	436	40	18%	0	0		18	7	76%	2	0	0%	1	0	0%	457	41	18%
2002	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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2007	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2008	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2009	7	1,436	8	1%	9,898	73	1%	10	0	0%	53	6	22%	66	3	9%	33	5	30%	10,060	73	1%
Min.	0	131			436			0			17			2			0			457		
Mean	7	1,276			6,131			7			596			90			36			6,859		
Max.	22	3,749			17,260			37			2,414			331			153			20,195		

Year	Days Open	Days Fished			Sockeye			Chinook			Coho			Pink			Chum			Total		
		Est.	SE	RP <sup>a</sup>	Est.	SE	RP <sup>a</sup>	Est.	SE	RP <sup>a</sup>	Est.	SE	RP <sup>a</sup>	Est.	SE	RP <sup>a</sup>	Est.	SE	RP <sup>a</sup>	Est.	SE	RP <sup>a</sup>
<b>Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fisheries Total</b>																						
1996	-	16,606	85	1%	145,545	644	1%	452	12	5%	4,811	56	2%	2,973	50	3%	350	12	6%	154,131	655	1%
1997	-	14,923	114	1%	148,940	592	1%	464	13	6%	777	26	7%	844	27	6%	88	6	14%	151,113	604	1%
1998	-	17,360	84	1%	176,581	1,032	1%	549	14	5%	2,685	102	7%	1,933	70	7%	220	34	30%	181,968	1,043	1%
1999	-	19,752	101	1%	208,589	1,309	1%	1,108	31	5%	1,413	119	17%	2,078	66	6%	168	15	18%	213,356	1,320	1%
2000	-	17,930	88	1%	149,267	961	1%	1,102	28	5%	3,638	114	6%	2,482	86	7%	290	35	23%	156,779	976	1%
2001	-	20,625	86	1%	218,688	1,176	1%	1,138	24	4%	2,637	112	8%	1,821	46	5%	276	39	28%	224,560	1,197	1%
2002	-	21,224	74	1%	259,623	1,092	1%	1,070	17	3%	3,271	91	5%	8,470	149	3%	757	38	10%	273,191	1,136	1%
2003	-	21,668	63	1%	298,831	1,061	1%	1,711	34	4%	2,250	85	7%	2,082	101	9%	371	24	13%	305,245	1,079	1%
2004	-	25,360	43	0%	350,091	678	0%	1,098	9	2%	3,754	75	4%	2,715	32	2%	502	14	5%	358,158	689	0%
2005	-	27,253	21	0%	369,776	311	0%	1,132	3	1%	3,415	29	2%	2,520	17	1%	428	3	1%	377,271	314	0%
2006	-	20,543	20	0%	216,047	236	0%	1,405	4	1%	3,759	27	1%	12,434	41	1%	746	10	3%	234,391	242	0%
2007	-	28,602	29	0%	356,717	386	0%	1,924	5	1%	2,727	26	2%	2,352	24	2%	614	17	5%	364,334	388	0%
2008	-	28,331	34	0%	318,594	412	0%	1,601	11	1%	3,249	24	1%	11,869	52	1%	727	10	3%	336,040	416	0%
2009	-	37,522	45	0%	457,539	629	0%	1,384	7	1%	4,204	45	2%	6,969	34	1%	559	13	5%	470,655	631	0%
Min.		14,923			145,545			452			777			844			88			151,113		
Mean		22,693			262,488			1,153			3,042			4,396			435			271,514		
Max.		37,522			457,539			1,924			4,811			12,434			757			470,655		

STATEWIDE PERSONAL USE FISHERIES

5AAC 77.001 – 5AAC 77.699

**5 AAC 77.007. Criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries.** Before adopting regulations that allocate fish among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries, the board will, as appropriate to particular allocation decisions, consider factors such as those set out in AS 16.05.251(e).

*AS 16.05.251(e) The Board of Fisheries may allocate fishery resources among personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fisheries. The board shall adopt criteria for the allocation of fishery resources and shall use the criteria as appropriate to particular allocation decisions. The criteria may include factors such as*

- (1) the history of each personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishery;*
- (2) the number of residents and nonresidents who have participated in each fishery in the past and the number of residents and nonresidents who can reasonably be expected to participate in the future;*
- (3) the importance of each fishery for providing residents the opportunity to obtain fish for personal and family consumption;*
- (4) the availability of alternative fisheries resources;*
- (5) the importance of each fishery to the economy of the state;*
- (6) the importance of each fishery to the economy of the region and local area in which the fishery is located;*
- (7) the importance of each fishery in providing recreational opportunities for residents and nonresidents.*

Kotzebue Area

Species allowed: Shellfish  
Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab  
Salmon  
Herring

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Norton Sound - Port Clarence Area

Species allowed: Shellfish  
Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab  
Herring

Yukon - Northern Area

Species allowed: Shellfish  
Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab  
Salmon  
Herring  
Whitefish and Sucker Fishery

Kuskokwim Area

Species allowed: Shellfish  
Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab  
Herring  
Pacific Cod

Bristol Bay Area

Species allowed: Shellfish  
Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab  
Herring  
Salmon

Aleutian Islands Area

Species allowed: Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab

Alaska Peninsula Area

Species allowed: Shellfish  
Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab

Chignik Area

Species allowed: Shellfish  
Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab

Kodiak Area

Species allowed: Shellfish  
Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab

Cook Inlet Area

Species allowed: Shellfish  
Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab  
Razor Clams  
Littleneck Clams  
Butter Clams  
Salmon  
Smelt  
Herring

Prince William Sound Area

Species allowed: Shrimp  
Dungeness Crab  
King Crab  
Tanner Crab  
Razor Clams  
Salmon

Yakutat Area

Species allowed:

- Shrimp
- Dungeness Crab
- King Crab
- Tanner Crab
- Scallops
- Clams
- Herring
- Bottomfish
- Halibut
- Smelt
- Salmon

Southeastern Alaska Area

Species allowed:

- Shrimp
- Dungeness Crab
- King Crab
- Tanner Crab
- Scallops
- Geoduck Clams
- Razor Clams
- Abalone
- Herring
- Bottomfish
- Halibut
- Smelt
- Salmon

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 04, 2010 7:35 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB266

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow Up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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**From:** graham1@gci.net [graham1@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 04, 2010 12:35 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

Rep. Edgmon:

My wife and I are business owners in Cordova. As a 40 year Alaskan, 33 years of which I have lived in Cordova, I am asking you to please oppose HB266. It seems that every couple of years we in Cordova are forced to defend the lifeblood of the town. This is a fishing town and after losing our early season herring fisheries to the Exxon Valdez debacle, we are down to having a seine fishery and a gillnet fishery.....period. This early season fishery in the middle of May provides a much needed revenue stream to the town's residents and the city coffers that are already stretched to the limit. In years past I have personally watched people dipnetting and taking far more fish in the Copper River at Chitina than they are allowed to have. Last year I was driving by the corner of Northern Lights Blvd. and A Street and saw one of the many places in town where a person had a small trailer carrying an iced tote of fish and a sign saying "Fresh Copper River Salmon for sale". I stopped and talked to the gentleman and asked him whether he fished out of Whittier, Cordova or Valdez. He got very nervous and evasive and said that he was a "subsistence" fisherman and therefore legal to sell part of his dipnetted catch. I left and did some business down the street. When I came back 20 minutes later he was gone.

The livelihoods of legal hard working commercial fisherman should not be threatened until the issue of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers being given the green light to enforce existing laws and regulations on the upper Copper River is addressed. I believe this should be a law enforcement issue instead of trying to re-allocate the resource.

Please don't add Cordova to the list of ghost towns in Alaska and thank you for your attention to this potentially grave issue.

Gary Graham  
Co-Owner Powder House Restaurant  
Cordova, AK  
(907) 424-3350

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Suzie Kendrick [wandasue@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2010 1:52 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** OPPOSING HB266

Feb. 22, 2010

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 421  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: House Bill 266: Personal Use Fishing Priority

Dear Representative Edgmon and House Special Committee for Fisheries,

I am writing today to oppose House Bill 266—which proposes to give personal use fisheries priority over sport and commercial fisheries. As a lifelong Alaskan commercial fisherman this bill threatens my family's livelihood and stands to further politicize the science of managing our salmon stocks for the good of all.

This bill, if enacted, attempts to manipulate the true meaning of subsistence to give those who want more salmon--not need more salmon--a priority over commercial fishermen who depend on the Copper River for economic survival. The current upriver personal use fishery is, for many users, more of a sporting event rather than an activity to ensure their survival. True subsistence users would be negatively impacted by the proposed bill in that it would give every resident in the state the same access that current subsistence groups have. Basically their current priority would be diluted by the large influx of personal users.

Please do not allow the undermining of the current Board of Fisheries process by legislating allocation. Currently, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has the tools and expertise to continue to manage the fisheries for sustainability—for all user groups.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Doug Heimbuch

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** suzybanks@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2010 8:57 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** Oppose Bill 266

Dear Representative Clark,

I am an Alaskan fisherman's wife. I recently wrote to Representative Stoltze, who sponsored B 266, and I thought his response was enlightening: He stated " I, and most Alaskans, believe the highest use is that which puts wild Alaskan salmon on the dinner tables of Alaskans, and this world class protein in the freezers of Alaskans. After Subsistence, I believe this Alaska resident only fishery should have the higher priority over sport and commercial. "

Cordova is an Alaskan town, with Alaskan residents who depend on the commercial fishing industry for their financial survival. This bill seems to assume that the fishing industry is based out of state. When has supplemental or sport fishing ever taken precedence over the livelihood of Alaska residents? This bill sounds very un-Alaskan to me.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Susan Banks  
P.O. Box 2431  
Cordova AK. 99574

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** fred deiser [fdeiser@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2010 9:49 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

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**From:** fred deiser [mailto:fdeiser@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2010 9:44 AM

**Subject:** HB 266

Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 424  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB 266 – Personal Use Fishing Priority

MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES,

HB 266, by giving personal use dipnetters equal priority with subsistence users threatens my commercial fishing business and in times of shortage cheats the subsistence users of their priority.

I would ask you to acknowledge the large investment and economic importance to the State of Alaska of the Copper River commercial red salmon fishery. Fishers have worked my entire 35+ year fishing career improving quality and marketing what I believe is the best food source on the planet. Any reallocation of early run Copper River red salmon puts all this work at risk and threatens 500 Alaskan businesses.

I lived at Nebesna in the early 1970's and trapped at Batzulnetas where Katie John fished as a young girl. I believe I have a limited understanding of subsistence and the political attempts to give preference to a group of people whose traditional lifestyle has been focused on this harvest of fish and game for thousands of years.

HB 266 cheats these people of this priority.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Fred Deiser  
371 S Seward Meridian Parkway  
Wasilla, Alaska 99654

907 373-6263

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Goetzinger, Karl W [karl.w.goetzinger@boeing.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2010 1:25 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266 Comment

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

Dear Mr. Clark:

This letter is in opposition to HB266 which intends to have a "personal use" fishery on the Copper River reclassified as a "subsistence" fishery. This could restrict the commercial fishery at the mouth of the Copper River and negatively impact the incomes of those 500 permit holders who rely on this fishery to support themselves and their families.

Please place working people, family incomes and the economy of the Prince William Sound region before recreational dip net fishing and oppose HB266.

Sincerely,

Kurt & Karl Goetzinger  
P.O. Box 1268  
Cordova, AK. 99574

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Lori Lee [mountainhideawaylori@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2010 4:08 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB 266

Honorable Representative:

Sending this email on to you to let you know that I Strongly Oppose HB 266.

In this time of economic challenges it doesn't make sense to me to harm any major, healthy means of making a living in our Wonderful State, commercial fishing, especially one that has far-reaching positive financial effects on many other businesses in our state.

HB 266 would adversely affect hundreds of commercial fishermen who depend on the Copper River Flats for a major portion of their income. That in return affects many businesses... providing food, fish buyers, marketers, parts providers, net hangers and menders, mechanics, boat builders, just to name a few.

There is no problem with catching a sufficient number of fish up river for dip netters, personal use and subsistence fishermen with the way things are currently being managed. It is presently a win-win situation. Everyone is getting fish.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Lori Lee

31250 W. Lee Drive  
Sutton, AK 99674

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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** wose18@acsalaska.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2010 11:42 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB 266 oppose

Dear timothy clark, understand this is best address to contact, Please I want to voice me opinion against HB266. Not only do I agree with all other opposition, I am also concern with the practice of fishing the spawning grounds. It is reasonable to project no matter how many fish get past radar(sustainable) THE Uknown is how many spawn. I suggest Disallow fishing of spawning grounds and row stripping, well documented, before challenging alaska state constitution. Protect our sustainable resources, by protecting spawning grounds. Quit barking up wrong tree. I say no to pictures of sport fishing adds showing proudly spawned out king salmon, caught on spawning grounds. I say respect our sustainable fishery by outlawing spawning bed sport fisheries across state then see how much better. And Otherwise sports fisherman pay as much as commercial for fish enhancement. We commercial have paid. Let's make it even with other states, why not alaska, everyone wants a piece of us charge accordinly. Punish Commercial fisherman for being last of the wild harvestors, punish all users of states, but best straegy is protect spawning grounds first, if you care.

sincerely  
william Evans  
3411 willow Place  
anch, ak 99517  
Area E permit holder  
29 year resident alaska

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2010 7:43 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB266

-----Original Message-----

**From:** eckley@gci.net [mailto:eckley@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 21, 2010 9:46 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

Dear Representative Bryce Edgmon

I am opposed to House Bill 266. I commercial fish and depend on this resource for my lively hood. The economic impact and financial fallout from this bill can deliver a negative blow to an industry that drives many communities. My family and I work together to run our fishing operation and it provides us and many others with steady and repeatable income. The infrastructure and financial commitment to keep this sustainable fishery alive strive for a steady harvest. This bill undermines marketing efforts, family business interest and communities where we live and work. I hope you see the negative far reaching effects this bill would have on Cordova and other coastal communities. Please do not support this bill.

Thank you  
Robert Eckley  
Cordova, AK

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2010 7:43 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

-----Original Message-----

**From:** salmo1@ak.net [mailto:salmo1@ak.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 11:33 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Representative Edgmon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. My name is Curt Herschleb. I'm a resident of Cordova, Alaska. I'm a third generation commercial fisherman. I'm raising two young children. Our family is 95% dependent on commercial fishing income to support our existence here in the coastal community of Cordova.

