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HRES.

HB 626

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# TELEGRAM

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JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

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PMS REP NELS ANDERSON 4665

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RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED IN HONER IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF RESIDENTS STRONGLY URGE YOU TO PROMOTE LEGISLATION  
WHICH WOULD CONDEMN KACHEVAK OIL LEASES

BRUCE JAMIESON BOX 867 99673

3-15-76  
Peter A. Lagerwey  
1101 Eagle St., #8  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Anderson

The recent oil and gas leases in Kachemak Bay have disturbed me very much. Despite industry claims, offshore drilling has and continues to experience problems with oil leaks <sup>and</sup> spillages. High winds and rough water make the Kachemak Bay area particularly hazardous. If safe drilling operations cannot be carried on in much calmer areas, what will happen in an area like Kachemak Bay?

The fishing industries, the wild life and the people of Alaska need the protection of Kachemak Bay. I strongly ask your support of SSHB 626 which would establish a marine sanctuary in Kachemak Bay.

Oil and gas development in Kachemak Bay would only provide a temporary, short term solution to the energy problem while its environmental impact will be for years, perhaps forever. By preserving this area, Alaskans for generations will benefit from this area. Thus, I ask again that you support the establishment of a wild life sanctuary in Kachemak Bay.

Sincerely, Peter A. Lagerwey

March 15, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that I am glad to see that the substitute for H.B. 626 has been tabled. I hope it will never get out of Committee. I feel strongly that the Kachemak Bay Oil Leases should be honored by the State. It is also my opinion that the State cannot properly be represented in court by an administration and attorney general who actively support the radical environmental groups and the fishermen in opposing the leases. Re: Attorney General Gross' statement in a letter to Asiah Bates as printed in the Homer News 9/4/75 where he states that he feels strongly, as does Governor Hammond, that the decision to lease Kachemak Bay was wrong, etc. There is definitely a conflict of interest also displayed at a recent hearing in Homer as conducted by the attorney general.

I believe the State should be represented by someone with the interest of the state at heart. I also feel that the publicity Homer has received in the last year or two opposing the oil leases is biased in favor of the environmental groups. The public sentiment locally actually favors the oil leases as indicated in a recent questionnaire. Until recently we have heard mostly from the newcomers supported by people or organizations outside the Homer or Kenai Peninsula area.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Barnett

cc: Leo Rhode, Clem Tillion, Hugh Malone, Kay Poland

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Box 850 Phone 262-4441  
SOLDOTNA, ALASKA 99669

*File*

DON GILMAN  
MAYOR

March 5, 1976

The Honorable Jay S. Hammond  
Governor of Alaska  
Pouch A  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Hammond:

Enclosed is a portion of the minutes of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission meeting of February 9, 1976.

I would like to reiterate the commission's unanimous strong disapproval of HB 626, as well as the concept of any similar bill which preempts the powers of local government.

This administration seems to have a strong tendency to request or sponsor bills which would enhance the already too broad powers of State commissioners and thereby reduce the ability of local governing bodies, such as cities and boroughs, to make wise land use decisions based on facts rather than wishful thinking. While I know there are some very intelligent and experienced people working for the governor's office, these people are in Juneau, a little too far from the action to be aware of the real needs and continuing changes in the local area. People involved in local government, seeing those affected by that government every day and often confronted by them, cannot afford the luxury of unrealistic thought or action. When mistakes are made, as they are by any governing body, they must be corrected promptly. When mistakes are made on the State level, it often takes years to correct them. Our experience with the Department of Environmental Conservation concerning wastewater regulations is a prime example.

Of course, no solution to the problem of the oil leases in Kachemak Bay will satisfy everyone. The problem is a direct result of an action taken without the prior knowledge of the people most directly affected. The proposed solution (HB 626) was also drafted and introduced without prior knowledge of the residents of the wide area to be affected by it. Will governments never learn?

At the hearing held in Homer last Tuesday, I learned of the substitute bill, SB 612, on which I will report to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission at its next regular meeting. This brings me to a continuing problem - that of being informed as early as possible on any bills coming from the Office of the Governor, or by request of the Governor, concerning the Kenai Peninsula, Cook Inlet, Kachemak Bay, Resurrection Bay or the Gulf of Alaska.

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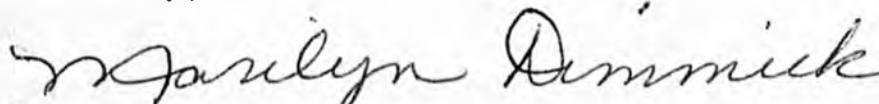
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DON GILMAN  
MAYOR

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As the local and regional authority for land use planning and zoning, we would appreciate special consideration in being sent copies of these bills as soon as they are ready for introduction. This might help to alleviate the problems of remote control government that our citizens are adamantly against.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Dimmick, Chairman  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission

cc: (See attached list)

Box 311  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
March 18, 1976

Nels Anderson  
Chm. House Resource Com.  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am opposed to SSHB626 as I was to HB626. I'm not only opposed to any sanctuary but also the condemnation of the oil leases.

I am in favor of retabling the motion and letting it die there. Should it ever be forced out of committee the recommendation should be a "Do not Pass!"

So far Gov. Hammond's tenure in office has been a real lesson in hypocrisy.

We are 10 year residents of the Homer area - Real property owners and gainfully employed.

Yours truly,  
Shirley Herwood



George R. Pollard

Licensed Master Guide

KENAI GUIDE SERVICE  
KASLOF, ALASKA 99610

March 17, 1976

Representative Nels Anderson, Chairman  
House Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In regard to SS for HB 626 it seems to me that the natural values of Kachemak Bay, both physical and intangible, are not being given enough consideration. The economic benefit to Alaska derived from oil development in the Bay is not worth the trade off.

There is absolutely no damage done to anyone, except a slight inconvenience to the oil companies, if the Kachemak Bay oil and gas leases are condemned. The revised HB 626 has removed objections to a marine sanctuary contained in the earlier bill.

Conversely, oil development impact on the renewable resource shell fishery in Kachemak Bay is firmly established. Here would be significant damage to a natural resource and to the people who make a living from it--damage created by our own actions if the marine sanctuary bill is voted down.

The adverse impact ~~impact~~ on tourism from oil development in the Bay is self evident; even one oil platform would blight the beautiful panorama of Kachemak Bay.

It is worth contemplating that the oil potential will always be there if we do not attempt development now, and that 20 years from now we can still have a Kachemak Bay fishery and an unimpaired tourist industry in the area. Vote for HB 626!

Sincerely,

*George R. Pollard*  
George R. Pollard

cc: Dick Eliason  
Leo Rhode

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I OPPOSE PASSAGE OF SSHB 66

MELVA HILLAS BOX 102 HOMER ALASKA 99603

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I OPPOSE PASSAGE OF SSHB 66

ANGELA HILLAS BOX 102 HOMER ALASKA 99603

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COOK INLET FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
C/O P.O. Box 778  
Eagle River, Alaska 99577  
688-2380

Juneau, Alaska  
March 18, 1976

House Resources Committee  
Chairman, Rep. Nels Anderson  
@ Senate Resources Committee  
Chairman, Sen. Kay Poland

The Cook Inlet Fishermen's Association of Northern Cook Inlet fully supports the establishment of a marine sanctuary in Kachemak Bay.

We also support Sponsors Substitute for H.B. 626 and urge its passage.

*Tom Rollman*

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Tom Rollman, Delegate  
Board of Directors for the  
Cook Inlet Fishermen's  
Association



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# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

MAILING ADDRESS:  
P.O. BOX 1352  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99802

OFFICE:  
197 S. FRANKLIN ST.  
907 586-2820

March 18, 1976

The Honorable Mike Bradner  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Bradner:

The United Fishermen of Alaska are holding their Fifth Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors this week.

In an action passed this day the Board of Directors moved unanimously to support Sponsor Substitute for House Bill 626, "An Act relating to the establishment of marine sanctuaries; and providing for an effective date." We strongly urge passage of this legislation by the Second Session of the Ninth Alaska State Legislature.

Yours truly,

Philip A. Daniel  
Executive Secretary

cc: Representative Nels Anderson, Chairman  
House Resources Committee

Representative Hugh Malone, Chairman  
House Finance Committee

Senator Kay Polland, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee

Senator Bill Ray, Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee

HB 626

March 22, 1976

Results of letters and telegrams on this issue, excluding "form" telegrams.

LETTERS

Supporting HB626 12

Against HB626 37

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Supporting HB626 2

Against HB626 4

RESULTS OF POST CARD POLL

	Yes	No
1.	19	286
2.	286	21
3.	18	282
4.	278	29

MRS. N. TURKINGTON  
BOX 233  
HOMER, ALASKA 99503

March 17, 76

Dear Representative Anderson:

Please do not pass SHB626.

We don't need a sanctuary  
or condemnation to protect  
the fisheries. We only need  
to work together and make  
some agreements.

Sincerely,

Norma Turkington

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 626  
 Title: Marine Sanctuaries  
 Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Return Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: Nat. Resources - Div. Parks Program: District Operations

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: District Operations

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		16.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0
200 TRAVEL		2.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
300 CONTRACTUAL		4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
400 COMMODITIES		2.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
500 EQUIPMENT		51.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	15.0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES		150.0	--	--	--	--
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		226.0	33.9	33.9	33.9	45.9

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		76.0	33.9	33.9	33.9	45.9
FEDERAL FUNDS		75.0				
OTHER		75.0				

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	1/	1/ 1	1/ 1	1/ 1	1/ 1
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	12/	12/ 4	12/ 4	12/ 4	12/ 4

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Legislation creating marine sanctuaries will have fiscal impact only inasmuch as it creates the Kachemak Sanctuary in the enabling act. Manpower will be directed toward interpretation and education from a visitor center in Homer, and operation of a boat in conjunction with the Kachemak Bay State Park. Boat operations will also be coordinated with the Department of Fish and Game. One permanent ranger-naturalist will be assisted by a seasonal ranger. Initial development will be for a simple visitor center and parking area in Homer. Additional fiscal impact cannot be assessed until legislative intent vis-a-vis other marine sanctuaries is known.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 3/16/76 PREPARED BY: Russell W. Cahill

Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

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PMS REP/ WLS ANDERSON

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CRITICAL HABITAT OK SANCTUARY NO CONDEMNATION NO

VOTE NO ON HB626

HAZEL SMITH PO BOX 676 HOMER ALASKA 99603

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RESOURCES:

Please attach the fiscal note to  
your Committee Copy of HB 626.

We usually put all letters and  
material pertaining to a Bill or  
Resolution to the back and that  
should be the place you look for it  
when you receive it from the Chief  
Clerk's Office.

Edith

*Edith*

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
FISCAL NOTE

Second Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. Unnumbered House Bill 626  
 Title: An act relating to the establishment of marine sanctuaries  
 Requested by: Governor Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Return Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: Natural Resources Program: Mineral leasing

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: 10-42-1-110

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL			25,000,000.			
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL			25,000,000.			

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND			25,000,000.			
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

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III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

There is no way to assess what the overall cost to the State might be if the option is exercised to purchase the leases under section 41.20.430. Leases were purchased from the State for \$24,685,460.31 and \$191,220. has been paid in rentals. There would also be considerable additional fiscal impact because of removing land with oil and gas potential from an available for leasing category in each of the three cases.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 1/16/76 PREPARED BY: Dale P. Tubbs

Original: Legislative Finance  
 cc: Budget and Management  
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

Stephen H. Nathanson  
Halibut Cove  
Alaska 99603  
Feb. 5, 1976

Clem Tillion  
State Senator  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Clem,

I am unalterably opposed to HB626  
the Kachemak Bay Land Grab. This  
will be the major issue in the  
coming election. I will be opposed  
to anyone supporting this bill. This  
bill is the worst and most specific case  
of land grab and Totalitarian "process"  
that I have yet seen attempted in this  
state. I am opposed to this bill in  
particular and any form of it. I  
hope I have made my stand sufficiently  
clear on this.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Nathanson  
Karen Nathanson  
Vern # 2 Roll #  
James A. Panchot  
Lee M. Ricketts

cc. Gov. Hammond  
Leo Rhodes  
Nels Andersen  
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PMS LEO RHODE

JUN 1136

REF HB 626 URGE YOU TO DEFEAT THIS BILL.

AS NOT BEING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR BEST

INTEREST RESIDENTS KACHEMAK BAY. HB 626 APPEARS TO BE

NEGATIVE LEGISLATION OF DISCRIMINATORY NATURE REFLECTING

DISCREDIT ON U.S. CONGRESS STATE OF ALASKA IN THEIR

ENDEAVORS TO ALLEVIATE AND ELIMINATE ENERGY SHORTAGE

USA

HOMER S THOMPSON

*2/2/76*  
*Copy to: Nels Anderson, Chairman*  
*House Resources Committee*

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3/11/76  
Dear Representative Anderson

I would urge you in your capacity as Chairman of the House Resources Committee to support & urge passage of SS HR 626 (actions in Kachemak Bay to provide payment for oil leases, etc.)

I am a 20 year resident of Alaska and as such am probably more sensitive to fisheries considerations. It appears fisheries concerns in Kachemak Bay are paramount and should be protected by sanctuary and buy back of the oil leases in the crab spawning areas. It is my understanding SS HR 626 would permit actions protecting fisheries by buy back of oil leases.

The people of Homer are going to have oil activity from Federal OCS leasing so they should not be deprived of a chance for economic activity.

Thank you for any consideration.

James E. Fuller  
Box 397, Kenai

HOMER COMMITTEE

TO PROMOTE  
UTILIZATION OF THE PORT OF HOMER

Jerry Anderson, Chairman

P.O. Box 955  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Gov. Jay Hammond  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Gov. Hammond:

Thank you for your letter, and the copy of the substitute bill 626. Before commenting on the bill, I would like to make some observations on the "TCW MEETING" held by your representatives here in Homer.

First, it is unfortunate that we had so little prior notice of the meeting. I tried to be a good "Paul revere" and spread the word, but when the meeting was held, I became aware that the "anti's" had done a much better job than I! I realize that your people cannot get the people and lead them by the hand to these meetings, and that the general tone of the people that were there did indicate that we were in favor of the condemnation. Your statement that there were "Exactly seventeen people" who indicated they were in favor of the oil production, is very mis-leading!

About half-way through the meeting, Mrs Cason asked for a similar vote, and the vote is so close that a count would have to have been made in order to tell how the feeling was running. By the time Mr. Gross got around to asking his questions, many of the people who were in favor of the leases being used, under stringent controls, had gotten disgusted at the whole tone of the meeting, and gone home. When Mrs. Cason took her "vote", Mr. Gross was asked how the split looked, and he declined to answer.

Enough on the leases tho, as this is not the main concern of the Port Committee.

The substitute bill is a vast improvement over the original offering, how-ever there are still some areas of concern. Mr. Gross mentioned that he was hesitant to include specific uses to be allowed in the bill, as future interpreters might decide that if a use weren't specified, then it must be considered prohibited. This is a very real possibility, and while I realize that every possible use couldn't be listed, our group was very concerned that no mention was made of our logging and timber industry, which contributes a considerable amount of money to our local economy.

I very strongly object to the requirement that the commissioner call for annual nominations for additions to the system. This requirement also exists in the critical habitat legislation, and since we have a finite amount of land, it would appear that at some future date, the entire state will be locked up in critical habitat and sanctuaries! Come now, Sir, we can't all be parks and wildlife employees!

I object to the provision allowing the commissioner to create a separate division within the department to deal with parks and marine sanctuaries.

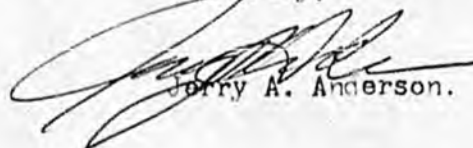
This would create another tentacle of the bureaucracy that already has the nation and the state so firmly in it's grasp.

In essence, I must oppose any bill that creates a marine sanctuary. This is akin to going rabbit hunting with an elephant gun. If the administration feels that it is the will of the people, ( a view I do not share) that the leases in the bay not be honored, then might I suggest an approach similar to SB 612, which deals with the buy-back of the oil leases, and ONLY the buy-back of the leases. At least this approach calls a spade a shovel.

The meeting held in Seldovia, (which I was unable to attend) seems to support this approach. The people there were fairly evenly split over the question of the leases, but showed almost no support for the Sanctuary concept. The recent poll of the people in Homer conducted by Mrs Cason and Mr. Browning seems to indicate that the people of the area feel somewhat differently that the mood expressed at the town meeting, and would seem to echo the feeling shown at the seldovia meeting.

I am painfully aware that there will never be a solution to the problems that will satisfy everyone, but I would hope that when the smoke clears, that all of the information received from this area, and from the rest of the state will be reflected in any final action. I would feel very badly indeed, if the administration only listened to the side of the issues that supported the desires of that administration. I do not expect that my wishes will be imposed on the rest of the state if that is not the desire of the majority of the tax-paying residents. I would hope that the reverse would also be true.

Sincerely,



Jerry A. Anderson.

CC: Nels Anderson Rep.  
Kay Polard Sen.  
Leo Rhode Rep.

March 5, 1976

Representative Leo Rhode  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99801

Representative Rhode:

I would like to take your time to express my feelings on the present controversy of oil development in Kachemak Bay.

It seems that regardless of how many times you attend important meetings or respond by correspondence to issues, the ones you miss are only important ones.

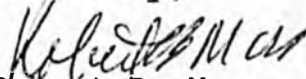
I would like to know how you can discount the evidence of Homers "Town Meeting" where, at the very best, only one (1) in ten (10) wanted oil development in the bay. Or perhaps you can tell me why it was more than three (3) to one(1) in favor of establishing a critical habitate on the west side of Cook Inlet. Both these meetings were advertised well in advance and did not appear to be attended by any specific group.

I have lived in this area for 26 years and have derived my livelihood solely from fishing. In addition, I graduated with honors from Montana State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Fish & wildlife Management.

This does not qualify me to make any profound scientific statements, but I can assure you my opposition to development of oil in Kachemak Bay isn't based on the economic harvest that might be had if such development takes place.

In the future I hope you take into consideration the type of people that would promote the development of one industry at the possible detriment of another!

Sincerely,

  
Robert B. Moss  
Box 1206  
Homer, AK 99603

HIDDEN HILLS RANCH

JIM J. COBS, OWNER-OPERATOR

STERLING ROUTE

HOMER, ALASKA 99603

Feb. 23, 76

Att. Gen. AVRUM GROSS  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Gross;

This letter is in regards to House Bill 626 and the hearing held in Homer on that bill. You are aware that people who are emotionally involved with a situation will respond to a public meeting call and the people that are not stay home. The fishermen are very deeply involved and the so called environmentalist respond loudly and negatively to any talk of development.

There are many people in the area who are not for or against development as such. Many of us agree that if drilling in the Bay will harm the crab and shrimp to a noticeable degree then by all means don't do it. Many of us feel that drilling and production of oil can be carried out without <sup>at all</sup> harming the fishery.

The question was put to the people early in the meeting by June Cason as to the feeling of the people on oil and fishing being compatible. The answer was roughly split 50-50. By the time you started asking your questions the people who were not so anti development had started to drift off to home and bed. As the night wore on the vote got more and more lop-sided as the moderate element went home.

I sincerely hope that you would not want the vote to be anti-oil so bad that you would accept these later votes as the will of the general community. Your attention is called to the questionnaire sent out by the City of Homer on how the people of the area felt on development of Homer and the area. More people responded to this questionnaire than came to the public meeting and I feel the questionnaire represents more closely the feeling of the majority of people in the Homer area.

In closing let me say that I feel there presently exists more than enough regulations to safeguard the fishery. If the courts say the leases are legal then the oil companies should be allowed to drill under close supervision. There is no need for HB626 or any other bill trying to lock up the Bay to any development.

cc: Bob Palmer  
Leo Rhodes  
Clay Hillier  
Hugh Malone  
Gov. Frank

Yours truly

Jim J. Cobs

FRANK A. TUPPER  
BOX 851  
HOMER, ALASKA 99603

*File*

Representative Ed Anderson  
Alaska House of Representatives  
Porch  
Seward, Alaska 99501

March 6, 1956

Representative Anderson;

I have recently learned that a Sponsor's Substitute of H.R. 626 has been introduced into the House, and that it would be referred to the House Resource Committee, of which you are the Chairman.

As one who is vitally interested in the merits of the intention of this piece of legislation, I would hereby request that I would be informed as to when you might be scheduling Committee hearings on this legislation. I would request that I be notified well enough in advance, so as to prepare some materials that I might believe of any such hearing, and to allow the necessary time to prepare for any travelling needed to get to Seward.

Please be so kind as to inform me at this address:

Box 81

Wichita, Alaska 99573

Thank you for your attention towards my request.

Best Sincerely,  
*Frank A. Tupper*  
Frank A. Tupper

FROM 708 OPINION POLLS  
THE FOLLOWING WAS TABULATED:

File

OPINION POLL OF KACHEMAK BAY RESIDENTS

I, \_\_\_\_\_ as a resident of (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ area of Kachemak Bay.

- \* (2) I have lived in Alaska for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- \*\* (3) I have lived in this area for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- (4) My occupation is \_\_\_\_\_  
(own 531 )
- (5) I (do not own 145 ) property in this area.  
(help 511 )
- (6) I believe industry will (hinder 146 ) this area.
- (7) I believe that fishing and petroleum industries, with proper  
(are 494 )  
controls (are not 193 ) compatible in this area.
- (8) I believe that existing controls, if enforced (are not 240 )  
(are 310 )  
sufficient for joint utilization of our resources.  
(attended 206 )
- (9) I (did not attend 495 ) the "town meeting" in Homer on February  
17, 1976.
- (10) I believe the HOMER WEEKLY NEWS headline: HOMER SHOWS STRONG  
(is 209 )  
SUPPORT FOR KILLING KACHEMAK LEASES (is not 441 ) an accurate  
desire of the area residents.

(11) COMMENTS

* RESIDENT OF ALASKA:	** RESIDENT OF AREA
0-2 YRS. - 29	0-2 YRS. - 101
2-5 YRS. - 96	2-5 YRS. - 135
5-10 YRS. - 137	5-10 YRS. - 121
10 + YRS. - 446	10 + YRS. - 448

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

KACHEMAK BAY

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CARD CORRESPONDENCE SURVEY

Do you want the oil leases in Kachemak Bay condemned by the State?

Should the Legislature make the decision on spending these tax dollars?

Are you a property owner?

Should the condemnation cost be approved by the voters?

<u>yes</u>		<u>NO</u>		<u>Yes</u>		<u>NO</u>		<u>Yes</u>		<u>NO</u>	
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KACHEMAK BAY

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CARD CORRESPONDENCE SURVEY

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WE STRONGLY URGE PASSAGE OF THE BILL CREATING A MARINE

SA NCTUARY IN KATCHEMAK BAY.

EDGAR BAILEY 618 N ST APT 3 99571

Kachemak Bay Conservation Society  
Box 846  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
March 10, 1976.

Rep. Nels Anderson  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Anderson:

The members of the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, a local affiliate of the Alaska Conservation Society, wish to endorse the concept of a marine sanctuary in Kachemak Bay.

We have reservations about the clauses in HB 626 relating to eminent domain and what may be construed as "incompatible uses" of the bay. We do, however, wish to express our support of what we feel was the basic intent of the bill-- to protect an unusually productive and aesthetic body of water from degradation associated with oil development.


We also wish to support the designation of Kamishak and Chinitna Bays as critical habitat areas.

We consider the maintenance of an adequate food supply at least as important as the nation's gluttonous appetite for energy, especially when much of our energy is supplied by a resource which may have more critically important uses in the future.

Public support for the means to protect our environment and our renewable marine resources is unquestionable.

Won't you please do whatever you can to support this cause also? We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen Andersen  
President, K.B.C.S.

Yours truly,  
Marie Doyle

- Marie Doyle

We need your help to keep Rockbank

Dear Mr. Anderson,  
H. B. C. C. C.

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Phone

235-8583 or 235-8584

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

March 11, 1976

Dear Chairman Andersen,

The proposed Kachemak Bay Marine Sanctuary has stirred up much turmoil and interest in the Homer area particularly. I am a 20 year resident of Homer and feel that I have a vital interest in the Kachemak Bay area. I operate several vessels (landing craft) which are based here in Homer and also employ a number of people in my construction business.

I want to go on record as being totally opposed to creation of a Marine Sanctuary for Kachemak Bay. I do not feel that this creation will benefit anyone in the long run. It will be an anchor holding back or stopping orderly growth and development. I am convinced that the fishing and oil industries can live together. Proper controls and regulations with proper enforcement for all concerned are necessary.

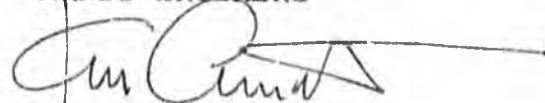
I would also like to mention that I disagree with the governor's effort to cancel the oil leases west of Homer. It would not be in the best interest of the people of Homer or the State of Alaska to do so.

I urge you to put a stop to this Kachemak Bay Marine Sanctuary idea and to take a position against its' creation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this.

Sincerely,

ARNDT BROTHERS



Kenneth Arndt

cc: L. Rhode  
C. Tillion  
H. Malone

KA/sa

Backwoods Trail, Star Rt. #20972  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701  
March 9, 1976

Rep. Nels Anderson, Chairman  
House Resources Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Anderson:

RE: CS for HB 626  
KACHEMAK BAY bill

Please do everything possible to secure favorable reporting on the above bill in your committee, and to get it out onto the floor of the House for a vote as soon as possible.

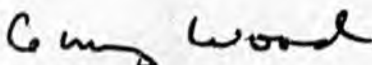
I want to be on record as favoring the above bill for the following points:

- 1) The State of Alaska should never have allowed the sale of oil leases in Kachemak Bay, because of the value of the fishery there, including shell fish.
- 2) The oil and gas leases now held in Kachemak Bay should be removed through condemnation, in order to clear the bay of all threats from this source.
- 3) I favor creation of a marine sanctuary within Kachemak Bay, which would preclude all future leasing or drilling in the area.

The values present in Kachemak Bay total far more than a possible find of oil and gas. It is a lovely area with a tremendous amount of appeal to the visitor, whether an Alaskan on vacation, or someone from Outside. The value of the Bay from this standpoint is permanent, unless we permit it to be damaged in our pursuit of short-term gains such as those from the oil and gas leases.

I hope you will expedite this bill through your committee, and assure a House vote just as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

  
Ginny Hill Wood

Grenac Rd. S. R. Box 30498  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
March 10, 1976

Rep. Nils Anderson, Chairman  
House Resources Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Anderson:

We urge your support of the substitute for House Bill 626,  
to buy back the Kachemak Bay lease.

This is a high priority matter and probably the most environ-  
mentally positive action this year's Legislative session can take.

In addition to repurchase of the lease, it is important to  
assure legal protection for the fisheries resources in Kachemak  
Bay.

Sincerely,

*Ann Swift*  
Ann and Dan Swift

Mr. Wayne Jones  
Homer, Alaska  
March 9, 1976

Honorable Jay S. Hammond  
Governor  
State of Alaska  
Office of the Governor  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

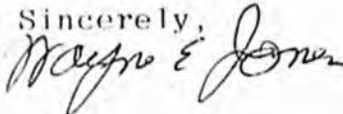
Dear Governor Hammond:

I am writing in reference to the Marine Sanctuary bills with its phoney misuse of condemnation laws. I think it is time to yank the rifle off the wall and declare open season on politicians, not on oil people.

I want to tell you a story. In the early 1940's I participated in three beach heads as a soldier with the 77th infantry division. We waded ashore three times. Three times I put my life on the line for three pieces of land, and do you know what? After the war they took most of it away. On May 10, 1947, I made another beach head. The United States Government told me that for helping my Country in her time of need, they would give me 160 acres of land, free and clear, if I lived on it for seven months and built a home on it. Here at last was a place for a tired old soldier to lay down his rifle to rest a while, and a place to die in peace and honor. So I waded ashore again to another piece of land at Happy Valey, Alaska.

And do you know what? They damn well better not take this piece of land away by condemnation action as authorized in your Marine Sanctuary bills.

Sincerely,



WAYNE E. JONES

cc: Honorable Nels Anderson  
Honorable Kay Poland  
Honorable Leo Rhode

Norma Turkington (Mrs.)  
Box 233  
Homer, Alaska 99603

March 10, 1976

RE: SS HB 626

Dear Representative Anderson:

I have attempted to comment on this bill in a sensible, rational manner and make it short. However I have come to the conclusion it's impossible.

The rewrite leaves many questions and fears for me as an average taxpaying voter. I wonder how attorneys would interpret it in the future. I have seen them spend a half hour or more, arguing before the supreme court, over the definition of just one word.

I can't go along with a sanctuary in Kachemak Bay. Animals in a contained environment will eventually increase in number until their food supply is not sufficient to sustain them. I feel an attempt is being made to put the people of the Kachemak Bay area and Lower Kenai Peninsula, in much the same predicament with a controlled economy. The watered down dollars that might be available from Federal Shared Revenue are not dependable. We can't selfishly tell the people of the other states that we don't want our waters to provide oil but we want Federal money to support us.

As to the bill itself: There appear to be provisions for increasing the marine park, but no provision for eliminating any portion. Has there ever been a park given up for another use? (I really don't like to "nit-pik" but we have so much at stake here, I feel I must question all I see now). Allowed are beachcombing for wood and coal, but no sea shells, rocks or other treasures. Does the geographical description include within the Homer or Seldovia boat harbors? How about the City's tide lands? We paid a good price to get them surveyed. How about Jakalof Pay? Will the lumber operation there be allowed to continue? How about digging clams? Will ships and barges be allowed in the bay? Not just the ones stopping at the Port of Homer, but the ones that unload on the beach or come for shelter and repairs. How about marine repair facilities? Will the owner of any sunken boat or ship be required to retrieve it from the bay bottom so it won't environmentally damage anything? I oppose to condemning the leases or buying them back. I especially oppose the power of eminent domain.

I oppose creating another department (The division of Natural Resources Department for Marine Sanctuaries) This administration is going to cost this state a bundle with its many new departments, positions and councils, and creating huge debts for lease pay back and the degrading of Alaska's creditability.

This bill was written in haste and often haste makes waste. Can't we work out uses of Kachemak Bay to the best interest of all concerned. