

SB

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<TARGET><BILL>SB 42</BILL><SUBJECT>SB
42</SUBJECT><COMM>SSTA29</COMM></TARGET>

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 2/4/15

FURTHER: Resources

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3/5/15
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 3/17/2015

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 42

SB 42 PERSONAL USE FISHING PRIORITY

"An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal."

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS _____ (_____) Same Title New Title
- adopt previous CS _____ (_____) Same Title New Title
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
DFG			✓	1

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Coghill	✓			
	Huggins	X			
	Wielechawski	✓			
CHAIR:	Stoltze	X			

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March 17, 2014
Bill Packet Information

SB 42 PERSONAL USE FISHING PRIORITY

<Previously Heard/Scheduled>

Additional Documents for Second Hearing:

- Resident & Nonresident Commercial Fishing Statistics (ADF&G)
- Personal Use Statewide Regulations (ADF&G)
- Supporting Documents:
 - Emails of Support (62)
 - Letter Chitina Dipnetters Association 3-15-16
- Opposition Documents:
 - Emails & Written Testimony in Opposition (4)
 - Letter Alaska Trollers Association 3-16-15

SJR 15 CALL FOR US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION

- SJR 15 version A
- Letters from other states' legislators:
 - Louisiana Senator A.G. Crowe
 - North Dakota Rep. Alan Fehr
- Supporting Documents:
 - Emails of Support (7)
 - Charles Kacprowicz Commentary
 - Letter - Citizens Initiatives (Charles Kacprowicz)
 - New Hampshire Resolution (2015)
 - New Mexico Resolution (2015)
- Fiscal Notes:
 - LEG-SESS 3-16-15 (Zero)

SCR 4 US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION DELEGATES

- SCR 4 version A
- Fiscal Notes:
 - LEG-SESS 3-16-15 (Zero)

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March 10, 2014
Bill Packet Information

SCR 6 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH:APRIL 2015

- Sponsor Statement
- SCR 6 version W
- Support Documents:
 - DVSA Dashboard 2014
 - CDVSA Annual Report 2014
- Fiscal Note:
 - Draft SSTA 3-9-15

SB 62 REGULATION OF MARIJUANA BUSINESSES; BOARD

<Previously Heard/Scheduled>

SB 42 PERSONAL USE FISHING PRIORITY

- Sponsor Statement
- SB 42 version H
- ADF&G Brief on Personal Use Fishing
- Regulations of the Board of Fisheries
- Fiscal Note:
 - DFG-CO 3-6-15

Daniel George

From: Daniel George
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:49 PM
To: Betsy Dorn (Betsy.Dorn@akleg.gov)
Cc: Christopher Dickrell (Christopher.Dickrell@akleg.gov); Sen. Bill Stoltze (Sen.Bill.Stoltze@akleg.gov)
Subject: Testifiers in SSTA tomorrow morning

Hi Betsy,

(S)State Affairs will meet tomorrow morning and take up SB 42, SJR 15, and SCR 4. Please share this with the staffer who will be at the meeting.

Folks who are cleared for off-net testimony include:

Mike Coons (presenting on SJR 15 and SCR 4)
Mike Schechter (Department of Law – SJR 15 and SCR 4)
Tom Brookover (ADF&G – SB 42)

Folks who signed up last time on SB 42 and didn't get a chance to testify (they will be given priority order to testify)

Al Barrette (Fairbanks)
George Pierce (Kasilof)
Richard Bishop (Fairbanks)
Karen Gordon (Fairbanks)
Christy Fry (Homer)
Garland Blanchard (Homer)

Daniel George

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Sponsor Statement **Senate Bill 42** *By Senator Bill Stoltze*

“The Alaskans-First Fishing Act”

"An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal."

Ensuring that residents have access to Alaska's fisheries resources is vitally important as we continue to grow as a state. The number of Alaskans seeking to access our commonly owned fishery resources are continually increasing. 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 several personal use fisheries throughout the state. Excluding the priority that is already contained within statute for subsistence, SB 42 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. Food security has been identified by Alaskans, and by Governor Walker as a critical issue.

I ask for your consideration and support of SB 42 so Alaskans can be assured that they will continue to have access to their fisheries resources to the benefit of themselves and their families.

SB 42-Personal Use Priority

Prepared for: Senator Bill Stoltze

Prepared by: ADF&G, Division of Sport Fish.

Source Document: Alaska Fish and Game Laws and Regulations Annotated

General information on Personal use fisheries:

Definitions(Sec. 16.05.940): 1) **personal use fishing** means the taking, fishing for, or possession of finfish, shellfish, or other fishery resources, by Alaska residents for personal use and not for sale or barter, with gill or dip net, seine, fish wheel, long line, or other means defined by the Board of Fisheries;

2) **Resident:** means a person who for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the time when the association of residence is made has maintained the person's domicile in the state and who is neither claiming residency in another state, territory, or country nor obtaining benefits under a claim of residency in another state, territory, or country.

5 AAC 77.001. Intent and application of this chapter.

(a)(1) before the enactment of the states subsistence priority law in ch.151, SLA 1978, an individual could fulfill that individuals personal use needs for fish under subsistence fishing regulations; (2) the states subsistence priority law changed the definition of subsistence in a manner that now precludes some individuals from participating in customary and traditional subsistence fisheries and efficiently harvesting fish for their personal use; (3) there are presently areas of the state with harvestable surpluses of fish in excess of both spawning escapement needs and present levels of subsistence, commercial and sport uses; and (4) it is necessary to establish a fishery classified as "personal use" because

(A) since the sale of fish is not a customary and traditional use; this fishery cannot be classified as commercial; (B) since the use is not a customary and traditional use, this fishery cannot be classified as subsistence; and (C) since the gear for this fishery is often different from that historically associated with sport fishing, this fishery should not be classified as a sport fishery to prevent confusion among the public.

General aspects:

- Personal use fisheries are for providing Alaskan residents with a variety of opportunities to harvest fish and shellfish resources for personal household consumption. They have been established around the state as a means to accommodate the desire of residents to harvest and enjoy consumption of the renewable natural resources which belong to all Alaskans.
- Generally speaking, Chapter 77 (5 AAC 77.001-77.699) offers a wide array of information on personal use fisheries around the state: statewide provisions, gear, seasons, bag and possession for each area and fishery.

- Personal use fisheries exist in both freshwater and marine environments statewide of which there are about 80 fisheries identified encompassing (salmon, crab, shrimp, bottom fish, scallops and clams) from Norton Sound to Ketchikan.
- Generally the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial fisheries manages the marine personal use fisheries and Sport Fish Division manages the freshwater fisheries.
 - Most of the personal use fisheries in SE Alaska are managed by Commercial Fisheries Division, and those in SC and Interior Alaska are managed by Sport Fish Division.
- Three of the more prominent personal use fisheries are Chitina (Copper River), Kasilof and Kenai where harvests are largely sockeye salmon.
 - Participation in the Chitina fishery averages about 9–11,000 households with harvests averaging around 135,000 sockeye annually (5-year average; 2009-2013). In 2013, 11,539 household permits were issued and 9,300 returned with an estimated harvest of about 165,000 fish.
 - Participation in the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fisheries averages approximately 30,000 – 35,500 households with harvests averaging approximately 537,000 sockeye (5-year average; 2009-2013). There were 35,211 household permits issued for Cook Inlet personal use fishing in 2013 of which 27,180 were returned. A total of 457,581 salmon (all species) were harvested. 102,854 of these were from the Kasilof, and 354,727 were harvested from the Kenai. There was no retention of king salmon allowed in either the Kenai or Chitina fisheries during 2013.

Rec. 16.05.251 - Regulations of the Board of Fisheries

(a) The Board of Fisheries may adopt regulations it considers advisable in accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) for

- (1) setting apart fish reserve areas, refuges, and sanctuaries in the waters of the state over which it has jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the legislature;
- (2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the taking of fish; if consistent with resource conservation and development goals, the board may adopt regulations establishing restricted seasons and areas necessary for
 - (A) persons 60 years of age and older to participate in sport, personal use, or subsistence fishing; or
 - (B) persons under 16 years of age to participate in sport fishing;
- (3) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex and size limitations on the taking of fish;
- (4) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit, capture, and transport of fish;
- (5) establishing marking and identification requirements for means used in pursuit, capture, and transport of fish;
- (6) classifying as commercial fish, sport fish, guided sport fish, personal use fish, subsistence fish, or predators or other categories essential for regulatory purposes;
- (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management, conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of fish;
- (8) investigating and determining the extent and effect of disease, predation, and competition among fish in the state, exercising control measures considered necessary to the resources of the state;
- (9) prohibiting and regulating the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic fish or their eggs;
- (10) establishing seasons, areas, quotas, and methods of harvest for aquatic plants;
- (11) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of fishing licenses, permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations between registration areas is allowed; however, this paragraph does not apply to permits issued or transferred under AS 16.43;
- (12) regulating commercial, sport, guided sport, subsistence, and personal use fishing as needed for the conservation, development, and utilization of fisheries;
- (13) requiring, in a fishery, observers on board fishing vessels, as defined in AS 16.05.475 (d), that are registered under the laws of the state, as defined in AS 16.05.475 (c), after making a written determination that an on-board observer program
 - (A) is the only practical data-gathering or enforcement mechanism for that fishery;
 - (B) will not unduly disrupt the fishery;
 - (C) can be conducted at a reasonable cost; and
 - (D) can be coordinated with observer programs of other agencies, including the National Marine Fisheries Service, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and the International Pacific Halibut Commission;
- (14) establishing nonexclusive, exclusive, and superexclusive registration and use areas for regulating commercial fishing;
- (15) regulating resident or nonresident sport fishermen as needed for the conservation, development, and utilization of fishery resources;
- (16) requiring unlicensed fishing vessels present in or transiting the waters of the state to report to the department the quantity, species, and origin of fish on board; in this paragraph, "unlicensed fishing vessel" means a fishing vessel that is not licensed under AS 16.05.490 - 16.05.530;
- (17) promoting fishing and preserving the heritage of fishing in the state.

(b) [Repealed, Sec. 12 ch 52 SLA 1986].

(c) If the Board of Fisheries denies a petition or proposal to amend, adopt, or repeal a regulation, the board, upon receiving a written request from the sponsor of the petition or proposal, shall in addition to the

Rec. 16.05.251 - Regulations of the Board of Fisheries

requirements of AS 44.62.230 provide a written explanation for the denial to the sponsor not later than 30 days after the board has officially met and denied the sponsor's petition or proposal, or 30 days after receiving the request for an explanation, whichever is later.

(d) Regulations adopted under (a) of this section must, consistent with sustained yield and the provisions of AS 16.05.258, provide a fair and reasonable opportunity for the taking of fishery resources by personal use, sport, and commercial fishermen.

(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.

(f) Except as expressly provided in AS 16.40.120 (e) and 16.40.130, the Board of Fisheries may not adopt regulations or take action regarding the issuance, denial, or conditioning of a permit under AS 16.40.100 or 16.40.120, the construction or operation of a farm or hatchery required to have a permit under AS 16.40.100, or a harvest with a permit issued under AS 16.40.120.

(g) The Board of Fisheries shall consider a request of the commissioner for approval of a petition to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to establish a moratorium on new entrants into a commercial fishery under AS 16.43.225 at the board's next regular or special meeting that follows the receipt by the board of the request for approval of the petition and that allows time for the notice required under this subsection. The board may consider the request of the commissioner for approval of the petition only after 15 days' public notice of the board's intention to consider approval of the petition. The board shall consider whether the commissioner, in support of the request for approval of the petition, has adequately shown that the fishery meets requirements for a moratorium on new entrants under AS 16.05.050. The board by a majority vote of its members at the meeting when the petition must be considered shall approve or disapprove the petition.

(h) The Board of Fisheries shall adopt by regulation a policy for the management of mixed stock fisheries. The policy shall provide for the management of mixed stock fisheries in a manner that is consistent with sustained yield of wild fish stocks.

(i) Notwithstanding AS 16.43.140 (c)(5), the board may adopt, at a regularly scheduled meeting at which the board considers regulatory proposals for management of a specific salmon fishery, a regulation to allow a person who holds two entry permits for that salmon fishery an additional fishing opportunity appropriate for that particular fishery.

(j) Except as provided in AS 16.05.258, when the harvest of a stock or species is limited to achieve a management goal, the Board of Fisheries shall place restrictions on all other fisheries before restricting personal use fisheries. In this subsection, "management goal" means the escapement or estimated population size of the exploited stock that provides the greatest potential for sustained yield as established by the board.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 42
 Fiscal Note Number: _____
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB042-DFG-CO-03-06-15
 Title: PERSONAL USE FISHING PRIORITY
 Sponsor: STOLTZE
 Requester: Senate State Affairs Committee

Department: Department of Fish and Game
 Appropriation: Administration and Support
 Allocation: Commissioner's Office
 OMB Component Number: 2175

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues								
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version.

Prepared By:	Ben Mulligan, Legislative Liaison	Phone:	(907)465-6137
Division:	Commissioner's Office	Date:	03/06/2015 02:08 PM
Approved By:	Sunny Haight, Administrative Services Director	Date:	03/06/15
Agency:	Department of Fish & Game		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 42