I oppose HB266. This bill, if it were to become law, would be a prime example of "tyranny of the majority". It is really an act of aggression against those individuals and communities in the state of Alaska that depend upon fisheries resources the most. The fact that it would take affect in times of low abundance is especially troubling. The urban and suburban user wants all the benefits of living in the city and all the benefits of residing in the bush, without sharing the burden of conservation with other non-subsistence user groups. All the while, you can't find a self respecting hunter, fisher, gatherer in the state of Alaska that will tell you they can't get enough of our rich bounty to fill their freezers and pantries. Does anybody really want to render the true meaning of subsistence meaningless? Do the majority of Alaskans really want to put economic hardship on fishing dependent coastal communities? Is anybody really not getting enough fish?

I suggest that rather than constantly jockeying for a better position at the trough, we identify our common ground and work towards deeper ways and meanings for sharing the burden of conservation. Instead of pursuing every avenue for getting more at someone else's expense, all Alaskan's should work together to manage our resources for sustainability so that there will always be enough for everyone.

Thank you for hearing my concerns,  
Sincerely, Curt Herschleb

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** JR Janneck [cturtle@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2010 8:26 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark; Rep. Bryce Edgmon

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

It is ridicules for people who live in Fairbanks and Anchorage to claim they have a subsistence life style. HB 266 is pure polical crap. This state better start understanding the importance of commercial fishing to the economy. I am sick of these people whining about dipnetting and fish wheels. They already are talking more than they could ever possibly use. I know people braging about taking 400+ fish. They need to be monitored and their catch reduced.

thank you  
Howard Janneck

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Loren Banks [lorenjbanks@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 20, 2010 7:44 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB 266

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

Dear Legislators,

Please appose HB 266, As a resident of Cordova and commercial fisherman it is plain to me that the economy here is dependant almost completely on commercial fishing. Access to the resource is a necessity for this economy while personal use is no such necessity for anyone.

Thank You  
Loren Banks  
Box 2431  
Cordova, Ak 99574  
[lorenjbanks@gmail.com](mailto:lorenjbanks@gmail.com)

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 9:36 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bob Mielke [mailto:plainbob@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 9:26 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Dear Sir,

I oppose HB 266.

I was born, raised, and have lived my entire 57 years in the Matanuska Valley. I have been commercial fishing for 27 years, sport fishing for 52 years, and dipnetting now and then. I feel that prioritizing fisheries (or any resource) is a bad idea, usually pursued by one group to gain advantage over another, usually by demonizing the other group as a bunch of greedy s.o.b.'s.

If you give me priority as a dip netter, my commercial fishing must necessarily suffer. And you say that's o.k.? I think not: fishing drives the entire coastline of this state, and I think you can shake most any tree in the Anchorage - Valley area and have several commercial fishermen fall out. If you pursue your prioritizing far enough, you will kill one of the largest private sector job market arenas in the state, and be minus one of the historical draws that made us a state.

If you give me priority as a dip netter, my sport fishing must necessarily suffer. And you say that's o.k.? I think not: sport fishing is a major driver of tourism in the state, another major draw for the state. Again, shake a tree, out drop piles of sport fishermen. Do you want to harm that industry? Each one of them has a small economic impact compared to the money a commercial fisherman brings in to the local economy, but there are lots of them.

Maybe you should review the U.S and Alaska Constitutions for some insight into the phrase "...with liberty and justice for all" I for one am tired of being demoted to second-class citizen every time I turn around.

Just because you've heard from a vocal subset of your constituency clamoring for special status doesn't make it right.

Sincerely,

Bob Mielke  
PO Box 870988  
Wasilla, AK 99687  
[plainbob@mtaonline.net](mailto:plainbob@mtaonline.net)

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 1:05 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: Hb266

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

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**From:** R M [mailto:boswellbay@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 12:55 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Hb266

I am adamantly opposed to HB 266. If the personal use fishery takes priority over the commercial fishery, the town of Cordova, which i have lived in for 44 years, and raised 2 sons in, will take yet another punch in the face. Cordova is primarily dependent on commercial fishing and jeopardizing our ability to earn aliving by giving personal use priority will be very detrimental to the local economy, and quality of life. If our economy goes to pot, it usually translates to the state or feds having to spend more money on social and economic programs to help us out, nobody wants that. I see it as a bunch of guys in \$100,000 motorhomes, towing \$30,000 worth of 4 wheelers, who are sportsfishermen, wanting more and more. We have one of the most consistent salmon runs in the state, and if anything you need to pass a bill to get more money for enforcement upriver. One dipnetter i talked to said he and his buddies caught 260 reds, and didn't know what they were gonna do with them, and another guy i met in Arizona, who was a retired corrections officer, who had'nt been back to Alaska in over a year, was going to Chitina this summer, to get "his kings". Apparently we need to fix some of the existing problems not create new ones.

Thanks for your time, Randy Merritt

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** jburch@gci.net on behalf of jburch [jburch@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 11:13 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

I am strongly opposed to HB266. I am a Copper River commercial fisherman and have been since 1966. I live in Cordova year round and fishing is my only income. John Burch, Cordova, AK

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** David A. O'Brien [opey@ctcak.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 5:54 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

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Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
Re: HB266  
February 17, 2010

My name is David O'Brien; I have been a Cordova resident for 28 years and my wife and I own Cordova Drug Co., Inc., a business that has existed in Cordova since 1908. As a business owner I have a major concern with the future of Cordova. My wife and I have bought a house and land here, and hope to continue living here for years to come. The solvency of Cordova and its economy were the driving forces behind our commitment to buy the business and to live here. The loss of the herring fishery and the reduction of the pink salmon prices over the last few years have had a very deleterious, and some would say disastrous, effect on the economy of Cordova. The major driving force in this community right now is the Copper River Drift Gillnet fishery. This fishery is the backbone of the economy in Cordova. The last few years have seen many small business failures here. I feel that these businesses closed their doors due to the downward fluctuations in the fisheries that they depended on. Every little variance in catch or price sends a ripple through the business community that can be seen in the faces of the citizens and on the countenance of the city itself. A projection of a good run up the Copper awakens everyone, and the forecast of a good price for Copper River Reds and Kings brings Cordova to life. My personal favorite time as a businessman, and as a Cordovan, is standing in the doorway of the drugstore, looking out over the bay, watching the fleet head for the flats on that first opener of the season, it is a very exciting time for me and for all Cordova business people.

I believe that the management of Alaska's fisheries is best left to the scientists that fully understand biology and conservation of fishery resources. ADFG has the tools and expertise to best manage Alaska's fisheries and as a result Alaska has world renowned fisheries that are managed for sustainability. ADFG is fully capable of managing efficiently to ensure adequate stocks for all user groups; during times of shortage, ADFG already restricts the commercial fleet. Alaska Legislature has granted ADFG the authority to manage fisheries based on this, and should continue doing so without legislative interference.

The Copper River supplies Cordova with its life blood. Right now it is the major source of income, employment, and opportunity that Cordova has. Without our current share of the fish that return to the Copper every year, the economy would be in a shambles, and the lives and dreams of the citizens of Cordova would become mere memories.

Several times over the last decade record numbers of salmon ran up the Copper River. It is my understanding that, even with the personal use fishery open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week throughout the season, the personal use fishermen did not catch near the numbers that their current allocation allows them. This community subsists on the current share of the fish that

the commercial fisheries here catch. We are not asking for more, we are just asking for our share and an appropriate time during the season for us to catch them.

I want to live and work here, and there are hundreds of other Cordova residents that love it here and wish for Cordova to prosper. Right now, our share of the salmon that run up the Copper River is one of the only reasons that we can continue to do so. Please bear in mind our dependence on these fish during your discussions and deliberations regarding allocations of this resource. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
David A. O'Brien

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** brian lytle [lytlebrian@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 11:38 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** oppose HB266

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

Dear rep. Edgmon

My name is Brian Lytle and I am against HB266. As a fourth generation copper river commercial fisherman, my livelihood, and the livelihood of much of my family is dependant on us being able to fish the copper river. If HB 266 was to pass my ability to make a living would be devastated. Cordova is a small town and every business is directly dependant on commercial fishing; by removing the main resource that the town rels upon everyone in cordova would suffer. I implore you not to let this happen.

Sincerely, Brian Lytle  
Box 2433 cordova alaska

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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Virgil & Charlette Carroll [cvcarroll@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 8:12 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** Re: HB266

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

Dear Representative Bryce Edgmon:

We are writing to tell you that we OPPOSE the passage of HB266 and URGE you to vote against this bill!! I have lived in Cordova Alaska for most of my life and come from a long line of Commercial fisherman who have depended on the Copper River Fishery for their livelihood! My father fished the Copper River Flats for over 50 years! Fishing was his main source of income and how he supported our family. I have brothers and sons who commercial fish. My Husband is a Commercial Fisherman and is still fishing the Copper River Flats after 40 years! Commercial Fishing has been our main source of income and a way of life these past 40 years! Giving priority to the personal use fishery would devastate the Copper River Fishery and cause many families to loose their way of earning a living! This would also hurt the economy of the City of Cordova by decreasing business for the local businesses, decreasing jobs in the fishing industry, and hurting all aspects of a Community whose main industry is Commercial Fishing! We URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS BILL!  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Charlette J. Carroll  
Virgil L. Carroll  
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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Brian and Lori Lee [blee@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 3:43 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266

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To Legislators: RE HB 266

My name is Brian Lee. I've lived in the MatSu Valley for 55 years. My family and I have depended on commercial fishing for our livelihood for 41 years. I have fished on the Copper River and PWS for 23 years. **I strongly oppose HB 266.**

The commercial fisheries in Area E represent 90 - 95 % of my annual income. HB 266, which would give a priority to upriver dip net fishermen over the commercial fishermen, would have a very significant impact on my ability to provide a living for my family. I disagree that dip net fishermen should have priority over commercial fishermen in times of a weak salmon return. Commercial fishermen have as much right to put "food on their table" through commercial fishing as dip net fishermen through dip netting. I have many friends in the Glacier View area who dip net the Copper every year. I have yet to talk to one dip netter who feels that the current restriction is too little....30 - 40 salmon is a lot of fish to consume in a winter! I feel that there are "customary and traditional" users along the Copper River....the native people who have subsisted on this resource for hundreds of years.

We have a lot of young people investing into the commercial fishery on the Copper. This reflects the health of this industry. In a time of recession we need to be encouraging, not discouraging, economic investment. I have a 21 year old son who is currently buying into the fishery. This is a huge debt load....decisions such as HB 266 could have a huge impact on young people looking to start their own business in PWS.

We have spent years developing markets for our Copper River salmon. HB 266 could be very detrimental to these markets as well as the commercial fleet because of the value of these early reds.

We have a river system which is currently providing for all user groups. I ask you to consider the impact that HB 266 would have on one of the user groups...the commercial fishermen on the Copper River.

Thank you,

Brian Lee

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 5:59 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB266

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**From:** Heidbrink, Mark S (CH2M Hill) [mailto:Mark.Heidbrink@bp.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 5:58 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

Please, Sirs,

I would like to offer my opinion on Bill HB266. Designating military personnel (who are in Alaska two to three years at a time) and other Fairbanks residents as "customary and historical users" of the Copper River Salmon resource would be baffling, at the very least. In terms of "history" the town of Cordova has been economically centered on the Copper River Salmon run for over 100 years. Up-river personal-use fishermen have a long "history" of catching their 30 fish per season (sometimes even 40!!) and still never seem to be satisfied. We as a community have been ceding allocation percentages to other user groups for many years. When is enough enough?! The passage of HB266 would dramatically increase the Copper River Salmon allocation to a user group who already catch more fish than they can possibly use. This would be grossly unjust and unprecedented. Thank you very much.

Mark S. Heidbrink  
Copper River Drifter  
Cordova, Ak.

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 3:22 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB266

**Categories:** Needs Preparation

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**From:** John Platt [mailto:alaskafisherman@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 2:54 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

Dear Representative Edgmon and House Special Committee for Fisheries,

I am writing in opposition to HB 266 "personal use priority". I am a third generation Copper River fisherman. My Grandfather started fishing the Copper in the 1930's and I continue to try to make my living here now. I resent the the fact that other Alaskans feel that it is their priority for access to a resource that has been a life blood for a community dependant on a fishery for the past 130 years. I do not have the luxury or option of shutting down my fishing operation and pursuing work elsewhere should personal use off handedly be given priority in times of shortage. While the numbers of user groups continue to grow in size and number the commercial group number remains static by limited entry. Over the last 30 years commercial harvest allocation has been diminished by the "new" user groups. In giving personal use priority over commercial, the legislature ensures their constituents extra fish for their barbeque. At the same time it threatens a way of life for my family and Cordova.

Sincerely,

John Platt  
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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** James Burton [james.burton@ymail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 3:11 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB 266

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February 17, 2010

James R. Burton  
PO Box 6  
Cordova, Alaska 99574

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 424  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

I have read Mr. Stoltz Sponsor Statement for HB 266. In the spirit of full disclosure, I will say that I am a 30 year old, third generation Alaskan Fisherman who resides in Cordova , Alaska . I also participate in sport and subsistence fisheries in Alaska .

The points I intend to make in this letter have nothing to do with economic impact to my family, to the community of Cordova, or finger pointing at personal use groups.

I intend to instead convince you that fisheries management in Alaska has worked for one reason. Alaska's Constitution and policies implemented by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the Alaska Board of Fisheries mandate maximum sustainable yield for our fisheries. A process exists, by which public involvement, and the best available science is used, to make sound, precautionary, and intelligent decisions regarding Alaska 's fisheries.

I will start by asking you to please read, in its entirety, the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy for the State of Alaska .

Some points I would like to make, directly from this policy are the following:

Alaska's salmon fisheries are healthy and sustainable because of an abundance of pristine habitat, and the application of sound, and precautionary, conservation management practices. In formulating fishery management plans designed to achieve maximum or optimum salmon production, the board and department must consider factors including environmental change, habitat loss or degradation, data uncertainty, limited funding for research and management programs, existing harvest patterns, and new fisheries, or expanding

fisheries. Fishery management plans and programs require specific guiding principles and criteria, and the framework for their application is contained within this policy.

The Board will work to assure that management programs and decision making procedures are able to clearly distinguish, and effectively deal with, biological and allocation issues. The board will recommend to the commissioner AND LEGISLATURE that adequate staff and budget for research, management, and enforcement activities be available to fully implement sustainable salmon fisheries principles.

The Board will work with the commissioner and other agencies to develop effective processes for controlling excess fishing capacity.

Conservation and management decisions for salmon fisheries should take into account the best available information on biological, environmental, economic, social, and resource use factors.

Public support and involvement for sustained use and protection of salmon resources should be sought and encouraged as follows:

- 1) Effective mechanisms for dispute resolution should be developed and used
- 2) Pertinent information and decisions should be effectively disseminated to all interested parties in a timely manner
- 3) The Board's regulatory management and allocation decisions will be made in an open process with public involvement
- 4) An understanding of the proportion of mortality inflicted on each salmon stock by each user group, should be promoted, and the burden of conservation should be allocated across all user groups in a manner consistent with applicable state and federal statutes. In the absence of a regulatory management plan that otherwise allocates or restricts harvest, and when it is necessary to restrict fisheries on salmon stocks where there are known conservation problems, the burden of the conservation shall be shared among ALL fisheries in close proportion to each fisheries' respective use, consistent with State and Federal law.

In the face of uncertainty, salmon stocks, fisheries, artificial propagation, and essentially habitats shall be managed conservatively as follows:

A precautionary approach, involving the application or prudent foresight that takes into account the uncertainties in salmon fisheries and habitat management, the biological, social, cultural, and economic risks, and the need to take action with incomplete knowledge, should be applied to the regulation and control of harvest and other human-induced sources of salmon mortality.

A precautionary approach requires

- 1) Consideration of the needs of future generations and avoidance of potentially irreversible changes.
- 2) Prior identification of undesirable outcomes and of measures that will avoid undesirable outcomes or correct them promptly.
- 3) Initiation of any necessary corrective measure without delay and prompt achievement of the measure's purpose, on a time scale not exceeding five years, which is approximately the generation time of most salmon species.
- 4) That where the impact of resource use is uncertain, but likely presents a measurable risk to sustained yield, priority should be given to conserving the productive capacity of the resource.

The Legislature, in any floor hearing is not the appropriate venue to make decisions on allocation, fishery prioritization, and management simply due to the fact that the guiding principles outlined in the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy are not used by the Legislature. The Legislature has already handed the baton to the

Board of Fisheries on creating appropriate fishery management policies and practices. There is no point, in circumventing the process which has proven to be effective, and conservative, for our salmon stocks.

HB 266 does not take into consideration, a precautionary approach that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the Alaska Board of Fisheries, has already outlined as a paramount part of fishery management in Alaska .

To hamstring the process by which we have shown to be the most effective fishery management in the United States , and arguably the world, is completely inappropriate.

The BOF is taking these issues up during its March meeting where the Chitina Dipnet fishery will be examined, and potentially reclassified. A legislative attempt to re-prioritize Alaska 's fish stocks is premature at best, especially considering that in a month's time, these very issues will be heard by the Board of Fish.

We do not fully know the potential ramifications HB 266 would have, and our Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy already states that a precautionary approach to avoid undesirable outcomes is necessary. I ask that you please let the Board of Fish do their job.

In closing, I ask that HB 266 be set aside or voted down. It is inappropriate, premature, and lacks the scientific basis by which we rely on to ensure the sustainability of Alaska 's fisheries, whether they be subsistence, personal use, sport, or commercial.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

James R. Burton

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 1:49 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266 Opposing

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**From:** Michael Simpson [mailto:lsimpson@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 11:47 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266 Opposing

February 17, 2010

Representative Bryce Edgmon:

I am in opposition to House Bill 266, which will give personal use fisheries priority over sport and commercial fisheries. I was born and raised here in Alaska and have worked as a commercial fisherman out of Cordova since childhood. This bill would not only hurt the small community of Cordova economically but also set a precedent that will affect other small communities around the state in the future. Our current laws have provided sufficient and equal sharing of our Alaskan resource. Why fix what isn't broken. I believe that the way the Copper River is currently managed provides more than enough for all user groups. We should look at more ways to enhance our salmon runs rather than fighting for which user group has priority. I sincerely hope that you will take all information into consideration when you rule on this bill.

Mike Simpson  
17209 Foothill Ave.  
Eagle River, Ask. 99577

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 1:49 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB266

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**From:** dans@mtaonline.net [mailto:dans@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2010 11:10 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** cdfu@ak.net  
**Subject:** HB266

Dear Representative Edgmon,

While I am not a fisherman from Cordova now, I lived and fished there for many years in the 1980's. Cordova represents what I feel is the backbone of Alaska... commercial fishermen who make their living from the sea. They have built lives on a healthy and productive marine ecosystem, and have raised generation after generation pursuing this hard and dangerous work. The community depends on the salmon resource and has always worked hand in glove with the Department of Fish and Game to ensure that the resource is healthy and sustainable.

I have also lived in Fairbanks, Kasilof and Palmer, and have come to know many people involved with the dipnetting of salmon upriver from Cordova. This fishery is in a completely different league than the commercial fishery based in Cordova. The dipnetters rightly enjoy access to salmon to fill their freezers, but it involves perhaps two weekends out of their lives per year, and while a welcome addition to buying food from a grocery store, it is light years away from something they base their lives upon.

The great majority of dipnetters participate in the fishery as a pleasurable and productive distraction in their lives. Cordova fishermen participate in their commercial fishery because it is their lives. Please oppose HB266 and be the voice of wisdom on this issue. Thank you for your time.

Dan Strickland  
Palmer

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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** James Mykland [jl\_mykland@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:16 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark; Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** In opposition to HB 266

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To Timothy Clark,

**First of all I am in strong opposition to HB 266.**

In Representative Stoltze's sponsor statement 1st paragraph, it basically shows the misunderstanding he has of the State's resource and how it should be allocated. "One thing all Alaskans can agree on is that we should have a priority over people coming from elsewhere in the country and the world to utilize and harvest our fisheries resources".

I take strong issue with Rep. Stoltze's statement. What I do know is that the State of Alaska receives more Federal dollars per capita, than any other State in the Union. Considering the people's money we are receiving in this State, what right does Rep. Stoltze have to put one group of people over another. In 2008, \$213,120K per capita in congressional earmarks were given to the State of Alaska. This was the highest given to any State in the nation. In that regard, Alaska has for many years received the highest per capita spending, in all Federal dollars spent, than any other State. Nevada was among the lowest. If I was a resident of Nevada, I would want to know why my government is spending so much money on Alaska, when Alaska is trying to restrict their State resources to "residents only".

In rebuttal to Rep. Stoltze's sponsor statement, I say this: Personal use fisheries do not have the right to have a priority over the State's sport or commercial fisheries.

Why is that so, because:

- 1) Alaskan commercial fisheries employ thousands of workers (that include a high percentage of State residents) all year long.
- 2) Many Alaskan coastal communities rely heavily on the "raw fish tax" that commercial fisheries generate. Without this tax, local municipalities would have to turn to the State for necessary funds. Many local vendors also rely heavily on commercial fishermen buying their products. The City of Cordova Mayor, Tim Joyce, pointed out that for every dollar a commercial fisher is paid, that dollar is then magnified four times in his local community. That dollar exchanges hands four different times within the local communities, and helps support the majority of the local residents.
- 3) The Area E PWS drift salmon permit fishery has highest State residency of any other Alaskan commercial salmon fishery. Over 75% of permit holders are State of Alaska residents.
- 4) Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (based in Cordova), supported by the commercial fishing industry, produces salmon resources that all Alaskan salmon user groups have equal opportunity to harvest.
- 5) Personal use fisheries are not a "subsistence fishery" and never have been. They are a recreational fishery that State residents take part in. The fish resource that is harvested make up a small part of their total food nutritional needs.

Thank you for your consideration,

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February 17, 2010

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February 8, 2010

Chairman Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 424  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Oppose HB266 – “Personal Use Fishing Priority”

Dear Chairman Edgmon,

I am writing to request the Special Committee for Fisheries take no action on HB 266. The CDFU Gillnet Division is strongly opposed to this bill for the following reasons:

Page 56 of the Fishery Management Report No. 08-53 entitled “2007 Prince William Sound Area Finfish Management Report” by Bert Lewis, Jeremy Botz, Rich Brenner, Glenn Hollowell, and Steve Moffitt illustrates why the personal use fishery of the Chitina Subdistrict lacks justification to have priority over Alaska's commercial fishery on the Copper River. Page 28 of the report illustrates that the personal use fishery of the Chitina Subdistrict from 1997 to 2007 has a catch trend of barely being able to harvest the *allocation* that they are already granted. The personal use fishery allocation is a range of 100,000 to 150,000 sockeye salmon, of that range the personal use fishery has 10-year harvest average of 108,790 sockeye salmon. The legislative governing body of the State of Alaska needs to keep in mind that by granting the personal use fishery priority over the commercial fishery that it will bring detrimental consequences.

One, it will allow for personal use fishery users to gain the position to later lobby for a higher allocation number. If, the personal use fishery users become successful with lobbying for a higher allocation this may lead to *management concern* for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G). The management concern is having the Alaska Board of Fish create a *burden of conservation* for ADF&G by requiring them to exceed the current *inriver run goal* for the Copper River. Keep in mind that ADF&G already grants personal use users *reasonable opportunity* for harvesting their allocation and they have a 10-year average of harvesting at the bottom of their allocation. An increase in ADF&G's inriver run goal without an increase in the Chitina Subdistrict's harvest can lead to over escapement, which could therefore place threatening pressure on the *maximum sustained yield* for future run returns of the Copper River salmon.

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A second consequence is lost fish for commercial harvest. Fish that are not caught by commercial harvest is lost revenue for the State of Alaska. The Copper River fishery is already a fully allocated fishery, see section **5AAC 24.360. COPPER RIVER DISTRICT SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN**. Under this section ADF&G is authorized to manage the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery on a sustainable escapement goal of 300,000 - 500,000 sockeye salmon. The sustainable escapement goal is to allow for:

- 300,000 sockeye and 17,500 other salmon for spawning escapement,
- a range of 61,000 - 82,500 salmon for the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery,
- a range of 100,000 - 150,000 salmon for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery,
- 15,000 salmon for the sport fishery, and
- an annual estimation of hatchery brood (sockeye salmon) and hatchery surplus (sockeye salmon).

Comparing the sustainable escapement goal to the 10-year average on *Upriver spawning escapement* (10-year avg. is 518,083), *Copper River delta spawning escapement* (10-year avg. is 158,045), and *Hatchery broodstock/Excess* (10-year avg. is 83,200) on page 56 of the Fishery Management Report No. 08-53 one can confidently draw the conclusion that ADF&G is more than adequately allowing for necessary escapement for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use users.

My final point is to alleviate the fear of over harvest of the Copper River king salmon by the commercial fishing fleet. Reason will show why such a fear should *not* be applied as rational for the personal use fishery of the Chitina Subdistrict to have priority over commercial fishing, and offer a suggestion to improve management of the Copper River. Under section **5AAC 24.361. COPPER RIVER KING SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN** ADF&G is authorized to manage the Copper River commercial and sport fisheries to allow for a sustainable goal of 24,000 or more king salmon. ADF&G is also authorized to manage the commercial fishery on the Copper River District by closing the inside waters, which are behind the barrier islands that divide the Gulf of Alaska from the Copper River Delta east of Steamboat markers to west of Coffee Creek markers, during statistical weeks 20 and 21.

During statistical weeks 20 and 21 ADF&G is prohibited from allowing more than one fishing period per statistical week with the inside waters open to commercial fishing. ADF&G has managed more conservatively than what they are required to do in

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an effort of keeping the commercial fishing fleet restricted in access to the king salmon. Allowing for the personal use fishery to have priority over the commercial fishery on the base of allowing more king salmon upriver to appease personal use users desires should not be reason to restrict access from the commercial fishing fleet. Clearly, the commercial fishery on the Copper River District is closely monitored as-it-is by ADF&G during the statistical weeks of the king salmon run return.

The suggestion that I offer, is to allow for ADF&G to use the commercial fishing fleet as an indicator for managing run strength return rather than just solely relying on the Miles Lake sonar. Allowing the commercial fishing fleet to harvest on the Copper River District at the discretion of the ADF&G, rather than force mandatory inside closures will allow for ADF&G to manage more effectively, because ADF&G will be able to monitor the run strength through sampling what was caught by commercial harvest. Second, if ADF&G feels that the commercial harvest is harvesting too much they can simply (a) close the inside waters of the Copper River District or (b) close the commercial fishery altogether on the Copper River District, both they have done and apply as management tools. Finally, it will alleviate ADF&G's guess work of having to estimate the number of salmon that are above the markers, were commercial fishing is prohibited, and below Miles Lake sonar, which ADF&G wait's to count with the sonar.

Hope you will appreciate this perspective and view it is as strong testimony for OPPOSING HB 266. Thank you all for your service to the Great State of Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

Eric Lian  
CDFU Gillnet Co-Chair  
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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 3:34 PM  
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**From:** Norm [mailto:galeforce@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:43 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

DEAR SIR , I AM A LIFELONG ALASKAN BORN IN THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA IN 1956. I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB266 AND HOPE YOU WILL ALSO. NORMAN H CAMPBELL BOX 873176 WASILLA , AK. 99687

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Dan Bilderback [danbilderback@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 1:09 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** OPPOSE-SJR22 AND HB266 PERSONAL USE DESIGNATED TO SUBSISTENCE CATEGORY

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES

RE: OPPOSE SJR22 and HM266

DEAR SIRs,

I feel that SJR22 and HB266 are political attempts to reallocate fisheries. I believe that all Alaska residents have a right to access our fishery resource. At this time in the Chitna Dipnet personal use fishery on the Copper River, Alaska residents by regulation have ample area, time and bag limits to get enough fish to augment their Nutritional Wants. In times of week returns of salmon the Personal Use fishery should have the same restrictions that the Commercial and Sport fisheries do. I feel that the impetuous for this movement is due to strong political organizations within the state that are working our elected officials during an election year. The poor returns on the Yukon and restrictions following it is a big part of the push for Personal use Dipnetters to move into other areas. The Board of Fish is dealing with this very issue in March.

I ask you to oppose these bills as bad legislation.

Thank

You,

Dan Bilderback

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Alaska Resident 57 years

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** kadams@gci.net on behalf of Ken Adams [kadams@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:30 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB 266 comment

Dear Representative Edgon:

I am a commercial fisherman who resides in Cordova. I am very concerned about the threats that HB 266 pose for us commercial fishermen. I urge you NOT to support this bill. In these days of a damaged , weakened economy, where many have lost their jobs, the prospect of reducing access to fishery resources and threatening our livelihoods ( as commercial fishermen) is simply unacceptable. The main industry of Cordova is commercial fishing. Not only the livelihoods of fishermen and their families would be negatively impacted if this bill should pass but all the businesses having anything to do with our industry would be negatively impacted as well; other businesses such as hardware stores, groceries, mechanics shops, fisheries supply stores, not to mention crews, gear repairing personnel, and the entire town dependent upon raw fish tax revenues received from the state. These tax monies help support schools ( and by the way, we are very proud of our school system.) We do not want to reduce the productivity and wholesomeness of our community. The prospect of personal use being elevated to a subsistence status is unsupportable and preposterous. Where is the justification for individuals that **already have jobs** ; a largely urban group that participate in a personal use activities that threaten the livelihoods of commercial fishermen and the economies of the communities in which they live?? I urge your support. Please vote against HB 266.

Yours truly, Kenneth Adams

Fax 907 465-3445

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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** page herring [inletgirl@ctcak.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 3:22 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266-OPPOSED

To: Bryce Edgmon  
RE: HB266

Dear Sirs,

My name is Page Herring, I grew up in Anchorage, AK, lived in the Mat-Su for 22 years and now reside in Cordova, AK. I fish commercially in Cook Inlet at Pt. Mackenzie, which the author of this bill, Mr. Stolze, can see from his district.

The Northern District Set Net fishery is over 100 years old, is 100% Alaskan and 100% **OPPOSED** to HB 266.

The personal use fishery in Cook Inlet last year took approximately 475,000 fish. My little commercial fishery would have to fish for five seasons to equal that number

From where I (and the other set netters that sit on the beach), it looks like the personal use fishery already has a priority

Page Herring  
Northern District Set Netter, Cook Inlet.  
PO Box 2404, Cordova AK  
907-351-5883

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** lloyd Montgomery [petdahl@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 6:47 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** Re:HB 266 ---Personal Use Priority

**Dear Representative Edgmon**

as one of there very few last alaskan native permit holder as a gill netter of (area e ) and once a permit holder of a seine permit , never missed a season on the copper river,I have seen a lot of changes, we at one time fished from st Elias to cape suckling , that was taken from the copper river fisherman ,for some years now we have lost more area, the whole inside of the copper is not available for the copper river fisherman,and now this what has happened to the real ALASKA , the way of life for a commercial fisherman provide a very special product , for many to enjoy across the united states , come may 15 there's a lot of people looking forward to a nice RED salmon and King salmon meal , which provides income for the commercial fisherman and many of the local merchants, canneries and and cannery workers.Most of all a boost to the Moral of a fisherman knowing they are feeding hundreds of people all over the world. What did we do to deserve to have our life style that We have had for many who depend on may I ask, the present system has been working now for a long time and there has been an escapement year after year , if the system is changed with no management up the copper the life cycle of the salmon will trampled on ,Thats where there will be no more returning of the salmon. so please consider not in favor of HB266 , the present fish and game has been doing a very good job in cordova alaska on management why change somethiung that is working for the best interest of all LLoyd Montgomery wasilla ak 19078413394 [petdahl@gamil.com](mailto:petdahl@gamil.com)

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** dundas@ak.net on behalf of James & Dea Dundas [dundas@ak.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 6:49 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** OPPOSE HB 266 Personal Use Fishing Priority

**Importance:** High

February 15, 2010

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol Room 424  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE HB266 Personal use Fishing Priority

Dear Representative Edgmon,

I was born and raised in Cordova and now am raising my family here. We are a commercial fishing family. I am writing to let you know we oppose HB 266- "Personal Use Fishing Priority".

My family and our community is very dependent on the commercial fishing industry. This bill would devastate our family and our community.

We oppose HB 266- Personal Use Fishing Priority.

Dea Dundas  
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**Subject:** FW: Oppose HB 266

**From:** Dave Branshaw <[davidbranshaw@gci.net](mailto:davidbranshaw@gci.net)>  
**Date:** February 15, 2010 7:00:13 PM AKST  
**To:** "bryce edgmon"@legis.state.ak.us  
**Cc:** CDFU Rochelle van den Broek <[cdfu@ak.net](mailto:cdfu@ak.net)>, "timothy clark"@legis.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 266

Sirs,

As a 30 year Alaska resident and commercial fisherman I strongly oppose HB 266. This bill is an attempt by special interest to circumnavigate the board of fisheries process. We here in Alaska have the strongest and best managed fisheries on the planet. Our system works because it is somewhat insulated from policies. I Live in a rural community that has limited economic opportunity. Commercial fishing for salmon is our economic mainstay. Allow the board of fisheries process to run its course.

respectfully

David Branshaw  
F/V Callamar  
PO Box 2241  
Cordova Alaska 99574

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** dundas@ak.net on behalf of James & Dea Dundas [dundas@ak.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 7:28 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 266 Personal Use Fishing Priority

**Importance:** High

February 15, 2010

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol Room 424  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE HB266 Personal use Fishing Priority

Dear Representative Edgmon,

I am an Alaskan citizen and I have been Commercial Fishing out of Cordova for 30 years. I live in Cordova, a rural community and I am raising my family here. We are a commercial fishing family. I am writing to let you know we **oppose HB 266**- "Personal Use Fishing Priority".

Cordova is very dependent on commercial fishing. Our towns economy is supported by commercial fishing. I support my family by commercial fishing. This bill would devastate our family and our community.

We **oppose HB 266**- Personal Use Fishing Priority.

James Dundas  
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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** brent davis [bdavis\_ak@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 8:06 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** Comments on HB266

Members of the Special Committee of Fisheries,

I urge you to oppose HB266. I am a commercial fisherman. Myself and my family live in Cordova. Our livelihood depends on a healthy salmon resource. We are blessed to have a healthy salmon resource. The Dept. of Fish and Game have done a wonderful job of managing the salmon resource. Please don't compromise the Departments' ability by legislating a personal use priority in times of scarcity. We all should share in times of abundance and share in times of scarcity. The Board of Fish is also taking up this issue in March. Why not allow them to make a qualified decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

Brent Davis  
200 S. 2nd St.  
PO Box 1171  
Cordova, Alaska 99574  
907-424-7655

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** david blount [dkblount@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:04 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** oppose HB 266

Dear Representative Clark

Please table House Bill 266. This action will allow the Board of Fisheries to settle the issue of fishing priorities. That is what the board was set up for and this system has worked well for many years. All Alaskans have a right to their fish and game when stocks are healthy. However, some people "need" to have access to these resources for their very survival. My family and community of Cordova depend on fishing for our economic survival. Many upstream people who are traditional subsistence users "need" access to these fish to survive. The "wants" of people who choose to live in cities hundreds of miles away from the resource should not take priority over these people who need access to the resource to live. Thank you for your time and consideration of my family and community's plight.

David and Donna Blount  
Box 1912  
Cordova AK 99574

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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Tim & Peggy Moore [seascape@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 12:18 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266

Dear Representative Edgmon:

My name is Timothy Moore and I live in Homer Alaska. I am a commercial fishermen and have participated in this endeavor around the state since 1984. I raised my four children in Alaska and three of the four still reside in Alaska with their spouses. Our entire family sport fishes the entire year and personal use fishes when the opportunity presents itself. We all enjoy the wonderful fish resources of this great state.

In regard to HB266 I would say that the legislative and political process of our state can only say one thing. No action! On many other occasions politicians have taken opportunities to sponsor Bills to in effect circumvent the Board of Fish process to change allocation of fish or game in Alaska. When this occurs sound policy should ensure that the emotional and political driven Bills that change not only the allocation of Fish and Game resources but replace the work of the Board of Fish should be avoided.

After participating and observing many Board of Fish meetings that require days and days of work by the Board, I would think that the legislature would carefully consider taking on allocation decisions of Fish and Game.

I chose to not discuss the merits of HB266 because I believe it is more important for the Board of Fish process to be maintained and for this reason HB266 should see no consideration.

Sincerely,  
Timothy J. Moore  
PO Box 1646  
Homer, Alaska

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** cliffw@att.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 6:09 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266

Cliff Ward  
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Cordova, AK 99574  
(907)424-5188  
[cliffw@att.net](mailto:cliffw@att.net)

2/16/2010

Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
Special committee on fisheries  
State Capitol Rm. 421  
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Sir,

I'm writing in opposition to HB266 as a resident subsistence resource user and commercial fisherman of the river w/it's terminus closest my town. I'm also a supporting member of CDFU and agree with it's submitted statement of opposition.

I'd like to point out however that Cordova and other communities of PWS not only have traditionally relied on the resources in our midst but have a proven track record of defending the eco-systems that help the state to sustain their continued health in abundance . Cordova our other neighbors in the Sound are on constant call to respond to oil spills, the EVOS being 1st case in point. We are first responders in that regard and are striving to win citizen oversight of the ailing 31+year old 900 mile long Trans Alaska Pipeline....that transits many areas that could drain into tributaries of the Copper River...should there be a rupture and spill. Prevention is key to all user groups' well-being and continued access.

Traditional use of resources should remain unchanged to enable continued protection of the State's resources and help enable ADF&G it's highest level of management.

Changing personal use access now for more urban residents that may move to the state is not sound management practices.

Thank you for all your good work and consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Cliff Ward

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Diane Wiese [windybay@ctcak.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:53 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** Re: HB 266

On Feb 8, 2010, at 5:29 PM, Diane Wiese wrote:

> To Timothy Clark  
> I live at 6.5 mi, Copper River HWY Cordova, AK. Born and raised in  
> Cordova and grew up on a commercial fishing boat with my parents  
> fishing for salmon. We also subsistence fished halibut, clams and  
> salmon. As a local user of salmon for subsistence and a commercial  
> fisher, I oppose HB 266. The thought that a personal use fishery could  
> be given priority over commercial and sport fishing doesn't set with  
> me well. We already have a federaly mandated subsistence fishery that  
> kicks into play in the time of need and is followed by a state  
> subsistence fishery that reins priority over PU, sportfish and  
> commercial. I believe that in the time of shortage there won't be  
> enough to allow a PU fishery and achieve the goals of subsistence and  
> salmon spawning escapement. The timing of reporting requirements of  
> fish catches in a personal use fishery could easily wipe out a run of  
> wild salmon before ADFG would be able to respond to catch data. I  
> don't believe the PU fishery has been denied fishing oppertunity in  
> the past so why should they be given any priority status? Our  
> community primarily relies on commercial fishing as a source of income  
> and a large number of commercial fishermen are Alaskans. We also have  
> a large number of young people that are either directly involved or  
> indirectly involved in the commercial fisheries that help to put  
> themselves through collage and other avenues that guide them through  
> life. I don't think the PU fishery will suffer a great loss when this  
> bill is denied for they will travel to where ever the larger runs of  
> fish are entering!  
> Thank you for your time.  
> JOHN P. WIESE

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** newirth@ak.net on behalf of Fred Newirth [newirth@ak.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2010 8:14 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB 266

Dear Rep. Bryce Edgmon, i strongly oppose HB 266. i have been living and commercial fishing in cordova since 1976. i have raised 2 children here. cordova and other coastal towns depend solely on comm. fishing. subsistence should have the only priority over comm, personal use ,or sports in time of shortages. sincerely, fred newirth, p.o. box 1102, # 4  
blacksheep dr. cordova, ak. 99574 907-424-7670

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 10:28 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose HB266

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**From:** Chris & Vicki Johnson [mailto:mofish@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 7:48 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Oppose HB266

February 15, 2010

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 421  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: House Bill 266 – Personal Use Fishing Priority

Dear Representative Edgmon and House Special Committee for Fisheries,

I am writing to oppose House Bill 266, which gives personal use fisheries priority over sport and commercial fisheries. I am a commercial fisherman, as were my father and his father. I have fished the Copper River since 1982. I hope that one of my sons will be able to keep our family tradition alive by participating in what is a traditional fishery.

The participants of the commercial fishery support the economies of Cordova, Chenega, Valdez, and many other towns and villages across Alaska. The economic damage that would be caused by creating a personal use priority is not justified. True subsistence does, and should have priority, but it should not be expanded to include what is basically a sport fishery.

The Board of Fish is where this issue should be resolved and they are scheduled to address it at their next round of hearings. Please let them do their job and table House Bill 266.

Respectfully,

Chris Johnson  
PO Box 1665  
711 6th Ave.  
Space #1  
Cordova, AK 99574

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 10:28 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB #266

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**From:** Bill Bailey [mailto:fvshiloh@copperriverseafood.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 7:59 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Rochelle van den Broek  
**Subject:** HB #266

Dear Rep. Edgemon,

I am writing this letter in opposition of House Bill #266. To give the Personal use Fishery priority over the Commercial Fishery would be an economic blow, not only to the State, but all the Coastal Communities and their residents, that depend on the Commercial Fisheries in one way or another. This bill was brought on to the floor by a group of people that want access to more salmon, not because they need them to survive, but for the sport of doing it. In saying this, I believe that the personal Use Fishery is, and should be classified as a sport fishery, and should follow under those rules and regulations. Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries should have preference over all other user groups. Personal Use fisherman do not depend on the fishery to pay their bills and support a family. Once again it is a question of want not need, and little economic gain to the State of Alaska. I have lived in Alaska for 64 years, I am a Subsistence user, a Commercial Fisherman, and one of the owners of a fish processing plant called Copper River Seafood Inc. If you really want to help, lets pass a Bill that would generate more money for the Department of Fish and Game to better manage the fishery, which is why we have them. Thank you for the opportunity to speak out against this Bill.

Thank You,

## Bill Bailey III

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 10:28 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** mwei@xyz.net [mailto:mwei@xyz.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 9:35 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

Dear Sir,

My father started commercial fishing the Copper River and Prince William Sound in 1966, I grew up fishing with him starting 39 years ago, and currently own purse seine and gillnet operations in PWS and Copper River. My three sons also grew up fishing with me and all currently have their own gillnet operations, they want to be commercial fishermen for the rest of their lives. We, as a family, are fully invested and committed to the fisheries that would be affected negatively by HB266.

Subsistence users have and always should have priority over personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries. This bill seeks to give preferential treatment to one non-subsistence user group over others in times of shortfall in fish runs.

Unless personal use is reclassified as subsistence use, it(personal use) is no more or less deserving than sport or commercial fishing in times of run shortages.

To my knowledge, when I started fishing 39 years ago the personal use fishery did not exist, certainly not in its current form or at anywhere near its current volume. I am amazed that these relative 'newcomers' would attempt to secure for themselves a priority that should only be reserved for historical and traditional users, residents of the river drainage who have truly subsisted for generations on the fish of the Copper River.

I strongly oppose HB266, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has proven to me that for the past 27 years that I have fished the Copper River on my own, they are fully capable of managing this river system very well, in fact it has been the most stable red salmon fishery in the state that I know of. The Copper River has consistently experienced escapement numbers well in excess of the maximum sustained yield escapement guidelines established by the Board of Fish and ADF&G biologists.

In 2008 the commercial fleet caught an extremely small amount of red salmon in the Copper River fishery and yet escapement still exceeded guidelines by a generous amount. I was returning from a sheep hunt on August 16th of 2008, and was amazed to see dozens of photographs at the Glenallen tourist information center of groups of people displaying limits of red salmon all of which were caught in the previous two days. The information center was advertising the great fishing as still in progress... this occurred even while commercial fishermen recorded their lowest catch in decades. The point is that even in times of shortage, the fisheries managers at ADF&G did a good job of making sure that escapement for the future was not jeopardized by the commercial fleet. And for any who were willing to make the trip to the upper Copper River in August, there was an abundance to harvest, that according to the Glenallen information center.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Tutt

Steve Tutt, Eric, Joel, and Colten Tutt

P.O. Box 1105  
Homer, Ak. 99603

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 10:28 PM  
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**From:** Danny Carpenter [mailto:ambergris905@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 9:09 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

Dear Rep. Edgmon and House Special Committee for Fisheries,

I am corresponding with you today in opposition to HB 266. I've resided in Cordova and owned and operated a commercial driftnet operation for 25 years. Cordova has depended on commercial fishing for over 100 years and after the Exxon Valdez oil spill we were especially dependent on the Copper River gillnet fishery for almost a decade.

My biggest concern with HB 266 is that this legislation does away with subsistence fishing by giving every resident in the state the same access that the current subsistence groups have. I support the subsistence fishery as it currently is managed, but there will be no end to the problems created by the unlimited subsistence this bill will create.

If you look at the management of the Copper River fishery it has been one of the most stable, best managed fisheries in Alaska based on consistent escapement. In 2008 the commercial fishery was closed for 3 weeks to insure adequate escapement on the Copper. This was a hardship for the commercial fleet, but we understood that upriver escapement for stable returns was most important. Incidentally the personal use limits were increased that season due to over escapement due to this closure.

This legislation will undermine the current Board of Fish process by legislating allocation, involve the Feds by giving subsistence to any and every state resident rural and urban, create insurmountable obstacles to management for Fish and Game, and most likely destroy an economic sector that cannot drive from fishery to fishery like the current personal use fisherman due to area restrictions and limited entry. Do you really want to put more people out of work in this economy, especially many folks that have significant state loans on boats and permits?

I think all Alaska residents have a right to adequate access of fish and game. I also think this bill will create many more problems than it will solve and that the regular Board of Fish method of proposals and hearings is a much better way of dealing with these matters. One last thing. When was the last time that there were not adequate fish for all upriver users and are there currently any truly accurate numbers for the upriver take on Copper River salmon?

Respectfully, Danny Carpenter  
507 4th Street  
Cordova, Alaska 99574

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 10:29 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: Personal use fishery

-----Original Message-----

**From:** westwind@ak.net [mailto:westwind@ak.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 9:55 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Personal use fishery

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova whose livelihood depends on the Copper River salmon. My family depends on the modest income I receive from fishing the "flats" and also from the fish I bring home to fill the freezer to feed my family.(less than 30) The whole town of Cordova has been relying on the Copper River for its livelihood since the early days of its' history. You might say our community subsists on the Copper River and its' wonderful supply of salmon. The fishery has a direct impact on me and my family's life so please consider us and do not place personal use ahead of us in order of importance. It would have very negative effects on the economy of many families and businesses of Cordova. Thank you for your consideration. Erik Kokborg, po box 1754, Cordova, Alaska. 99574.

February 15, 2010

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 421  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: House Bill 266 – Personal Use Fishing Priority

Dear Representative Edgmon and House Special Committee for Fisheries,

I am writing to oppose House Bill 266, which gives personal use fisheries priority over sport and commercial fisheries. I am a second generation commercial fisherman that depends on accesses to Copper River salmon for my livelihood. Providing a personal use fishing priority would put additional limitations on the commercial fishing fleet in times of poor salmon returns. Such limitations would result in economic hardship for both the commercial fishing fleet and the town of Cordova. Please protect an important source of revenue for Alaskans and oppose House Bill 266.

Ken Carlson  
2172 Stanford Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99508

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Wade Buscher [wildcatchdirect@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2010 8:04 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266

**From:** Wade Buscher <[wildcatchdirect@earthlink.net](mailto:wildcatchdirect@earthlink.net)>  
**Date:** February 8, 2010 7:29:38 AM HST  
**To:** [Representative Bryce Edgmon@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Bryce_Edgmon@legis.state.ak.us)  
**Subject:** HB266

Dear Sirs,

Back in Dec. '09, Judge MacDonald delivered his Summary Judgement decision for the case Alaska Outdoor Council and Chitna Dipnetters Assoc. vs. the State of Alaska which aims to reclassify the dipnet fishery on the Copper River from 'personal use' to 'subsistence use'. In this summary the Judge ruled in favor of the State of Alaska but requested that the Board of Fish better define the term "subsistence way of life". Using this clarified definition of subsistence, the Board of Fisheries will take up this matter at the March 16 meeting to determine if reclassification of the dipnet fishery is warranted.

In regards to Mr. Stolz's HB266 which aims to give equal priority for 'personal use' and 'subsistence' fisheries during times of limited stock, please keep in mind that this is essentially the same matter before the Board of Fisheries as stated above. Thus it is my opinion that HB266 is premature in it's proposal and should be tabled at least or until the BoF makes their final determination.

Sincerely,

Wade Buscher

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** marking@gci.net on behalf of The Kings [marking@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2010 9:35 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB 266

February 12, 2010

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 424  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB 266 – Personal Use Fishing Priority

Dear Representative Edgmon,

I am fifty-five years old and a life-long resident of Cordova, Alaska; my wife is a resident of Alaska for thirty-one years. We raised our three children here. I am also a fourth generation commercial fisherman and have spent my entire life fishing the Copper River Delta and Prince William Sound. I am a tribal member of the Native Village of Eyak.

Our very lives depend upon the return of the salmon and it is of utmost importance to us that the resource remain healthy and strong. Cordova's main industry is and has been commercial fishing for the past hundred and thirty years. We believe that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has helped keep the salmon resource healthy through their management.

Almost the entire commercial fishing fleet in Cordova are residents of the State of Alaska, so HB 266 is dubious in nature. The salmon provide food for our families and paychecks to sustain our lives in this great land. Many times we've had to tighten the belt or seek a second and third job when a salmon season is weak, yet we've managed to get by. But if the intent of HB 266 is to further restrict commercial fishing, Cordova will suffer tremendous consequences. Do the supporters of this piece of legislation really want this? This could trigger many Cordova families moving into the Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks areas and taking jobs in already saturated markets, or even worse, leaving the State altogether.

Please see the implications of HB 266 in their entirety and act accordingly. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mark King  
PO Box 965  
Cordova, AK 99574  
907-424-3373  
[marking@gci.net](mailto:marking@gci.net)

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Art Brown Sr. [daddoo@acetylene-computing.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 8:00 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

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Dear Rep. Edgmon,  
Please support and encourage others to support this bill as it affects many Alaskans especially in these tough economic times. My employer let 6 people go in one of the two stores in anchorage and those same positions were eliminated in all the stores nationwide, this all happened within the last two weeks.  
Arthur L. Brown Sr.  
501 Bitterroot Circle #1  
Anchorage AK 99504  
[daddoo@acetylene-computing.com](mailto:daddoo@acetylene-computing.com)

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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** James Mykland [jl\_mykland@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 05, 2010 8:38 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

To Representative Edgmon,

I am strongly oppose to HB 266. I have been a commercial fishermen based out of Cordova, AK since 1974. I do not work for Alyeska, I do not have a 401K retirement plan.

Subsistence is the only priority, period. Personal use fisheries do not have more right to the State's fish resources than sports or commercial.

Thanks for your consideration,

James Mykland

PO Box 1241

121 W Davis Ave

Cordova, AK 99574

907 903 8251

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Dennis McGuire [nelliejuan@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 06, 2010 5:08 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

To the Special Committee for fisheries,

I am a 9-10 month resident of Cordova Alaska, and lifelong commercial fisherman. I am heavily invested in the Copper River fishery and in the town of Cordova. Most every penny I make stays in Cordova and Alaska, as I have an outside commercial building in Port Townsend, much of what I make in Washington winds up in Alaska as well. I have fished the Copper River for 30 years and have watched the fishermen of this town work closely with the Department of Fish and Game to keep the Copper River Run strong. I am appalled at HB266. I spoke with the Ak. Dept of fish and game at their booth at Fish Expo in Seattle and came away with the understanding that they really do not have the resources for proper enforcement of the upriver fisheries, albeit they do the best they can with what they have. It appears the Personal Use Fishery is growing at such an alarming pace, the River will not be able to sustain all user groups.

The Gillnet fleet is the best management tool Fish and Game has to allow the appropriate escapement upriver: We are the front gate, and The Department of Fish and Game can regulate the gate to achieve the proper representation of the run curve upriver. Please leave the status quo as is. It's been working well over all these years and will work well long into the future.

Thank you for your time,

Dennis McGuire

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** micah ess [micahfishes@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 06, 2010 12:17 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Regarding HB 266: A statement of opposition.

Hello Mr. Edgmon,

My Name is Micah Ess, and I am writing to you today because I am very concerned about the ramifications of House Bill 266. I was raised on a houseboat in Prince William Sound and have spent my whole life on the water. I am now 29 years old and have had my own gillnetting operation for 6 years. I am known in my community for my unbiased view points and for not just towing the commercial fisherman's party line in issues concerning allocation and resource management. I want all residents of Alaska to have access to our resources.

That being said, I feel that HB 266 is a big step in the wrong direction. Personal Use is an important, albeit vague, allocation, and it is currently a way for many Alaskans to get fish in the freezer. Make no mistake though, this is an issue of WANT, not NEED. Subsistence users and Commercial users need to have priority access to the fish on poor run years. It is our way of life. We need to make a living. Without fishing, we have no income, and the economy suffers. Can Personal Use fishermen make that claim? No. Personal Use fishermen WANT equal access to fish stocks because it stings to be told that they can't harvest fish on poor return years. This is a sad situation and I feel for them, but it is simply not a necessity for them to harvest those fish. It is not a part of their traditional lifestyle.

Furthermore, the management of the Upper Copper River right now is non-existent, and I have heard very troubling rumors of over-harvesting and degradation of spawning areas. This situation should be looked at more closely and a proper management plan, including funding for enforcement, should be looked into. The lion's share of Copper River Fishermen are indeed Alaskan residents and many of us are 2nd and 3rd generation fishermen. I humbly ask that you take the time to properly review the motives and intentions of this proposed Bill and assess the potential for these "Personal Use" fishermen to be crusading sport-oriented fishermen who would like the River to be as full of fish as possible.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Micah Ess

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Makena OToole [makena\_otoole@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 06, 2010 12:42 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** House Bill 266

To whom it may concern,

My name is Makena O'Toole I am a resident of Cordova and a Copper River commercial fisherman. I am 24 years old and have a 7month old baby with my fiance. I depend on the copper river fishery for the majority of my income. I am just one of many young Alaskan fishermen starting families who depend on this resource. When you consider that permits are currently over \$100,000 and a decent boat runs about the same. Many of us will not even be able to make our payments if we lose our priority in the fishery. The people who count on this resource for survival are the subsistence and commercial users. Our communities survival depends on it. The personal use users don't NEED this resource they just want it and have more resources to try to obtain it. I hope that you will consider the communities that will be effected by this at both ends of the river.

Sincerely, Makena O'Toole

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** tim cabana [timcabana@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 8:39 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon

Be carefull here, these laws although ment to do one thing often end up with different results, Does this mean ADF&G will have to see how many PU fisherman show up and what there catch is in some faraway creek or river before managing for openers? We have the best managed fisheries in the world, watched and used as examples of good management around the globe, leave them to do there job. This seems to be aimed at the Copper River fishery and is to be taken up at the march Board of Fish meetings. Let them sort it out there instead of affecting the entire State. Thank you for your time, Tim Cabana Life time Alaskan, and Fisherman, sport personal and commercial.

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Tom Carpenter [whiskeyridge@ctcak.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 9:01 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Fw: hb266

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Tom Carpenter  
**To:** bryce\_edgmon@legis.state.ak.us  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 12:16 PM  
**Subject:** hb266

Dear Rep. Edgmon, I write to you in opposition to HB 266. This proposed legislation would completely change the way the state manages its fisheries. This bill would circumvent the unique board of fisheries process that makes this states management system so personal to all users. Commercial fisheries are one of this states top economic forces, utilizing our natural resources and creating thousands of jobs in coastal communities. Allowing personal use fisheries to have priority over commercial fisheries would have devastating effects on all coastal communities in Alaska. Currently, in times of shortage, subsistence fisheries would have the highest priority, followed by commercial fisheries. If this bill were adopted, commercial fisheries would be curtailed, thus having a catastrophic effect in coastal communities. This would cause high levels of unemployment in an already badly damaged economy. In stead of creating divisive legislation, maybe it is finally time for the state to deal with the subsistence issue.

Sincerely, Tom Carpenter  
Cordova

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Frank Mullen [mullenf@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2010 12:30 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** SJR22 and HB266

Dear Rep. Edgmon;

I urge you to NOT SUPPORT SJR22 and HB266.

Both of these items are simply political grandstanding, and a continuing effort by many to displace the commercial fishing industry in the State of Alaska.

There is a fundamental concept of law at play here: The Feds (not the State) own our anadromous fish! (see: Magnuson Stevens Act) I believe Federal law prevails.

When the above concept is understood and combined with the FACT that the State of Alaska, over the years, has mismanaged fisheries (especially Cook Inlet) based on political whim rather than good fisheries science, you can see that SJR22 and HB266 are illogical and transparent attempts to gain constituent favor by the sponsors. Hmmm.. is this an election year?

Thank you,

Frank Mullen  
Homer, Alaska

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** William Lindow [williamlindow@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2010 9:01 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Dear Representative Edgmon and House Special Committee for Fisheries:

I am writing in opposition of HB 266 regarding a "personal use fishing priority". This bill seeks to grant essentially the same access privileges to personal use fishermen that are currently enjoyed by subsistence fishermen under state law.

The negative impacts of this bill will chiefly be felt by the commercial and sport fisheries in those regions of the state with road accessible personal use fisheries such as the Kenai, Kasilof and Copper rivers. As a commercial and sport fisherman from Cordova, I am very dependant on my access to the salmon of the Copper River. Putting a subsistence-like priority on the personal use fisheries, will, in times of poor salmon returns, cause additional restrictions to the gillnet fleet. This will result in very significant economic hardship to all of the 500-plus permit holders, the city of Cordova, and all the other Alaskan cities where these fishermen reside.

I imagine that every Alaskan would like to qualify as a subsistence user, but I feel that this would not be just or prudent for the state to allow this. Subsistence priority should be based somehow on need rather than want, and should not be granted to all who wish for it. The negative effects to other users of the state's resources are simply too great.

I hope you will join me in opposing HB 266.  
Sincerely, William Lindow  
P.O. Box 1612  
Cordova, AK 99574

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 13, 2010 5:36 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: Please support SJR22 & HB266

**From:** Lucy Bishop [mailto:Lucky8118@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 13, 2010 11:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Please support SJR22 & HB266

Please vote for SJR22 & HB266 !



