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**Senator Robin L. Taylor**

## Sponsor Statement for SSSB 42 am

### Stacking and unstacking of dungeness limited entry permits

In the First Session of the Nineteenth Alaska Legislature House Bill 107, the counterpart to Senate Bill 42 was passed to ensure that the Southeast Alaska Dungeness crab fishery would not open to entry by a flood of new entrants. This passed legislation represented a new method to limit a fishery.

Prior to the passage of HB 107 in the Senate, a consensus was reached among the people involved in this fishery. Fisherman who were adamant that limited entry be instituted in the traditional fashion agreed to a tiered system, if it had the stacking unstacking provision. That provision, which the original sponsor substitute represented, was the factor that convinced the majority of those involved in the fishery to support the tiered legislation.

Unfortunately, due to the imminent adjournment of the first session, there was not enough time to change the title on the House Bill to accomplish the stacking unstacking provision. Consequently, the bill was passed without that compromise provision. It was thought that it would be better to attain limited entry than to reopen the fishery to new entrants.

Sponsor substitute for Senate Bill 42 amended would permit a modification of the original compromise worked out by the involved parties to go forward. The modification allows a maximum of two permits to be combined or stacked. These permits would be issued as two separate gear cards and the fisherman would not be allowed to exceed the maximum legally allowed gear limitation set by the Board of Fisheries.

CFEC is supportive of the legislation. Parties that objected to the original sponsor substitute, such as the Southeast Alaska Dungeness Crabbers Association are supportive of the amended sponsor substitute. The Petersburg Vessel Owners Association has endorsed the legislation in its present form.

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April 1, 1996

Senator Robin Taylor  
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Dear Senator Taylor:

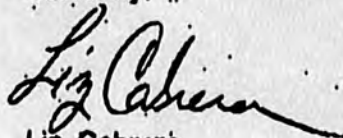
The Petersburg Vessel Owners Association would like to provide you with our position on Senate Bill 42, which would allow for stacking of permits in the Dungeness crab fishery in Southeast Alaska.

PVOA supports S.B. 42 as long as it is amended to include a provision preventing consolidation of permits by limiting the total number of permits which can be "stacked" to two. By including this provision, it will prevent consolidation of the "d" or 75 pot permits into 300 pot blocks and ensure there will be smaller permits available for new entrants to work their way into the fishery.

This amendment addresses the concerns expressed by our members who participate in this fishery and is consistent with positions our organization has taken in the past.

Senator, we would like to thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the Dungeness crabbers in Southeast; and commend your staff, particularly Terry Otness, for his efforts on this issue.

Sincerely,



Liz Cabrera  
Director

cc: Rep. Ben Grussendorf  
Rep. Bill Williams

4/1/96

HONORABLE SENATOR TAYLOR,

THE SOUTHEAST DWUGENESS CRAB ASSOCIATION  
WOULD LIKE TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT  
TO SB 42, PROVIDING THE STACKING  
PROVISION IS LIMITED TO TWO PERMITS  
THIS SHOULD PROTECT MANY OF THE  
ENTRY LEVEL PERMITS (I.E. 75 POT TIER) WHILE  
PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME  
INDIVIDUAL GROWTH WITHIN THE FISHERY.

SINCERELY,

WILLIAM FLOR  
SOUTHEAST DWUGENESS CRAB  
ASSOCIATION

3/27/96

## MEMBERS OF SENATE RESOURCES:

I'D LIKE TO COMMENT ON SB 42. THE STACKING AMENDMENT RUNS CONTRARY TO THE ORIGINAL IDEA OF THE STACKING PROVISION WHICH ALLOWED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FISHERY BASED ON PREVIOUS EFFORT WHILE ALLOWING FOR ENTRY LEVEL OPPORTUNITYS FOR OUR INSTATE FISHERMEN.

THE STACKING AMENDMENT ALSO WILL PROMOTE A MUCH FASTER GROWTH OF THE OVERALL NUMBER OF POTS FISHING WHILE DECREASING THE ACTUAL PARTICIPANTS. THE BOARD OF FISH HAS ALSO VOKED CONCERNS ABOUT THE 16,000 POTENTIAL POTS AND THE CONSERVATION PROBLEMS WHICH THIS WOULD PRESENT. THE STACKING PROVISION CAN ONLY FACILITATE THIS.

I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS AMENDMENT TO SB42.

THANK YOU BILL FLOR,

Feb. 29, 1996

Southeast Alaska Dungeness Crab  
Petition for Stacking Provision

We, the undersigned fishermen, would urge the legislature to add a stacking provision to the Southeast Alaska dungeness crab fishery. We were disappointed last year when, H.B. 107 was passed in the last days of the 1995 session, without a stacking provision in it, as the bill was originally written. As it now stands, many fishermen with a history in the dungeness fishery will be cut back in the number of pots they can use after 1996; as a result of the limited entry program due to start in 1997.

If the C.F.E.C. finds it necessary to limit the number of pots in the fishery; then an equal percentage of pots should be removed from all entrants equally. Example: A 300 pot permit would lose 30 pots and a 75 pot permit would lose 7 pot; on a 10% cut. Decisions to reduce pots fishing, should have nothing to do with the buying of selling of permits as has been proposed.

Within a stacking provision, if an individual is given 150 pots initially and buys two more 75 pot permits to reach the maximum of 300 pots; then conversely, they should be able to break them down as purchased for disposal or be able to sell them as one unit to another fisherman as the permit holder sees fit.

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