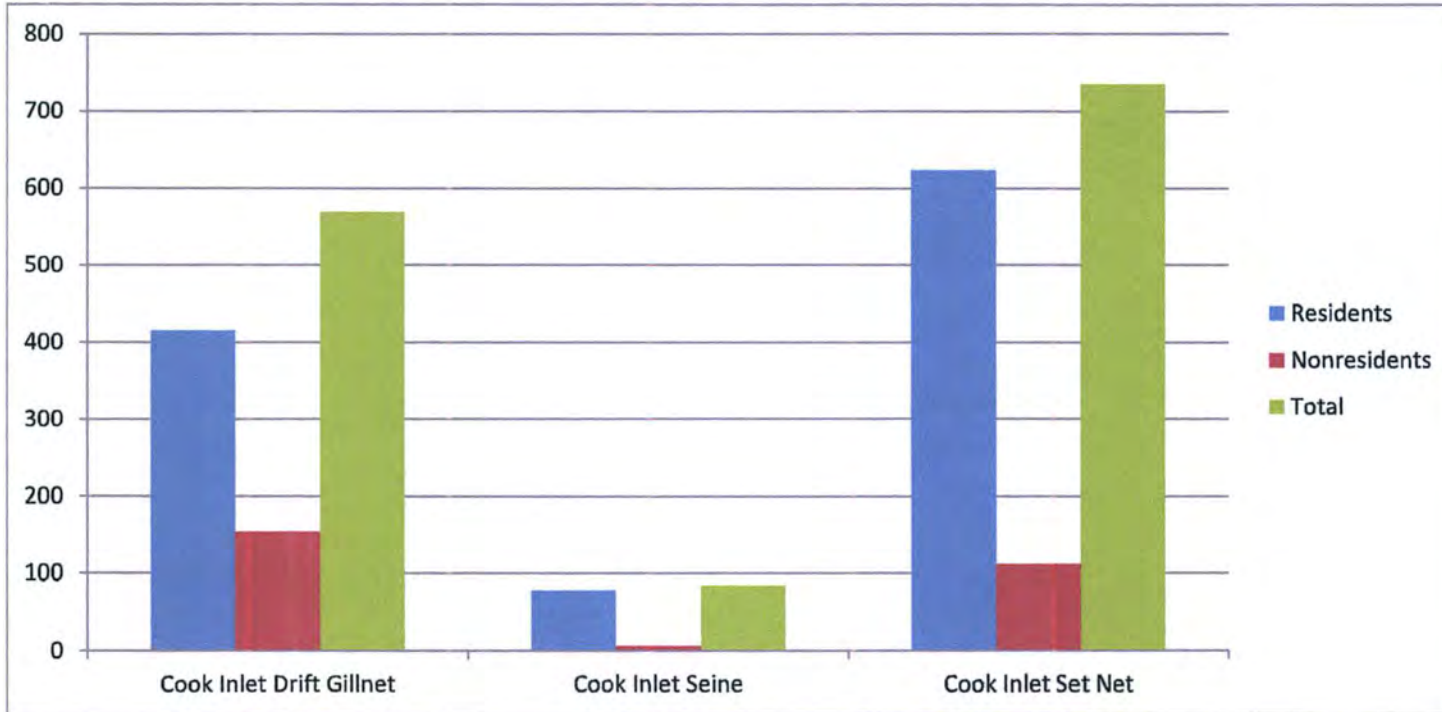
Analysis

Senate Bill 42 directs the Board of Fisheries to place restrictions on all other fisheries before restricting personal use fisheries when the harvest of a stock or species is limited to achieve a management goal. The priority for subsistence use and allocation of fish and game (AS 16.05.258) is exempted from the proposed prioritization laid out in SB 42.

It is assumed that any regulations that may need to be promulgated would occur during the Board of Fisheries normal board cycle and therefore would not have a fiscal impact upon any of the department's programs and/or operations.

Commercial Fishing Permit Holders

	Statewide	Cook Inlet Drift Gillnet	Cook Inlet Seine	Cook Inlet Set Net
Residents	12,390	415	78	623
Nonresidents	3,964	154	6	112
Total	16,354	569	84	735
% Residents	76%	73%	93%	85%
% Nonresidents	24%	27%	7%	15%



Data pulled from CFEC 2013/2014 Annual Report and CFEC website

Daniel George

From: Doug & Bruce <foam@mosquitonet.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:49 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Fw: HB 42

Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to ask you to support the passage of HB42. For way too long the high dollar commercial interests have been able to trump Alaskans when it comes to fish allocations. The resources of our great state belong to the citizens first and foremost. I know commercial fishing is important to our state, but I also know it's really b.s. when I hear of all the bycatch that is just wasted and the kings harvested by sockeye boats and my family and friends haven't been able to keep a king at Chitina or the Gulkana. In times of shortage personal use has to come first, it states that in our constitution and it's the right way to do things. Please help keep salmon on the plates of Alaskan citizens first, where they belong! Thank you for your attention and thanks for your service to our great state.

Respectfully,

Douglas Scott
Fairbanks

Daniel George

From: Gary Stevens <garyatsls@cs.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 6:40 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB42

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: Bill in Committee

Senator Stoltze,

Just a quick note of support for SB42. I strongly agree that personal use fisheries should have a higher allocation preference than commercial fishing. Please keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Gary Stevens
PO Box 672145
Chugiak, AK 99567

garyatsls@cs.com

Daniel George

From: Milton Wright <milton@keystonemeded.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 9:45 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Support for SB42

Dear Senator Stoltze,
Please support SB42! This so very important for the livelihood of my family and other Alaskans who depend on our fisheries for subsistence living. We have voted for you to protect our interests rather than commercial fishing industries.

Sincerely

Milton Wright, D.O.

Fairbanks, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Daniel George

From: Paul Carnicelli <pacalaska@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Personal Use Salmon

Bill: Been an Alaskan for 45 years, and support yourself and your support for us regarding our personal use salmon...Many Thanks...Paul

Daniel George

From: Shauna <shaunakwright67@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 10:03 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Support SB42

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Senator Stoltze,
Please support SB42! This so very important for the livelihood of my family and other Alaskans who depend on our fisheries for subsistence living. We have voted for you to protect our interests rather than commercial fishing industries.

Sincerely

Shauna Kennedy Wright
Fairbanks, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

Daniel George

From: Hull, Ben <Ben.Hull@va.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:12 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: HB42

I have been taking advantage of this resource since the beginning and wholeheartedly support your efforts to prioritize the “personal use fishery.”

Ben Hull

Anchorage

Daniel George

From: andrew r. zajac <zajac@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 9:30 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB-42

Dear Senator Stoltze,

I believe that Alaskan residents should have priority over fish and game resources in times of diminished populations. Therefore, I urge you to support HB-42. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Andrew R. Zajac
Eagle River

Daniel George

From: Betsy Sharp <babsharp@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 7:42 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB 42

I fully support your efforts on Hb42 it's the highest priority to assure use of this resource for Alaskans and their families.any way I can help please let me know. Your friend and ex colleague,Sen. Bert Sharp

Sent from B&B's iPad.

Daniel George

From: Bill Folsom <billfolsom@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:01 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB42

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO HELP PUT FISH IN THE HOUSE HOLDS OF
ALASKA LATER BILL

Daniel George

From: bdoyle@mtaonline.net
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 5:40 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze

I support personal use fisheries and support SB 42. Thanks for what you are doing. I also support the efforts of our local fish and game advisory group to get more genetic testing done on salmon coming back to the upper cook inlet and the current restrictions on the kenai drift fleets to stay out of the conservation corridor and target fish closer to the mouth of the rivers to prevent intercepting our Mat Valley fish in kenai commercial nets. Efforts to replace old culverts that prevent fish passing up or down streams is important, too.

Bob Doyle
1900 E Porcupine Trl
Wasilla AK 99654

Daniel George

From: Bruce Carter <brucec@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 11:31 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB 42

Hello Senator Stoltze,

I am writing to show my support for SB 42 and encourage you to fight to get it passed.

Thanks for your time,
Bruce Carter

Daniel George

From: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Send an email supporting Personal Use fisheries for All Alaskans.

From: Bruce R Morgan [mailto:sampson@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 7:07 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: [Fwd: Send an email supporting Personal Use fisheries for All Alaskans.]

Senator Bill Stoltze and Senator Cathy Giessel,

I am in full support of HB42,
this Act in "providing a priority to personal use fishing when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal" are exactly what Alaska was built on.

Thank you for your efforts,

Bruce Morgan
Anchorage, Alaska

Daniel George

From: H. E. "Budd" Goodyear, MSM, MLA <bg@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:14 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Cc: Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Wes Keller
Subject: Opinion: SB 42 - "An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries..."

Good Morning,
I favor this Bill. It is a high priority. Do pass!
Sincerely,
Budd Goodyear
Wasilla Area

Daniel George

From: Carol & Norma Christiansen <ccnpchris@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:38 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB42 (HB42)

Hi Bill Stoltze;

I have used Fish wheel, Set net and Dip net over the last 55years or so to get fish for our freezer, and would like to continue to do so when ever any restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goals.

Carol Christiansen

Daniel George

From: ben_carolonjanlk@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:50 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Senator Bill Stoltze,

HB42

I would fully support HB 42. Just makes sense! How many fish does a subsistence user take as compared to the commercial takes. If need be F&G could limit subsistence quantity to so much per family in case of need for complete closer.

Thank you for introducing this bill!

Carol Compton
Glennallen, AK

Sent from Windows Mail

Daniel George

From: Christopher & Janet Wright <kaskae1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 6:16 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: SB 42

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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We have lived on a river in Alaska for several decades and salmon is a large part of our diet and our economics considering our advancing ages. Please pass this bill for us.

Christopher & Janet Wright

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I returned, and saw under the sun,

*that the race is not to the swift,
nor the battle to the strong,*

*neither yet bread to the wise,
nor yet riches to men of understanding,
nor yet favour to men of skill;*

but time and chance happeneth to them all.

Ecclesiastes 9:11

Daniel George

From: Chuck <jrsmom@ptialaska.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 11:39 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: SB42

All of my family members are in total support of SB42. During times of shortage, the needs of individual Alaskans should always be met before commercial exploitation is allowed. The fisheries belong to all Alaskans, not just to those who hold commercial permits.

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
<http://www.avast.com>

Daniel George

From: Clemens M. Clooten <cmclooten@ci.fairbanks.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:15 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: support of SB 42

SB 42 - "An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal."

Senator Bill Stoltze,

I support SB 42 which will provide priority to personal use fisheries when other restrictions are implemented. Alaskans need and should have priority to feed their families the great salmon of this state. It is written in the State Constitution that the fish and game should be managed for the best use of the people of Alaska.

Thank you for your support.

Clemens M. Clooten

1163 Linda Lou Lane

Fairbanks Alaska 99712

Daniel George

From: Curtis Watkins <cwatkins58@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 9:25 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: resent the commercial fishermen and oil people living out of state

When the commercial fishermen are out in Cook Inlet, dipping on the Kenai River is dismal and it seems that they were out much more last summer than in years past. Another irritation is that most of the commercial fishermen are from out of state and they take their money out of Alaska leaving little here. Part of our budget deficit could be helped by addressing this issue and the same goes for those working in the oil industry who live out of state.

Thank you for your time

Curtis Watkins
915 Skyline Drive
Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

Daniel George

From: Madeline Kelleyhouse <mkelleyhouse@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 5:20 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Fw: Send an email supporting Personal Use fisheries for All Alaskans.

We support SB 42 - "An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal."

Please make personal use of our fisheries a higher priority than Commercial use. It should have always been that way!

Dave and Madeline Kelleyhouse
PO Box 478
Tok, AK 99780

Daniel George

From: Dave Sullivan <Dave@jdinteriors.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:21 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB-42

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I totally agree with your bill SB-42. Thank you, Dave Sullivan

Daniel George

From: Dennis lavey <lavey@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 11:04 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB 42

Dear Senator Stoltze:

Please add my name and my wife's name in support of HB 42. We are both in our 70's, and on a fixed income. My wife has had two heart operations over the past ten years, and we depend on the personal use fishery, because of the health benefit, for many of our meals. Thank You for your concern, and assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis and Sandra Lavey

330 East 4th Ave

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Daniel George

From: Dennis G. LaRoche <brettonnak@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 12:10 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB 42

Dear Senator,

Thank you for the fight for SB 42 a long time awaited bill to protect the priority of personal use fisheries when shortages occur.

I am a long time Alaskan and my family use to enjoy the 5 king limit on the copper river dip net season. As you know that is a thing of the past and I believe should be returned to the people of the state supplying wild food for their families. All the rivers, and ocean territory under state jurisdiction should be managed so Alaskan residents have the the right and opportunity to harvest food before other for profit interests.

Some one has to say it out loud but the State of Alaska and its resources owes no one a commercial enterprise. If surpluses allow it and is sustainable than wonderful. If not the gifts of our state should go to the people who live and work here.

To me that is what the founders of our country outlined, that is what our state constitution really means after all who would write the constitution to benefit the commercial needs of non residents, and is a stewardship granted to us by god to care for the place he gave us.

Thank you for your time

Respectfully

Dennis LaRoche

Nikiski Alaska

Daniel George

From: Denny Cooper <drc338x@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 11:45 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: SB 42

My family and I support prioritizing personal use fisheries, and support SB 42.

Thank You, Dennis R. Cooper

Daniel George

From: Dickie Byrd <dbyrd@mosquitonet.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 12:02 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB-42 support

Senator:

Thank you for supporting personal use of Alaska's natural resources for individuals. I have used the Chitina Dipnet facilities since 1965 almost yearly. (I am sure I have missed a year or two somewhere along the way.)

I fully support your effort with HB42.

I received notice of this bill via the Alaska Outdoor Council. They talk about the HB42 but near the end of their message they mention SB 42. (For public comment.) In either case - - I support the bill and hope you are able to get it passed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

I do watch Gavel-to-Gavel quite frequently, but not all the time. Senator Bill Stoltze has always impressed me with his efforts in Juneau. I do not agree with everything you have done or attempted to do, but feel you try hard to do what is right for the State and its people.

Dickie L Byrd

Daniel George

From: Erik Sundsten <esundsten@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:57 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB42 Support

I chose to gather a supply of salmon to feed my family and I support HB42.
Erik Sundsten

Daniel George

From: Gary Miller <gmiller.juneauak@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 9:23 PM
To: Rep. Cathy Munoz; Sen. Dennis Egan; Rep. Sam Kito
Cc: Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB42 - priority to personal use fisheries

I like SB42, giving priority to sports fisher over commercial fishers during times of small salmon runs. If my memory serves me right, sports fishers take less than one-half of one percent of the salmon caught. Salmon belong to everyone in Alaska. I think that people who catch fish for their families should take priority over the commercial fisher who are taking public resources and selling them.

I hope you are holding up under the crazy hours it takes to make a 90 day session work. I support going back to a 120 day session.

Thank you.

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Gary Miller
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(907) 789-3757

Daniel George

From: Glenda Smith <scarlett.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Personal use comment

For public comment on SB 42 - "An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal."

I would like to submit my comment that personal use should ALWAYS be given a priority over commercial use. Commercial users of our fisheries are many times from Outside our state and don't provide jobs or food for our residents. We MUST stop being a colony for other states and countries and allow our own residents to care for themselves and their families FIRST.

I support personal use for Alaska residents regardless of the reason or "management goal."

Thank you for your consideration.
Glenda Smith

Daniel George

From: Greg <gsvendsen@gci.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 10:22 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Fishing

I whole heartily support your bill.

Sent from my iPhone

Daniel George

From: wleder@acsalaska.net
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 8:52 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Personal use fisherman - Salmon

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Categories: Bill in Committee

Senator Bill Stoltze,

I want to thank you for your efforts to make personal use in salmon fishing a higher priority than commercial fishing for salmon.

In the last few years our family has been unable to catch a king salmon. The only way that we can put king salmon on our table is to buy it at the grocery store at

\$20 a pound where it is supplied by commercial fisherman who are able to catch somewhere around 10,000 kings. That is wrong on so many levels.

I appreciate all you're doing to help personal use be a priority in this state.

Sincerely,
Jean I. Leder

Daniel George

From: James Spangler <jrspang@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 8:18 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: PERSONIAL use fishing by rod or net

BILL, keep up the struggle against the WEST coast fish unions, as their groups already get 95% or more of the harvest.

Thanks for your work, JIM



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Daniel George

From: Joe and Karen Rookard <rookard@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 7:23 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Salmon harvest

I am asking you to please make personal use a priority over commercial harvest.

Thank you
JMR

Daniel George

From: John Braham <john@midstatealaska.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 10:18 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Support for HB42

Thank you for you efforts to prioritize personal use of fisheries over commercial use. I support HB42.

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John Braham

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2120 Badger Road
North Pole, Alaska 99705
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Fax: (907) 488-4099

Daniel George

From: Meghan <jmdatta217@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 10:11 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Sen. Cathy Giessel; Alaska Outdoor Council
Subject: HB-42

Dear Senators,

Our family depends on subsistence usage moose and salmon mostly. We support HB- 42 if it indeed favors Alaska families to have a chance at gathering salmon. I would like to mention also looking at a different way we can hunt for moose. Our two girls have hunted for the past two years during the whole hunting season. We've had them get to within shooting distance to 12 bulls each season , only to tell them they cannot shoot. The moose were not of "legal" size. We put our girls in for the maximum drawing permits and they did not receive one. Can it be considered to charge a fee, say \$200, for an any bull permit, or more of a fee for any moose permit, for Alaska residence, so my girls can get a moose and not continue to be discouraged going hunting.

Have a great day – John L. Datta

Daniel George

From: John James <johnej@gci.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 12:20 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB 42

Hi Bill,

Thank you for looking out for the majority of the people in hard times as SB 42 will do. Also for wise managemnet and conservation of our natural resources which this bill will also do.

Again, thank you for all the hard work you do for the people of Alaska.

John James

Daniel George

From: John Macgirvin <jmacgirvin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 6:13 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Salmon

Senator Stolze,

I'm a Alaskan that needs to be able to catch salmon for personal use. I live in the Trapper Creek area and I would not eat well without a supply of smoked salmon. Please make sure that the needs of Alaskans are meant.

Warmest Regards,

John D Macgirvin
PO Bx 13463
Trapper Creek, AK
907-841-0338

Sent from my iPhone

Daniel George

From: Ken Mears <kmears5@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 6:50 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: HB & SN 42

After 53 years in AK we highly approve of this priority over commercial fishing and non-resident sport fishing. Thanks for supporting our State Constitution!!

Ken&Choy Mears

Daniel George

From: lee.connie@juno.com
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 8:22 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB 42

Dear Sen. Stoltze,

I am in support of SB 42 and hope you will do everything in your power to shepherd it to a successful outcome during this session.

Respectfully,

Lee Browning
Anchorage, AK

Daniel George

From: Les Palmer <les.palmer@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 9:07 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB42

Dear Senator Stoltze,

You have my family's strong support for HB42. If salmon stocks ever reach the point where it comes to pitting commercial use against Alaskans personal use, the personal use should definitely have priority and be allowed to continue for as long as there is a harvestable surplus. It's not that I don't think commercial fishermen should be allowed a share of this commonly owned resource, but the most important salmon is the one on Alaskans' tables. Let's not forget that commercial hunting went out of vogue more than a century ago.

Sincerely Yours,

Lloyd L. (Les) Palmer
PO Box 631
Sterling, AK 99672

Daniel George

From: Linda <linjim@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 10:38 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: HB 42

Dear Senator Stoltze and Senator Giessel:

As a resident of Alaska for almost 45 years, it is important to know that Alaskan's have the opportunity to fish to have food for their families. I hope you continue the battle for this opportunity. I understand HB 42 will prioritize personal harvest for salmon over any commercial harvest when the salmon returns are low. This is the right thing to do.

I feel that the more the resource can be distributed to help 'Alaskans' the better. Commercial fishermen's nets catch every salmon no matter what type it is and it is my opinion that they have contributed to low salmon returns over the years. That along with the fact that most commercial fishermen are from the lower 48. How much do they spend in Alaska to help the economy. It seems most of their fish income goes south with them when they leave.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Linda Page

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Daniel George

From: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: I support HB42

From: Elyce Santerre [mailto:santerre@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 11:30 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: I support HB42

Keep up the good work. I'm glad to hear you are looking out for those of us who prefer to catch our own salmon.
— Elyce (Lisa) Santerre

Daniel George

From: mlsommer@mtaonline.net
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 9:38 PM
To: Daniel George
Subject: SB42

As a life long Alaskan (50 years), I am in full support of SB42.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Sommer

Daniel George

From: M Byers <akjetrx@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 3:10 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Fisheries

Hi Bill,

Thanks for your hard work down in Juneau. Linda and I have noticed you never have a problem putting hard-working Alaskans first.

We support your efforts to provide a priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are necessary to maintain healthy fish populations.

We're sure, added up, sport and subsistence fisheries bring far more to Alaska's economy and quality of life...for more Alaskans than commercial fishing ever will.

Best Regards,

Maurice & Linda Byers
Chugiak

Sent from my iPhone

Daniel George

From: Melvin Grove <mbgrove@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 5:31 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: SB42

I fully support SB42. Please pass for all Alaskan's!

Mel Grove
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Wasilla, Alaska 99654
www.alaskan-adventures-unlimited.com

Daniel George

From: m gavin <mdgavin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 4:57 PM
To: Daniel George
Subject: RE: SB42

I support SB 42 - "An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal, Please work to get it passed --Thank You, Mike Gavin, Fairbanks, Alaska

Daniel George

From: Paul HARRELL <harrellp1@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:19 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Cc: Chuck Derrick
Subject: SB42 Priority to Personal Use

Senators Stoltze and Giessel,

As an Alaskan, personal use dipnetter and Vice-Chair of the Chitina Dipnetters Board, I appreciate any efforts in properly securing our rights to use the resources for feeding our families.

I support your efforts as do the our constituents.

Paul

Daniel George

From: Peggy Wilson <woodnpeg@gci.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 5:27 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Yes "IF"

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I would be for this ONLY if the personal harvest folks would be willing to count what they get! That is the only way we will really be able to ensure there is Salmon left for our children and grandchildren! We have to know what the true counts are!!!!!!

Peggy Wilson

Daniel George

From: Rick Hammond <akrhammond@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 10:54 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Cc: Bruce Morgan
Subject: SB 42 "An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal"

I support SB-42. As an Alaskan resident since 1991, I have personally witnessed a significant reduction of the Kenai River 'in river' salmon population. As an avid fly fisherman, I raised my kids having a deep respect for the river and harvest of fish, not to take more than I need and to use all that I take. Fishing provided me the venue to teach my kids environmental stewardship of our natural resources. To this day, we always joke that if we pick up trash along our way, the fishing gods will be good to us. The opportunity for families to have similar experiences is under attack!

Since 2004, I can tell you that from "boots in the water" during the 1990's we would see countless salmon in the river beginning in July, thousands massed in their journey to spawn. In contrast, since 2004 in late July we've counted less than 10 observed fish during our float trip; shame on those that lie, cheat, and excuse the numbers of returning salmon for the benefit of themselves. Since there are less fish in the river, we are experiencing more pressure on the 'subsistence' fishery. More Alaskans congregate in Kenai creating a greater impact on the environment, and less tolerance from the local community. This is a travesty and again we are now only beginning to react.

Most of the Alaskan population resides in the south-central and unfortunately our State needs to deal with that. We need to decide what is important to our population, our environment, and our commerce. As an Alaskan, and as a father who has had the opportunity to raise fine adults, I support SB-42 to provide priority to personal use fisheries to put more fish in-river available to Alaskan families which will have a positive affect on the environment. Having more fish in-river will also improve commerce by increasing visitors to our state which, like me, tend to pay much more into the Alaskan economy than 'by the pound' paid from commercial use.

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Rick Hammond

Daniel George

From: Paula & Robert Caywood <cmmgen@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 9:28 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: SB 42

Honorable Senators Stoltze & Giessel,

Please pass this critically needed measure. The states constitution requires that the resources of Alaska be managed to the highest yield and we should be managing for the people that utilized the resource and not for the commercial fishermen where many of them are not even Alaska residents.

Robert Caywood

CMM General Contractors, LLC

907-317-0231

Daniel George

From: Susan Coyner <rc2ak@gci.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 8:49 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: personal use fisheries SB 42

Senators,

I request you support the priority of the personal use fishery. As a participant of the harvest of personal use Copper River dipnet fishing and member of the Chitina Dipnet Association since the mid '90s, this resource has been a significant portion of my family's diet annually. Thank you.

V/r

Robert Coyner

Daniel George

From: Ron Dukes <rondukes@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 5:56 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Regarding SB 42

Good morning Senator Stoltze,

Please continue to fight for the Alaskans who chose to gather a supply of salmon to feed their families each year with the personal use program. We have been life-long Alaskan's who utilize this program each year. Please help assure a future supply by this bill.

Kindest regards,

Ron

Ron Dukes

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(907) 322-6855 cell

ASTRA MEMBER

Daniel George

From: Carol Hurtley <bajahurtleys@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 10:26 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB42

As we all know most commercial fishing is from out of state people & companies it only makes since that true Alaska residents get priority over state resources. Thanks for thinking of Alaskan,s first Ron Goodwin.

Daniel George

From: Ron Johnson <ronjohnson@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:04 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB 42

Categories: Notable

Thanks Senator Stoltze,

SB 42 reaffirms the intent of the Alaska State Constitution. I know you are taking on some powerful lobbyist with this one.

Thanks,

Ron Johnson

Butte

Daniel George

From: Ron Smith <ronsmithsr@alaska.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 10:00 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: I am in favor of personal use fishery

Thanks, Ron

Daniel George

From: rslempusa@aim.com
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 7:28 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB42

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I support HB42. It's long overdue!

Roy Slep
Anchorage,AK

Daniel George

From: Ron Dukes <rondukes@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 5:59 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Regarding SB 42

Good morning Senator Stoltze,

Please continue to fight for the Alaskans who choose to gather a supply of salmon to feed their families each year with the personal use program. We have been life-long Alaskan's who utilize this program each year. Please help assure a future supply by this bill.

Kindest regards,

Sally Dukes

Sally Dukes

1555 Flat Mountain Rd.

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Daniel George

From: Sara Sundsten <saraalisonsundsten@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 8:47 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB42 Support

I chose to gather a supply of salmon to feed my family and I support HB42.
Sara Sundsten

Daniel George

From: Tom Knox <tknox@gci.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 8:55 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB 42

Dear Senator Stolze:

I am in complete support of HB 42 prioritizing subsistence harvest of salmon to citizens of Alaska over commercial salmon harvesting in times of predicted and true salmon run shortages. My personal information:

Thomas W Knox
4521 Snowcup Cir.
Anchorage, AK 99516

I am an Alaskan resident since 1972 and a Kenai River subsistence salmon harvester.

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Daniel George

From: Tim White <whitertim@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 8:33 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Support for sb 42

Sent from my iPad

Daniel George

From: Timothy Shine <snowshoeshine@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 8:34 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: HB42

Senator Stoltze,

I strongly support efforts to prioritize personal use over commercial use in the allocation of salmon stocks in Alaska's fisheries. Please do all you can to support passage of HB42.

Timothy Shine
Wasilla

Daniel George

From: Todd E. Fitzgerald <TEFitzgerald@gvea.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 7:29 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Personal use fisheries

Thank You for fighting for Alaskan family's that use this precious Salmon resource to for food. I have gone dipnetting at Chitina every year for 32 years. Its been a complete blessing for our family. I fail to understand why commercial fishermen get priority over families like mine when the salmon run is lower or allowing out of state commercial fisherman to sell King Salmon when personal use people can keep none. I SUPPORT this bill.

Todd Fitzgerald, Fairbanks

Daniel George

From: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Send an email supporting Personal Use fisheries for All Alaskans.

From: Tom and Danita Martin (Anchorage, AK) [mailto:yooperak@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 8:51 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: Fwd: Send an email supporting Personal Use fisheries for All Alaskans.

Senators,

I am submitting this email in support of HB42. It is vitally important that Personal use fisheries are a first priority over any commercial use!

Tom Martin
3601 Taiga Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516

Daniel George

From: tparagi@alaska.net
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 11:55 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel
Cc: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Please support SB42 Personal Use fisheries for All Alaskans
Attachments: untitled-[2]

Dear Senator Giesel,

I ask you to please support SB 42 to prioritize personal use harvest of salmon over commercial harvest when salmon returns are low. I used to fish for personal use king salmon in the Yukon near Galena, but now the king season there is closed. I moved to Fairbanks in the late 1990s and began to fish for kings in the Tanana River, but now that season is closed, even though it is not part of the Yukon stock. I continue to fish for fall chums and silvers in the Tanana right before freeze up, typically setting a net for 1 night with a friend. We share 20-30 fish each for our winter take.

Tom Paragi
1271 Lowbush Lane
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Daniel George

From: Tom <tomwellman10@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 11:15 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: SB 42 Support

Senators,

I strongly encourage your support for the personal use fishery having priority over the commercial harvest when salmon runs are limited. I was born and raised in Anchorage but moved my permanent residence to the Kenai Peninsula in 2011 to be closer to what I really love to do, sports fish and to participate in the personal use fishery. In my case, I can usually catch enough fish with rod and reel to feed my family but I support those who depend on the dip fishery.

Anyone who has fished the Kenai River for as long as I have (since 1975) can attest to the fact that all too often, commercial interests are given priority again and again over other users, oftentimes to the detriment of resource sustainability. Unfortunately, our ADFG has found themselves overly influenced by commercial interests and our fish managers have made some horrible management decisions, making it necessary for Alaska citizens to try and constrain their ability to fill the commercial nets while playing russian roulette with the survival of the salmon runs. Witness the terrible shape the king runs are in on the Kenai. Both runs should be shut down entirely for 4-5 years to let them rebuild but it won't happen due to the lobby by sports fishing guides and commercial fishermen, who know that will constrain their ability to catch reds. What is more important? Catching some reds today and wiping out the kings or everyone sharing the bounty and rebuilding key salmon runs? It's an easy answer for me.

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,

Tom Wellman
34635 Eagle Circle C-5
Sterling, Alaska 99672

Daniel George

From: Wayde or Jean Leder <wleder@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 8:10 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: SB42

Honorable Senator Bill Stoltze,

Thank you for the work you are doing on SB42, trying to prioritize personal use fishing over commercial harvest. I was born and raised in Alaska and our family has been using Salmon for a main component of our diet for all 57 years of my life.

It used to be easier to obtain, but growing restrictions have made it harder.

I can no longer go to Chitina and harvest a King Salmon, but I can go to Fred Meyer and pay \$20 a lb and buy it from one of the commercial fishermen who are allowed to take 50,000 Copper River Kings.

Thank you for your efforts to change this and I wish you luck.

Sincerely,

Wayde Leder

Fairbanks, Alaska

Daniel George

From: Wayne Heimer <weheimer@alaska.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 11:55 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: I support SB 42

Senator Stoltze,

I support SB 42 prioritizing Alaskan use of salmon over commercial uses. Thank you for your interest in this priority.

Wayne Heimer
1098 Chena Pump Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Daniel George

From: Willy <fishtales@alaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 4:27 PM
To: Daniel George

SB42 is long overdue please proceed Thank you Wilfred Blais Delta Junction AK

Daniel George

From: Glennon James <gjgillette@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Cathy Giessel
Subject: HB 42

Greetings, I am in total support for this bill as the fish and game are the property of the residents first and the surplus is to be sold. This should really be the case in the bush as I have witnessed the Native villages being told no fishing because the commercial catch was too big and that Canada had a treaty for so many fish. None of the Natives at Fort Yukon can remember being at any treaty discussions.

The other alternative is to have the commercial fishers provide free Salmon and halibut to all Alaskans. I bet that idea would get some attention for what should be the rights of Alaskans.

Thanks for your time and service.

Myself and my wife Julie have been long time supporters of you both

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Chuck Derrick, Pres.

March 15, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze,

Thank you for continuing to draft and sponsor bills such as SB42 that seek to give Personal Use fisheries a priority, second only to subsistence, when the harvest of a stock or species is limited to achieve a management goal.

The Chitina Dipnetters Association, representing the thousands of Alaska residents who annually partake in the Chitina Personal Use Dip Net Fishery, enthusiastically supports the concept addressed in this bill that the best and most important use of sustainably managed Alaska wild resources is to feed Alaskan families.

The Chitina dip net fishery, a resident only fishery, has existed since the early 1900's and was always managed and considered a subsistence fishery until new "customary and traditional" criteria excluded the fishery from subsistence classification and placed it into the new "personal use" category. The end result of the harvest by dip net of salmon from the Copper River, that of supplementing Alaskans yearly food supply, has not changed in importance with this change in classification. The ability to harvest fresh Copper River sockeye, chinook and coho for family food supply remains a tradition for many interior and south central Alaska residents.

We realize the importance of commercial fishing to the economy of Alaska but also know that we all work to support our families and those residents who rely on commercial fishing for their paycheck also have the means to harvest our annual needs for salmon for their own families whether through "home pack", qualifying for a subsistence permit, or participating in a personal use fishery. With a priority given first to "subsistence" and secondly to "personal use" we are guaranteeing all Alaska residents would have the means, when abundance allows, to supplement their annual food supply. Thank you for your continued support of Personal Use Fisheries

Sincerely,

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BILL # or SUBJECT: SB 42
COMMITTEE: SSTA DATE: 3-10-15

Personal Use Fishing should not be the priority for Cook Inlet.

We are against this bill.

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COMMITTEE: SSTA DATE: 3-17-15

Dear Senate State Affairs Committee Members and Senator Stoltze,
Please allow the biologists, who are hired to manage the fisheries, to do their jobs.
Please do not allow the politicians, who are trying to please their voters, to continue
to meddle with the fisheries, and tie the biologists' hands. The dip netters are not complaining
and are certainly getting their fish.

Karen and Richard McGahan

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COMMITTEE: SSTA DATE: 3-17-15

Dear Senators:

Please do not be taken in by Sen. Bill Stolze's not quite veiled attempt at curtailing, again, the commercial fishermen of Cook Inlet. Have any one of you heard of any dip netter not having fish available? Have any of you heard of the set netters or drift fishermen trying to get rid of the dip netters? I think not. This bill has no sponsors from the Kenai Peninsula. If any one of you think there has been a shortage of dip netting of fish, please come and visit the City of Kenai, and the Kenai Airport. Take a look at the amount of fish being flown out of state during the dip netting season. Go to Fred Meyers and look at the fish boxes going through check out. Take a look at the photos of the waste the City Manager of the City of Kenai has been showing to anyone who will pay attention.

This bill has nothing to do with the health of the river or with dip netters needing more fish. This is a bill for Sen. Stoltze to thank his campaign contributors and to pander to his voting block.

There are already mandatory closures for commercial fishing to cater to the week end crowds of dip netters that descend on the Kenai River.

Why do we even hire biologists to manage Fish and Game? Here's a budget cut idea for you.....cut out the whole Fish and Game Dept. and just let the politicians continue to manage it according to the ones they listen to, the loudest paid lobbyists and largest campaign contributors. This is exactly what Sen. Stolze is attempting to do.

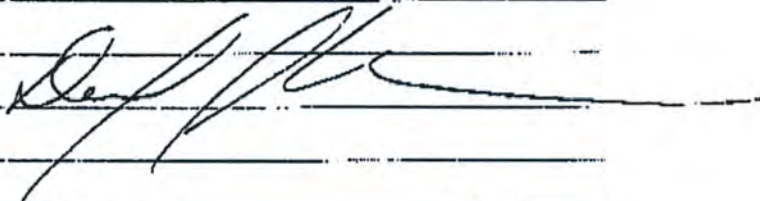
Thank you for considering our testimony,
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Richard McGahan (60 year resident)
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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Representing: SELF
Bill No./Subject: SB 42 Personal Use Fishing Priority
Committee: Senate State Affairs
Date of Hearing: 3/16/15

I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL
IN ANY FORM OR SHAPE AS IT DISRUPTS
THE CURRENT HARVEST PRACTICES
~~FISHING~~



Daniel George

From: Jamie O'Connor <oconnorjamiea@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 8:10 AM
To: Sen. Bill Stoltze
Subject: Response to bill prioritizing personal use fishermen

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello Senator,

I was disappointed to read about your bill prioritizing personal use in our state fisheries. I am a fourth generation fisherman and spend every summer in Bristol Bay. I hope to continue to fish well into old age as my great-grandfather did before me.

Through this grueling work, that I love, I was able to put myself through university without student loans. The commercial fishery is important to our Alaska culture and the many families like mine that rely on fishing. Fishing is a part of our identity, our culture and our livelihood.

To hear that you would like to prioritize personal use fisherman, a shocking number of whom do not know the first thing about this resource or how to respect it, is disturbing. Look at what has happened to the Kenai. I do not dispute that there are lifelong personal use fisherman who know what they're doing. However, they are a dwindling minority compared to the tromping urban hoards flocking to our State's rivers without bothering to educate themselves first.

I see that you are committed to the protection of our resources. But, this proposed method is misguided. Instead, I suggest you work toward the following:

- Find more budget for wildlife troopers to enforce the protective regulations we already have. The blatant disregard of regulations on the Kenai by many personal use fisherman would be slowed with more enforcement. If disregard continues, increase penalties for misuse of our resource. The penalties for commercial operations who misuse the resource are steep. So, too, should be the penalties for disregarding the laws of personal use fishing.
- Pass requirements for fisherman to educate themselves before receiving a fishing license. This would lessen the damage to resource by fishermen who can't tell a red from a pink from a king salmon. With the ease and cost effectiveness of online classes this would not be an unreasonable burden.
- Enforce protections to keep crushing boots off of the spawning grounds. The number of boots in the riverbeds of populated areas in recent years is highly damaging.

I hope you will reconsider your position.

Respectfully,

Jamie O'Connor



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March 16, 2015

Senator Bill Stoltze
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RE: Oppose SB 42 Personal Use Priority

Dear Senator Stoltze and Committee Members:

The Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) opposes HB 18, which seeks to provide a priority for personal use fisheries second only to subsistence. Our members do not believe that such a priority is necessary or reflects the true nature of most personal use fisheries, nor does it allow for the orderly and sustainable management of our state's fisheries resources.

ATA represents the Southeast commercial troll fleet. Our members are professional hook and line salmon fishermen. The troll fleet is one of the largest salmon fleets in the state and is 85% resident. A large number of troll permit holders live in rural communities. Many of our members participate in other commercial, sport, personal use, and subsistence fisheries.

The most significant problem with HB 18 is that it ties the hands of the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) and could confound sustainable fisheries management. Personal use fisheries are conducted inriver and can have a significant impact on spawning stocks. While personal use fishermen may harvest fewer fish compared to commercial, they still bear a responsibility to conserve the resource.

The BOF is the best forum to analyze with ADFG and the public the biological reasons for dips in salmon production, and then distribute the conservation burden proportionate to the impact of the fishery. From there, a system exists to allocate surplus production when stocks rebound. Allocation by the BOF is governed by a policy that has been in place since the early 90's.¹ The policy recognizes history of use and dependence by residents, and also allows for distinctions between guided and unguided harvesters, as approved by the legislature in 1992. This policy provides ample opportunities for the BOF to protect important personal use needs for residents,

¹ [AS 16.05.251\(a\)\(17\)\(e\) Board of Fisheries Allocation Criteria](#)

while at the same time avoiding undue hardship on all other fisheries of importance to local communities. A full set of BOF policies can easily be found online.²

A troublesome aspect of the bill is that it would hold personal use fisheries above sport and commercial for regulatory and allocation purposes, no matter what the circumstance, which has never been the intent. No rationale has been provided by the makers of the bill through a public sponsor statement, so barring a persuasive argument we have not yet heard, ATA strongly opposes prioritizing personal use.

Subsistence fisheries have been granted highest priority in times of resource shortages, because they are intended to provide the basic necessities of **life** for rural residents.

Personal use fisheries allow individuals to take finfish, shellfish, or aquatic plants, often at higher levels than sport fisheries, for use as food or bait by that individual or their immediate family. Ostensibly, the higher bag and possession limits reflect the food and bait needs of residents who, for one reason or another, do not qualify for subsistence.

While our association supports the intent behind true personal use fisheries – to feed Alaskans - we question whether or not the current conduct of some of these fisheries actually meets the intended goal, which is to provide food and bait for individuals who need more than a basic sport license can provide.

Of the personal use permit holders, those who would appear to most need the liberal harvest limits are not necessarily the ones removing high volumes of fish. Let's look at the Chitina personal use fishery as an example.

The 2000 census counted 123 people, 52 households, and 30 families residing in the Chitina area. The Alaska Subsistence Fisheries 2003 Annual Report (ADFG, 2005), states that just 29 personal use permits were issued to Copper Basin residents. Of those, 19 fished, with a harvest of 232 fish and just 0.3% of the total Chitina personal use harvest (Table XII-5).

The vast majority of the fish caught in the Chitina personal use fishery were harvested by people traveling from the urban areas of Fairbanks (2,034 permits issued/ 28,949 fish caught) and Anchorage (1,475 permits issued/ 19,443 fish caught). Rounding out the top five communities harvesting in the Chitina personal use fishery were Delta Junction, Eagle River, and Eilsen Air Force Base (Table XII-5). Most of these communities can hardly be described as subsistence in nature, much less lacking significant opportunities to secure the basic **necessities of life**. **Yet that is essentially what granting a personal use priority would imply.**

What justifies granting personal use fishermen more protection than resident sport and commercial fishermen and their resident customers, who all rely on the same stocks?

Most fishermen who travel to Chitina from urban communities, often at great expense, are not low income. Not only do they pay the cost of traveling a long distance to this remote community, they often secure the services of guides, water taxis, and custom process facilities.

² [Board of Fisheries Findings and Policies](#)

Those services are not cheap, particularly when compared to purchasing salmon at the store. This makes the need for personal use by such fishermen questionable to other Alaskans. There are personal use opportunities closer to Fairbanks and Anchorage, so the methods and means of harvest are neither efficient nor economic in terms of effort and cost. Obviously, these folks simply enjoy going to Chitina and bringing back lots of fish. Not a problem, but also not worthy of a higher priority than is granted to other fishermen.

The regulatory history of the Chitina dipnet fishery clearly shows that the Board of Fisheries considered it an area worthy of personal use designation, not special priority.

Over time, the BOF has established specific parameters around personal use fisheries, to delineate this use from subsistence and protect both the resource and other, longstanding fishing interests. When establishing the personal use category in 1981, the BOF made its intent quite clear with respect to personal use priority:

7. ... It is the intent of the Board that subsistence, commercial, and sport users have a reasonable opportunity to take any surplus before a personal use fishery is allowed.

While the BOF intended that personal use fisheries would not harm sport and commercial fisheries, they also provided ample opportunity for personal use fishermen when developing regulatory measures. This is revealed in harvest limits that far exceed what many Alaskans consider necessary for basic sustenance. The Board's intention to be liberal in the application of personal use is also revealed in a memo to ADFG Commissioner Frank Rue dated March 21, 1996 from Assistant Attorney General Stephen Daugherty indicating that (*emphasis added*):

... although *the proposal for creation of personal use fisheries presented to the Board of Fisheries was very restrictive, the board adopted a much less restrictive regulatory scheme for personal use fisheries.* As originally proposed, personal use fisheries could only be conducted where they would not negatively impact an existing resource use, and initial bag limits were proposed at very low levels. The board modified the proposed regulations to allow for the *provision of personal use fisheries if they were in the broad public interest*, and it also adopted bag limits based on amounts taken under subsistence regulations. *The board explicitly rejected some uses permissible under subsistence regulations and provided that it was illegal to buy, sell, trade, or barter fish taken in a personal use fishery, but the board did not provide an explicit prohibition on sharing.* See Board of Fisheries Proposal 107 (Apr. 1982); 5 AAC 77.010(b).

The legislature also took up personal use fisheries, as noted by Daugherty, and clearly stated that personal use fisheries were to be granted status equal to – not higher or lower than - other fisheries (*emphasis added*):

The record indicates that although personal use fisheries were not intended to have a priority over sport and commercial fisheries, they were also not considered lower in priority. The legislation treated personal use fisheries on the same basis as sport and commercial fisheries and subjected them to the same allocation criteria.

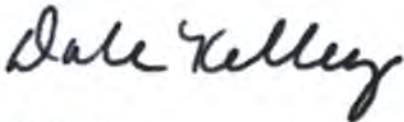
Unfortunately, what is obvious to many of us around the state is that despite extremely liberal management of personal use fisheries by the BOF, it's still not enough for some personal use fishermen from urban areas who seem more interested in putting their wants over the needs of the resource and fellow fishermen, Alaska consumers, and Alaska communities.

While we do not deny that the personal use fishery is important to many Alaska residents, including some that we represent, we note that giving personal use fisheries priority over other uses of the resource could negatively impact a great many more Alaskans than it will help. Sport and commercial fisheries and the consumers served by the seafood industry, are part and parcel of the 'broad public interest'. Our fisheries provide thousands of jobs and significant economic value to the state overall; for instance, through substantial general fund assessments on seafood landings. The impacts of initiatives like this, which chronically erode commercial fishing access, are felt by ALL of the state's citizens.

ATA opposes priority status for personal use fisheries and considers such a designation to be contrary to sound resource management; potentially harmful to other Alaskan residents; and, out of sync with the true intent that underpinned establishment of personal use fisheries.

Thank you for considering ATA's point of view. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information on this or other issues of concern to the commercial fishing industry.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Kelley".

Dale Kelley
Executive Director