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**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** art trenholme, ph.d. [art65@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 06, 2010 6:55 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** dip netting

Sir: I strongly support putting Alaskan citizens ahead of commercial fishermen when dipnetting is an issue. I urge you to vote for HB 266 and SJR 22 to get them out of committee and on to the House floor. thanks...art trenholme, muldoon

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Roy Slemp [rslempusa@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 5:46 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** SJR22 and HB266

Dear Representative Edgmon,

I rely heavily on dipnetting to sustain my family. Please vote to pass HB266 and SJR22.

Thank you,  
Roy Slemp

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Marcie & Dan [bentti@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 6:31 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** SJR22/Bil 266

Please pass these out of committee and let the house vote!

Dan Bentti

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Frank Casey [profishguide@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 8:11 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Rep. Bill Stoltze  
**Subject:** Support SJR22 and HB266

Dear Sirs,

I am glad to see that there are a few looking out for Alaskans right to gather thier own food sources. Its one of the reasons I came to Alaska, so please support SJR22 and HB266.

*Thanks,  
Frank Casey  
po box 343  
Clam Gulch, AK 99568*

**907-252-4525 cell**

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**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Clemens M. Clooten [cmclooten@ci.fairbanks.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2010 8:44 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** SJR 22 and HB266

Representative Edgmon,  
Please pass the two above bills so Alaskans can continue to provide fish for their families.  
Thank you for your work.

Clem Clooten

HB266--Bonnie Borba Email

From: Bonnie Borba [borba@mosquitonet.com]

Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 9:58 PM

To: Rep. Bryce Edgmon

Subject: Support SJR22 and HB266

Dear Representative Bryce,

I was born and raised here in Alaska and my brothers and I grew up hunting, trapping and fishing with our parents. Chitna dip netting of sockeye and Chinook salmon has been a stable source of quality food of our family. We are now on our third generation of family members now dipping to provide salmon to our parents and grandparents. Occasionally we get only a few but we are usually the diehard shore based dippers that usually get our limit if not one trip maybe a second. The trip is a family affair and the salmon are better than anything you can buy at a store. I understand the commercial aspect of the fishery as well but many of these fishermen are not even from our state and precedence lies with subsistence priority first before commercial fisheries, subsistence means food for local peoples and in this state means all residents. Chitna is not an easy place to fish and it is not for everyone because of the difficult river and weather. I typically do not sport fish because if I catch a fish I am going to eat it. I do not understand totally the reason why this fishery got changed to a personal use fishery but you should be thinking of the families this resource is providing for -the everyday working man.

Please support SJR22 and HB266.

Bonnie Borba

**From:** Ricky Gease [Ricky@kenairiversportfishing.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2010 6:34 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Bob Buch; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Carl Gatto  
**Subject:** HB 266 - House Fisheries Committee Testimony

Dear Representative Edgmon:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public testimony on HB 266 during the House Fisheries Committee meeting today.

As stated in my testimony, Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) supports HB 266, which provides for a priority for a fishery that is restricted to residents when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve an escapement goal.

Please include these additional written comments to my oral testimony for KRSA.

**Comparable to existing state subsistence fisheries policy.** As noted in oral testimony, the state of Alaska already provides for a priority for a fishery that is restricted to residents when fishing restrictions are implemented for conservation measures, that being the state subsistence fisheries, applicable in state designated subsistence areas.

The state subsistence fisheries are consumptive fisheries that provide important food resources to state residents.

HB 266 extends this existing practice to include the state personal use fisheries, which, like the state subsistence fisheries, are restricted to residents only and are consumptive in nature. Both subsistence and personal use fisheries provide Alaskans with important food resources, and both provide a primary means to put Alaska fisheries resources on the table as food in Alaskan households.

Personal use fisheries occur in both subsistence and non-subsistence areas of the state, and are only open to residents. All personal use fisheries have reporting requirements, usually by permit, in place to track harvest, which aids in data collection and law enforcement. Harvest (usually household) limits and season limits also apply.

Thus both the state subsistence and personal use fisheries are resident only fisheries, consumptive in nature, and provide a means for Alaskans to put food on their plates. As such, we feel HB 266 falls in line with existing state policy that provides for a priority during times of conservation concern for resident only, consumptive fisheries.

**Conservation:** As not all conservation goals are monitored with escapement goals, we recommend that the language of "escapement goal" be changed to read "conservation goal."

Other observations include the fact that often times through harvest, season and area restrictions, conservation measures are already built into the management of personal use fisheries.

For instance, the personal use sockeye fisheries on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers have numerous conservation restrictions built into their management plans, as does the Fish Creek in the northern Cook Inlet district (which

was closed for seven of the past ten years for conservation measures while other sockeye sport and commercial fisheries in Cook Inlet remained open).

The two personal use sockeye fisheries on the Kenai Peninsula have a shortened season compared to either the sport or commercial fisheries. On the Kenai River, the personal use sockeye fishery ends on July 31, whereas the commercial fishery can extend to August 15 and the sport sockeye fishery does not have a season end date. The earlier closure date for the Kenai personal use fishery is reflective of changes in run timing of a mixed stock fishery and incorporates conservation concerns for Chinook and coho harvests in August.

Whereas the sport and commercial fisheries do not have annual limits, personal use fisheries do in many instances. Currently the household limit for the personal use sockeye fisheries on the Kenai Peninsula are 25 for head of household, plus ten per additional family member. Harvest data indicates that the mean number of individuals per permit is three, the mean harvest per household is 15, and the mean harvest per individual is five.

The harvest numbers indicate that on average the mean personal use harvest of sockeyes on the Kenai Peninsula is equal to one daily bag limit in the sport fishery (six sockeye per person) when the return is forecast to be over two million sockeye (majority of years) and two daily bag limits of three fish per day (no annual limit) on years when the forecast is less than two million returning sockeye.

So for harvest of sockeye salmon in the personal use fisheries on the Kenai Peninsula, the personal use fisheries have a conservative annual limit already built in when compared to the sport or commercial fisheries.

That same conservative approach is taken also with Chinook salmon: on the Kaslof River, whereas both the commercial and sport fisheries are allowed to harvest Chinook salmon, the personal use fishery does not allow for such harvest. On the Kenai River, whereas the annual limit of Chinook in the sport fishery is two fish, it is one fish in the personal use fishery. Again, conservative measures are built into the personal use fishery.

**ADFG management.** Placing a priority for personal use fisheries during times of need for conservation measures does not hamper the ability of ADFG to manage for important conservation measures such as escapement goals. In fact, such practice falls in line with action taken this year on the Kenai River by the local area commercial fisheries manager to place restrictions on the commercial fishery (closure of one regular 12 hour opener and a delay 24 hour in the next regular opener) in order to make the sockeye escapement goal on the Kenai River while leaving open the personal use fishery for sockeye – such management action was successful in that the sockeye escapement goal was met.

**Law enforcement.** A comment was made in today's public testimony that there is a rampant, uncontrollable problem with the ability of the state to enforce the resident only restrictions on the personal use fisheries, specifically on the Kenai Peninsula. Such perception is not shared by the local State Troopers, who in 2009 provided 467 hours of law enforcement for the personal use fisheries on the Kenai Peninsula (the personal use fisheries were open for 374 hours during 2009.)

This year the Troopers recorded a total of 1,200 contacts, which resulted in 130 citations, for issues including no permit, not clipping tails, 2-stroke motor use, fishing early or late, and not logging fish prior to leaving the fishing area. Non-resident participation was not listed as a major factor in writing citations by the Troopers, nor was taking too many fish over the household limit (another "perceived" problem by some in the local community). Overall, it looks like the Troopers had contact with about 5% of the total number of people who participated in the Kenai Peninsula personal use sockeye fisheries, and wrote up 130 citations out of an estimated 37,500 days fished in these personal use sockeye fisheries (less than one half of one percent or .0035%.)

The perception of non-residents taking home sockeye salmon may be accurate, as the daily bag limit for sockeyes on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers is often six fish per day. In a week, a non-resident may harvest over 40 sockeye salmon – enough to fill a few coolers. However, the perception that non-resident participation in the state personal use fisheries, particularly on the Kenai Peninsula, is just not supported by data supplied by the Alaska State Troopers. As a side note, I personally have fished in either the Chitna, Kasilof or Kenai personal use sockeye fisheries every year since becoming a state resident in 1993, and I have yet to come across a non-resident participating in any of these resident only personal use fisheries.

**Important to Alaskan households.** The state personal use fisheries provide Alaska residents with an efficient method of gathering meaningful numbers of fish for consumptive uses. Fish caught in these fisheries feed families throughout the year. Like the state subsistence fisheries, all residents qualify for the state personal use fisheries. As more and more families that once resided in areas of the state with access to the state and federal subsistence fisheries are now living in the non-subsistence (state designated) and / or non-rural (federal designated) areas of Alaska, access to the personal use fisheries is becoming all the more important over time.

Data indicates that the personal use fisheries are popular with state residents. Including just the personal use sockeye salmon fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet and Chitna, close to 15% of all state residents (95,000 people) eat fish during the year from these personal use fisheries.

However, it is important to remember that the annual harvest of personal use sockeye salmon in the Upper Cook Inlet and Chitna represent **less than 1%** of the total harvest of sockeye salmon in the state by commercial, sport, personal use and subsistence fisheries.

**Close to 15% of Alaska's residents eat sockeye salmon caught in a state personal use fishery, while the overall harvest of these fish represents less than 1% of the overall harvest of sockeye salmon in the state.**

HB 266 is a small measure to enact to ensure that subsistence and personal use fisheries will be provided a priority for a fishery that is restricted to residents when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a conservation goal.

We encourage you to support HB 266. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Ricky Gease, Executive Director  
Kenai River Sportfishing Association  
907-262-8588

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**From:** Gary Miller [gmiller\_juneauak@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2010 8:05 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Wes Keller  
**Cc:** Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Bob Buch; Rep. Scott Kawasaki  
**Subject:** HB 266

Please vote for HB266, "An Act providing for a priority for a fishery that is restricted to residents when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve an escapement goal." and pass it on to the next committee. I fish sport fish for the food. When restrictions must occur to protect a fisheries, I think that the sports fisher should be affected last.

Gary Miller  
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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 10:16 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: subsistence bill HB 266

**From:** Lori Garreau [mailto:iluvchris214@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 9:56 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** subsistence bill HB 266

My husband and I are in agreement with the passing of this bill so that ALASKANS have the right to the same or should be more of the resources of our state for its residents. Most of "OUR" resources go to those who don't live in the state, taking the money out of state with them. Considering the amount differential between subsistence use and the commercial "raping" of the resources, I don't think it is too much to put ALASKAN residents first!! We have been here for 30 years and will continue to fight for our first rights as ALASKANS!!! as residents as well as small business owners!!!

## **Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 2:22 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

**From:** Alaska Twosome [mailto:aktwosome@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 2:04 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

I agree with House Bill 266 concerning "personal use fisheries.

I have dipnetted between 20 and 35 red salmon from the Kenai River for the last 20 years. I am not very successful with a hook and line so I am thankful that I am able to put fish in the freezer in this way. My wife and I enjoy the salmon and I assure you that we eat all that we catch.

Thank you for your efforts to pass this bill during this session.

Sincerely,

Steve Kehl  
45975 Drift Dr  
Kenai, AK 99611

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 2:23 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB266

**From:** cderrickak@netscape.net [mailto:cderrickak@netscape.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 2:23 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

Dear Rep. Edgmon:

The best use of Alaska's wild resources is to feed Alaskan residents. This bill assures the needs of Alaska residents are met before the needs of the nonresident buyers of commercially caught Alaskan salmon. **Release** this bill for a vote on the floor of the full House.

Chuck Derrick  
891 Seldom Seen Rd.  
Fairbanks, AK. 99712

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 9:13 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB266 support

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**From:** James Dryden [mailto:dryden@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 9:05 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266 support

Of course, personal use should have priority over sport and commercial uses.

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James Dryden  
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(907)344-4995, fax 344-8013, [dryden@alaska.net](mailto:dryden@alaska.net)

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 7:57 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266  
**Attachments:** ATT75521.vcf

**From:** Eric [mailto:suprbear@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 10:14 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Representative Edgmon,

Concerning HB266, I would like to encourage you to support this bill. I am one that has depended on the fishery to put food on the table for nearly 40 years. Those of us remember when doing this was not an issue when we were afforded subsistence rights before they were taken away. All Alaskans by law are common users of this resource, using the resource for personal food should have a priority above other users, nonresidents are allowed to take a large amount of the resource for personal profit, therefore displacing the Alaskans from the traditional use of the fishery for food on the table. The Constitutional right of Alaskans to harvest food on an equal basis, before the remaining harvestable surplus is allowed to be utilized for commercial profit. In looking to other states, fish and game resources are afforded to residents first, and if the resource allows the available non-resident harvest allotments are limited to the resource quantity. I urge you to support this bill.

Respectfully,  
Eric Beckmann Mat-Valley AKF&GAC member

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 7:57 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

**From:** michael Bavers [mailto:mbavers@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 6:36 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

I support HB266 and urge its passage. Alaska citizens should certainly have priority when it comes to a food source for personal use.

Michael Bavers  
PO Box 15115  
fritz creek ak 99603

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** leo [americus@ctcak.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 10:32 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266

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Thank you for your time.

Leo Americus  
Box 2112  
Cordova, AK.99574

Penelope E. Oswalt  
P.O. Box 1303  
22 McLaughlin Ct  
Cordova, AK 99574

RE: HB266

I support the fishery that provides the primary livelihood to my community. This is a hard working, often dangerous fishery that provides a quality product to Alaska and America. Commercial Fisheries pay taxes on fish caught that help support our schools, hospital and city infrastructures. The Copper River Fishery is a family fishery and more of our young people are choosing to stay here and make their living in this manner. We are a community that has already lost many seasonal fisheries and suffer majorily when the fishery is slow or shut down.

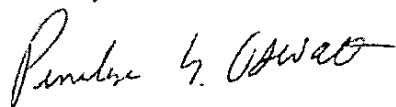
I believe that subsistence should come first, commercial second and then personal use and sport fisheries third. As an individual (Single mother) in Cordova, for me to get subsistence fish requires me to find someone who has a seaworthy vessel to go out in the Gulf of Alaska and fish on a subsistence opener. I count myself lucky if I can find a vessel, take a day off of work and them maybe get one king and a couple of reds. I am limited to 5 kings and 10 reds per season. I believe the limit for personal use is higher in Chitina. Are the people that dipnet there from Chitina??

I had an opportunity to go to Chitina a couple of years ago and decided to stop by and see what the fuss was about. Hmmm This is a subsistence or personal use fishery???

What I saw at the area set aside for dip netting was a fish camp filled with \$80,000 Winnebago's and equally expensive boats plying the river with "personal use" people with dip nets. Also charter businesses that were transporting for a " price" to the favored dip netting area of the day. Trash was everywhere as well as excess fish. To me this was a massive sport fishery under guise of personal use. Why should Fairbanks and other urban areas have a precedent over the livelihood that sustains my community?

I firmly believe that the personal use fishery should NOT have a priority over Commercial but should be listed behind it with other sport fishing endeavors.

Sincerely



**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Sheryl Corle [sherryfromak@webtv.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 10:28 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

We support HB 266. Please get it on the floor and pass it as soon as possible. My family is dependent on the fish and the priority it gives. Pass this bill soon.

Thank you Gary & Sheryl Corle

2614 Gordon Road  
North Pole AK 99705

907-488-0819

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Keith Genter [akkgenter@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 7:12 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266 Support

Good morning,

As an Alaskan, I'm asking you to support HB 266 and keep the Alaskan people in mind when you consider your vote. This is one of our resources and we should have first priority before allowing others to take the food out of our mouths. I personally depend on fishing to feed my family throughout the year. I appreciate your time and effort. I wish you a safe and pleasant day, Keith

Keith D. Genter  
3501 Kaltag Drive  
North Pole, AK. 99705  
(907) 488-6986

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 8:55 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: Personal Use Fisheries Priority Bill

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**From:** Bruce R. Morgan [mailto:sampson@acsalaska.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 8:54 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** FW: Personal Use Fisheries Priority Bill

Rep Bryce Edgmon,  
This personal use fisheries priority bill simply makes sense.

Who should have priority if not personal use Alaskan's?

Sincerely,  
Bruce R. Morgan  
Anchorage, Alaska

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**From:** Ken Federico [mailto:kenfederico@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 8:00 AM  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients:  
**Subject:** Fw: Personal Use Fisheries Priority Bill

Rep. Bill Stoltze submitted a bill to give all personal users priority when it comes to the resource. This would occur statewide and would be state law if the bill passes. Please forward comments that you agree with HB 266 to Rep. Bryce Edgmon. His e-mail is below. Please do this as soon as possible since we need to get this out of committee and onto the floor for a vote. Thanks, Ken F. Your town crier. SCADA

-- Original Message -----

**From:** Ben Mulligan  
**To:** [kenfederico@mtaonline.net](mailto:kenfederico@mtaonline.net)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 7:26 AM  
**Subject:** Personal Use Fisheries Priority Bill

Ken,

We're trying to make one last push on the personal use fisheries priority bill. If you could forward on a request to your members to send an email to Rep. Bryce Edgmon as soon as they can about passing the bill Rep. Stoltze would appreciate it.

Here's Rep. Edgmon's email address: [representative\\_bryce\\_edgmon@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:representative_bryce_edgmon@legis.state.ak.us).

We appreciate the assistance with this Ken, and let your members know that as many emails as we can get would be great.

Ben

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 10:16 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

**From:** Kreta Thompson [mailto:kreta@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 9:42 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

I am so pleased that this bill has been written. I wholeheartedly support this bill. The Constitution of the State of Alaska states fish and game resources shall be managed for the benefit of the people of the state, not commercial fishermen. It seems to me fish for food for families in our state deserves a much higher priority than commercial fishermen who want fish for their own personal financial gain.

Tommy Thompson, Kenai  
[kreta@alaska.net](mailto:kreta@alaska.net)

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Wade Buscher [wildcatchdirect@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 11:52 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266

TO: House Fisheries Committee

Dear Sirs,

I am a commercial fisherman from Cordova, Ak. and I oppose HB 266.

With all due respect, I question the rationale behind Mr. Soltze's proposal. By suggesting that all residents of the State of Alaska have the same priority as 'subsistence' users, it essentially delegitimizes the other user groups by not acknowledging the significance of each. Are there truly no distinct margins between those who live a true subsistence lifestyle and those who practice it only on the weekends or when holidays allow? And if the rationale for such proposals are based loosely around the State Statutes of "equal access", then it is up to the Board of Fisheries and the courts to decide where those priorities lie, not the legislature which is tied to the constituents they represent. The Board of Fisheries was set up specifically to tackle such controversies inherent in resource management as implied below. Let them do their job!

### **AS 16.05.221. Boards of Fisheries.**

**(a)** For purposes of the conservation and development of the fishery resources of the state, there is created the Board of Fisheries composed of seven members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. The governor shall appoint each member on the basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge, and ability in the field of action of the board, and with a view to providing diversity of interest and points of view in the membership. The appointed members shall be residents of the state and shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation or geographical location of residence.

On March 21, 2010, after much discussion and debate, the Board of Fisheries overwhelmingly opposed a similar push to reclassify the 'Copper River Personal Use Fishery' to a 'Subsistence Fishery'.

Please give credence to this decision and oppose HB 266.

Sincerely,

Wade Buscher

200 Boardwalk Way  
Cordova, Ak., 99574  
(907) 424 5251

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** James Mykland [jl\_mykland@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2010 11:03 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB 266

To House Fisheries Committee  
Representative Bruce Edgmon, Chair

I am in strong opposition to HB 266. The State of Alaska's Personal Fisheries are recreational type fisheries, that accord state residents the opportunity to harvest excess fish that return to our state's waters. In times of low or small fish returns it is very important that all fish users share in the conservation burden. Subsistence has top priority in the allocation of our state's resources and is only shut down when fish stock is endanger of not reaching its Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG). Commercial, Personal Use & Sports fisheries need to all share in the conservation burden to make sure our fisheries are sustainable.

The majority of salmon limited entry permits are in the hands of Alaskan residents and the money they derive from commercial fishing stays in the state by supporting their families and local communities. The raw fish tax from commercial fishing is given to local municipalities that use these funds to support their hospitals, fire & police departments, schools & local roads. Without this tax, these local communities would have to turn to the state for necessary funds.

No user group, except subsistence, deserves a priority listing. I strongly urge you to oppose HB 266 in its entirety.

Thank you for the your consideration of my views.

James Mykland  
121 W Davis Ave  
Cordova, AK 99574

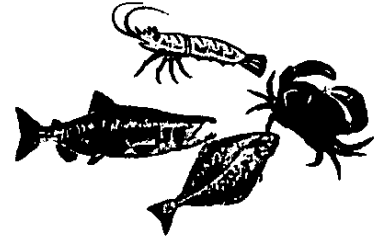
## Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance

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March 28, 2010

Alaska State Legislature  
House Fisheries Committee  
Representative Bryce Edgmon, Chair  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Oppose HB 266

Representative Edgmon, Chair and Fisheries Committee Members,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) appreciates this opportunity to express our concerns regarding HB 266 or the committee substitute which mandates a personal use priority after subsistence. Our association is comprised of 85% Alaskan residents, who participate in personal use and sport fisheries in addition to their commercial fishing livelihood. Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance has always supported the importance of personal use fisheries to the residents of the State of Alaska as is evidenced by our testimonies to the Board of Fish. However, personal use fisheries also need to have limits and share in the burden of conservation along with commercial and sport fishermen.

**This legislation as written is flawed.** The subsistence priority statute AS 16.05.258 (f) clearly states that the subsistence priority is to provide for a reasonable opportunity. This legislative language mandates development of a personal use priority without any qualification. Further, it does not provide language, as the subsistence priority does, to share the resources with other users. As the Alaska population continues to grow, the language as written will ultimately close commercial and sport fisheries, regardless of the economic harm to the state or local communities, without any express concern over conservation in order to provide a personal use priority.

**This legislation as written severely ties the hands of the Board of Fish preventing their ability to fulfill the obligations listed in AS 16.05.251.** This legislation contradicts with the allocation criteria between commercial, sport and

personal use fisheries As written this legislation creates an elevated right for personal use fishermen, which can very easily be used in court to challenge any allocations that the Board of Fisheries makes in which they feel any restrictions at all during any part of the lifecycle. Clearly this violates fundamental precepts embedded in the Alaska Constitution, regarding Uniform Application, and Common Use.

**Does this legislation even allow the Board of Fish to set limits or develop management plans that include the personal use fisheries?**

**At what point can management decisions affect the personal use fishermen and still allow commercial and sport fisheries to exist?**

**Would ADFG have to stand by and allow a system to fail to meet their management target because a commercial fishery had an opening so therefore the personal use fishery could not be restricted? In many fisheries it is not possible to allow a commercial fishery to wait until escapement is met and all personal use needs are met because by then the fish have swam past the point a commercial fishery can be conducted. Do we in these situations in order to provide for a personal use priority, forgo economic opportunity and close the commercial and sport fisheries? The current State of Alaska management system is considered superior to all other regions due to the public process through the board of fish and the end mandate for maximum sustained yield provided for in the State Constitution. Are we now going to ignore what has worked and take away the Board of Fish authority to allocate and ADFG flexibility to manage the resource in real time allowing for all users to share in the burden of conservation?**

**Commercial fishing is an important industry to the State of Alaska ranking third behind Oil & Gas and Federal Government in generating basic economic activity in Alaska with a total economic contribution of \$5.8 billion to Alaska's economic output and over 78,000 jobs in 2007. In addition, the raw fish taxes paid into the general fund and shared with the local coastal communities are critical to their economy.**

**For many residents of coastal Alaska, their only access to our sustainable fishery resources to provide healthy protein to their diet is through the commercial fishery. Is it fair to take away their primary access?**

**There are allegedly businesses being built to supply, outfit and provide transportation for personal use fisheries. This seems to be in conflict with the original intent during development of the personal use fishery.. We believe the original intent of the personal use fishery was to allow Alaskans access to fishery**

resources in a non-subsistence areas, or access to fisheries with negative C&T findings by providing differential bag limits than non-residents, because it was acknowledged that in many cases these Alaskans were using the resource to provide for their own family consumption.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this legislation. If you have any questions about our testimony or points raised in the testimony, please contact the office, we would be glad to provide additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Hansen", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kathy Hansen  
Executive Director

## Timothy Clark

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**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 10:32 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
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Leo Americus  
Box 2112  
Cordova, AK.99574

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 8:07 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

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**From:** Ken Federico [mailto:kenfederico@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 8:07 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Rep. Edgmon,

I am writing to you for your support for HB 266. All Alaskans are considered to be subsistence but with certain court rulings, that does not happen in reality. HB 266 would seem to rectify that and that is a good thing.

To let you know, I am the president of the South Central Alaska Dipnetters Association. We have a membership of over 200 and we are growing every year.

Again, please support HB 266.

Ken Federico, SCADA, 715-8363

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**DATE:** March 26, 2009

**TO:** Chairman Bryce Edgmon  
**RE:** (CS) HB 266, An Act Providing for a priority for a fishery that is restricted to residents when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve an escapement goal.

**FAX:**

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Dear Chairman Edgmon & Special Committee on Fisheries:

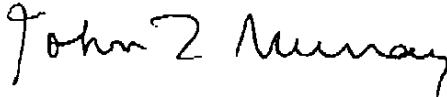
I oppose HB 266 as well as the recent CS for HB 266.

HB 266 would circumvent the Board of Fish process which was set up to deal with allocation issues and fishery management. The Legislature is not the appropriate place to deal with these issues.

I would suggest to the bill supporters to roll up their sleeves and work through the proper channels to make changes as all of the coastal communities and villages do currently.

Sadly I believe there is a large disconnect between the interior folks who either do not know the process or they do not feel they have access to local ADF&G offices and the Board of Fish. Could that be part of the reason for HB266?

Maybe the Special Fisheries Committee should advocate for more funds for Board Support /Board of Fish so more outreach can happen for those communities that feel out of the loop.

Sincerely, 

John Murray, 224 Observatory Street, Sitka, AK 99835 (747-6212)

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2010 1:58 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

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**From:** Gene [mailto:gene@bekofalaska.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2010 9:40 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Dear Representative Edgmon

I have dip netted on the copper river every year for over 20 years and have enjoyed filling my freezer but I am opposed to HB 266, I am not a commercial fisherman but this is there lively hood, Dip netters should not have priority over commercial fisherman

Eugene Desjarlais

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** RICK ALASKA [fvchinacat@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2010 12:32 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** hb 266

Rick J Ballas  
FV/ Eyak Ryder  
March 10, 2010

Attn: Chairman Edgmon  
Re: Opposition to HB 266

Dear Sir,

My name is Rick Ballas and I am a Commercial Fisherman from Cordova, Alaska. Commercial Fishing provides 100% of my earned annual income. This sole source is used to support our family; paying our home mortgage, fishing permit loan, fishing vessel loan, license fees, fishing vessel insurance, gear replacement and repair, as well as disproportionately high rural fuel, water and electricity costs. Additionally our local retailers for grocery, hardware, and all else charge much more than in urban cities.

We have found that the smallest fishing restrictions especially early season (first 3 weeks), have had great negative economic impact on us already. HB266 would in my opinion be the final straw, an unbearable hardship. NO HBB266!

Over the years, we as commercial fisherman have continued to evolve in becoming true stewards in ways of conservation focused at maintaining the vitality of this Copper River salmon run. We, the fishing economy, ebb and flow with the strength of the salmon's return. It is in our best long term interest to maintain healthy sustainable salmon returns. When the run is returning below pre-season predictions, we as Commercial Fisherman are the first to be affected. Even though reduced hours deplete precious earning opportunity, we accept reductions in fishing time to maintain the sustainability of the run. These closures have a massive negative impact on the economy of Cordova and it is felt throughout the fleet and by all of the locally owned businesses. When we can't fish, especially early season, we do not have the CHANCE, to earn income. Fishing is a CHANCE form of occupation. Otherwise we would call it catching and that is NOT always the case. Our ADF&G given harvest timeframe (fishing period) does not take into account foul weather, stage of tide, or even daylight hours. One or all of these factors can render an entire fishing period a loss.

What's not obvious in this picture is the fact that the early part of our season, the King return, fishing time has been so severely cut over the years that it is almost non-existent. Since the demise of the PWS Herring fishery, the salmon fishery has become the new first of the season money for most. With the loss of herring, we really have had our pre-salmon season economic opportunity taken away. Whether or not you accept that Exxon's oil spill had anything to do with the mysteriously swift disappearance of our herring fishery, it is most certainly gone for now. Cordova's yearly economic loss from the lack of herring fishing alone is massive. For the record we're still not over that one. So, as a Commercial Fishing town, we focus next on the salmon.

When the run comes in healthy and we are able to access the fish, well, life improves for everyone in town. The City of Cordova collects fish tax revenues from the fisheries and in return funds the town's

necessities relieving the city's burden from State financial assistance. That's GOOD. All the locally owned and staffed small businesses benefit; hardware stores, grocery stores, canneries, restaurants etc. Cordova workers everywhere are financially dependent on the commercial fleet fishing. Heck, we even splurge to a lunch out. Imagine that, the thought of being able to afford to eat a lunch as a patron in a local place of business. When we can, we do. This has been rare in recent times; it began with early season fishing restrictions. Every fishing closure or reduction in time hurts not only us commercial fishers but also our entire community immensely. The impacts are only vaguely acknowledged by any other than fisherman and the businesses in town. Local fisherman and families begin by tightening their belts which results in a stalled economy, simple as that. By supporting HB 266, you would be ending the town of Cordova, and the lives of the majority owned Alaska resident salmon permit holders who fish and reside there. NO HBB266!

Cordova as a Commercial Fishing Town should be PROUDLY recognized and fully supported and protected by our State's Government. We are one of the last of Alaska's honest, educated, responsible and devoted small commercial fishing towns, if not the worlds, where its residents care, DEPEND and respect the fish that give us life more than anything. Without priority to the fish we will cease to exist. The effects of HB266 would, without doubt, impact Cordova permanently; ripping away the lifeline our existence depends upon. NO to HB266. This bill is anti-American and undermines the principles our nation was founded on and embraces. It would result in immediate and immense job loss, foreclosures, bankruptcies and massive financial State/Federal Government dependence. Why Do This to US in Cordova? It would be against everything we Americans are fighting to get back, namely self reliance and stability. NO HB266!

We, as Commercial Fisherman, are becoming a stronger, louder and more educated voice for fisheries issues. We discuss issues concerning habitat protection, sustainable run management practices, law enforcement, and the like more than ever before. As with all professions in this day and age the internet allows us to be more informed regarding fisheries related information that was once only known by few. And more of us by the day are becoming better educated and more involved. Even with our efforts one strait forward yet immensely important question remains unanswered. What is exactly going on upriver? NO HB266!

I am proud to be a Commercial Fisherman and to be a vocal representative of the fish we so heavily rely upon for survival. As a Commercial Fisherman I am accepting responsibilities that go way beyond just catching a fish. Nowadays all fishermen look at the seafood retail counter with a keen eye; our Alaskan Salmon has become a national hero of sorts supplying those famous omega-3s throughout the country including Alaska. When traveling I no longer have to bring fish to Anchorage for cooking. I as an Alaskan can buy Alaskan seafood more easily now than in the past and at a reasonable price too. Just look at COSTCO. All Alaskan Commercial Fisherman should be respected much more than they are. We are living the American Dream of working hard for our income and being proud of our service. In recent decades American's has been suffering from poor diet and malnutrition; resulting in heart disease, diabetes, and many other avoidable illnesses. Our wild harvested Alaska salmon is combating these poor health ailments that affect so many. Do not deny American diners a healthy choice. NO HB266!

I ask you to take the time to learn about the basic information regarding this precious fish run. It would be ABSOLUTELY WRONG to prioritize personal use. Especially, when we do not yet have simple upriver Baseline Data and currently lack any upriver law enforcement and habitat protection. There are many basic unanswered questions that should be dealt with first before any reprioritizing is considered. ADF&G already has a management system in place that works well, let's make it work even better. ADF&G Biologists are the best at managing the resource. It is what they do, are trained to do and are already authorized and empowered to do. I urge you to vote NO HB266. Stand by Cordova and its Commercial Fishers - NO HB266!

Sincerely: Rick J Ballas  
F/V Eyak Ryder

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Norm [galeforce@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 05, 2010 3:51 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Cc:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** HB266

Dear Sir I ask you to oppose HB266.

- \* The City of Cordova receives a raw fish tax as paid by ALL fishermen, regardless of whether they live in or out of state. This tax generates thousands of dollars for the City of Cordova, and is used to fund our hospital, schools, roads, police department, etc. Without this tax, local municipalities would have to turn to the State for necessary funds.
- \* The Copper River fishery provides much needed income to Cordova's fishing families, sustaining fishermen and local businesses alike. In the summer Cordova's population doubles, and local business owners benefit from the economic boost commercial fishing activities bring. Many local businesses would not survive without this early spring boost of business.
- \* Alaskan commercial fisheries employ thousands of workers (that include a high percentage of State residents) all year long.
- \* A majority of commercial fishermen ARE Alaska residents. The Area E PWS drift salmon permit fishery has highest State residency of any other Alaskan commercial salmon fishery. Over 75% of permit holders are State of Alaska residents.
- \* If you give everything a priority, then NOTHING has a priority. A priority to the resource should be reserved for those Alaska residents that truly depend on it for their own survival. This is the reason priorities were set in the first place, to ensure that those needing fish the most had ample opportunity and resources to sustain their needs.
- \* Stoltze's sponsor statement speaks of individual Alaska residents and their rights to fish before all others, yet a priority for personal use fisheries would devastate our City, and other coastal communities in Alaska directly and indirectly affecting all residents. When issuing priorities for particular user groups, please consider the ramifications of your decisions to the coastal communities of Alaska.
- \* The management of Alaska's fisheries is best left to the scientists that fully understand biology and conservation of fishery resources. ADFG has the tools and expertise to best manage Alaska's fisheries and as a result Alaska has world renowned fisheries that are managed for sustainability. ADFG is fully capable of managing efficiently to ensure adequate stocks for all user groups; during times of shortage, ADFG already restricts the commercial fleet. Alaska Legislature has granted ADFG the authority to manage fisheries based on this, and should continue doing so without legislative interference.

Thank You Norm Campbell

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** lloyd Montgomery [petdahl@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2010 7:12 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** Re:HB266---personal use fishing priority

A life time commercial fisherman 4th generation for 47 years on the copper river, come may 15 a lot of people all over the us and other countries are looking forward to a nice red salmon and a king salmon dinner, SINCE they themselves can not come here to get it fresh out of the water personally , they are looking forward to the local canneries and private marketers , to send , them their fish ,which of course is a 2 fold winner for the commercial fisherman and the customers to receive their product , which also provides income for the merchants in cordova , and the alaska airlines ,and the take that away form the life style of the commercial fisherman and the merchants it will outright ruin many who rely on this way of life.please consider not to pass HB266 , we have already lost much of the copper river area already, area from cape st elias to cape suckling, and most of the inside of the copper and now to take everything away ,What has happened to the real alaskans the true hearted ones commercial fishing is what made alaska , the present fish and game in cordova has been doing a very good job of managing for many years with good returns to the copper ,so if its has been working why change the system that has been sucessful all these years .LLoyd Montgomery 19078413394  
[petdahl@gmail.com](mailto:petdahl@gmail.com)



### Response to House Bill 266

Ahtna, Inc. is opposed to House Bill 266, "An Act providing for a priority for a fishery to residents when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve an escapement goal". By Representatives Stoltize, Keller, and Neuman, Fairclough.

They do not have, in our opinion, "customary & traditional uses and does not meet criteria of customary & traditional use determinations". They should be eliminated along with other consumptive uses whenever, "the harvestable portion of the stock or population is not sufficient to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses." Personal Uses should be "eliminated whenever the resources cannot harvested consistent with sustained yield". It should kept as it is written in statutes because it is does not have customary and traditional use of the resources in Alaska. Personal uses was put into statutes because it was deemed necessary to have another category, because it did not fit "customary and traditional use, nor sport fishing". Nothing has changed to allow personal use to be classified as subsistence use.

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March 4, 2010

Representative Bryce Egmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 421  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Opposition to HB 266

Dear Representative Egmon and Fisheries Committee Members:

I have worked, invested in, raised three kids, and supported local economies in my hometown of Seward, as well as Cordova and Anchorage by commercial salmon fishing on the Copper River out of Cordova. By historical standards, the last thirty years of salmon runs have been the strongest ever on the Copper. But continued abundance, although desired by Alaskans of all stripes, is anything but a given.

In these last three decades we have seen wild salmon populations collapse practically everywhere outside of Alaska. Why is this so? In almost every case, it is the lack of political will to 1) protect the habitat, and 2) biologically manage the salmon resource for optimum sustained yield. Each Alaskan river is its own story both in the politics and in the biology. It takes a huge amount of work by the ADF&G, the Alaska Board of Fish, and active public participation to set the policies which have led to our past successes in bringing back consistent salmon returns. This work has to be repeated again and again in each regulatory area of the state; gathering and interpreting the data, soliciting proposals, hearing testimony, and deliberating over regulatory and allocative changes. By more than coincidence, this management process parallels the strongest salmon returns in recorded history for many of Alaska's rivers. Does the legislature now want to shoulder this responsibility and begin issuing statewide management edicts from Juneau?

HB 266, by its very language, comes into play during times of scarcity, right when we need a science based, non-politicized process the most. As seen elsewhere, times of scarcity can become the new normal, long after the demise of both fishermen and coastal communities. Salmon management is very difficult get right. The legislature has more than enough already on its plate with energy and budget matters. Please oppose HB 266.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Linville  
Seward, Alaska

Diana R Burton  
PO Box 6  
Cordova, AK 99574

March 5, 2010

Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
State Capitol, Room 424  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

SUBJECT: Oppose House Bill 266

I am an Alaskan Native, lifelong resident of Cordova and a fifth generation commercial fisherman. Growing up in a rural town off the road system, my Mom and Grandma taught me a subsistence lifestyle and my father taught me how to make a living out fishing. I started fishing with my Dad on the Copper River and in Prince William Sound when I was 7 years old. I am now 27 years old, with a family, house, boat, and permit in Cordova. I invested into the fishery because it is my way of life, it is my bloodline. It supports the whole community of Cordova in one form or another. Each year I hope that the resources are healthy enough to share between all users groups and will give me the ability to pay for the roof over my head, clothing, and the things I need for my family. I NEED this salmon to survive, and so does my community, and I know that the personal use fishermen cannot say that.

Most personal use fishermen reside in urban cities, they have jobs with benefits and a 401K. They drive far away from their home either on a weekend or on their vacation time to go fishing. If something comes up in their schedule, and they cannot make it out fishing, they might be bummed that they missed it for the year, but it won't have any economical impact on their lives. It won't keep them from providing shelter, clothing, and basic necessities of life for their families.

I believe that everyone in Alaska has a right to harvest and use the resources and that there are also ample opportunities to do so in this state. But I do not believe that the personal use fishermen should have priority over the commercial fishing fleet.

Commercial fishing sustains our community; it is a way of life for the people living in many rural communities. It provides money and jobs in this state; it is a huge part of our economy, and vital to our existence.

Thank you for taking the time to let me comment on this bill. Please oppose HB 266, and continue to keep our rural economies and communities healthy.

Sincerely,

Diana R. Burton



## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 01, 2010 2:47 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: Support HB-266

**From:** dshunter@gci.net [mailto:dshunter@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9:21 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Support HB-266

I am writing to you **to ask that you support HB 266** so Alaskans can be assured that they will continue to have access to their fisheries resources to the benefit of themselves and their families.

Dan Simants  
205 Slater Drive  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9:02 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

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**From:** Matt Rucando [mailto:mattrucando@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 8:32 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Dear Representative,

I have been living in Alaska for almost 20 years. I use the Chitna river to feed myself and my family. I am writing to you **to ask that you support HB 226** so Alaskans can be assured that they will continue to have access to their fisheries resources to the benefit of themselves and their families.

Thank You

Matt Rucando  
11232 Steeple Dr  
Eagle River, AK 99577

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9:02 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

**From:** Sean Sylvester [mailto:supercub2006@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9:00 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

As a lifelong Alaskan, I am writing to you **to ask that you support HB 266** so Alaskans can be assured that they will continue to have access to their fisheries resources to the benefit of themselves and their families.

Thanks,

Sean Sylvester

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Travis L. Johnson [TLJohnson@gvea.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 4:44 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB-266

Im travis Johnson P.O. box82016 fairbanks Alaska and I support HB-266 please help insure my right to feed my family Thank You Travis Johnson

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 01, 2010 2:47 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

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**From:** Art Konefal [mailto:a\_konefal@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 4:19 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB.266

As chairman of the Fisheries Committee I ask that you support this Bill and pass it out of your committee so that it can advance and help the little guy. Thanks, Art Konefal

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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 01, 2010 2:47 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

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**From:** rbleth@gci.net [mailto:rbleth@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 01, 2010 10:24 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Dear Representative Edgmon:

I agree with HB 266.

Thank You,

Roger Bleth  
14315 Bleth Street  
Seward, AK 99664

**Timothy Clark**

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**From:** Thompson Craig [craig.thompson@enipetroleum.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 12:37 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB266

Mr Bryce Edgmon

I am writing you to request your support for Alaskans to feed their family's first. Thanks for your consideration and support.

*Craig Thompson/ RC Pafford*

*Eni Petroleum*

*US Operating Co.*

*Logistics Coordinator*

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9:50 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

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**From:** MJ Larson [mailto:mjl Larson@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9:50 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Please support this personal use fisheries priority bill. It is imperative that Alaskans have access to this resource to feed their families.

Thank you,

MJ Larson

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 01, 2010 2:47 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: Support for HB 266

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**From:** LARRY LYSNE [mailto:arcticpair@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 4:11 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Support for HB 266

I strongly support HB 266. Access to the Chitina Red Salmon fishery has become a very important part of our lives and diets. Wild game makes up the majority of our food needs and access to these fish greatly contributes to the healthy lifestyle we have chosen. The right to harvest our food has always been, and should always remain, protected. Thank you. Larry Lysne and Sheila Dufford

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9:02 AM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: HB 266

**From:** baj@gci.net [mailto:baj@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 9:01 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** HB 266

Representative Edgmon,

I do not live in your district, but I understand that my Representative, Carl Gatto, has co-sponsored a very fine piece of legislation - HB 266 *An Act providing for a priority for a fishery that is restricted to residents when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve an escapement goal*. I also understand that you, personally, are the one Representative who has taken it upon himself to attempt to kill this legislation by bottling it up in committee.

As I said, I do not live in your district, but I can and often do contribute to candidates that I have a special interest in. Let me assure you that I will track the progress of HB-266, and if it turns out that it dies in committee as a result of your obstruction, I will contribute as much as I am able to your opponent in the next election.

Bruce Johnson

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Mcgahan Elton [elton.mcgahan@enipetroleum.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 2:44 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Fishing

Dear Sir,

In my humble opinion as a Commercial fisherman in cook inlet , The amount of fish taken from the Kenai and kasilof rivers is greatly under estimated , The amount of fish that these magnitudes of people are taking is 2 to 3 times what is being reported,, and the majority of the fish you can find every spring in the many dump sites across the state because they are freezer burned and a new run is just around the corner.

If the fishery needs a break then let all be involved in it ..

Thanks

Elton McGahan  
OCC Supervisor  
Eni USA Operating Co, Inc  
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## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 04, 2010 12:50 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: Subject: Support HB-266, please.

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**From:** vic@nome.net [mailto:vic@nome.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 04, 2010 9:11 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Subject: Support HB-266, please.

Subject: Support HB-266, please.

As an Alaskan, I am writing to you **to ask that you support HB 266** so Alaskans can be assured that they will continue to have access to their fisheries resources to the benefit of themselves and their families.

Thank you  
Victor Lee Olsen  
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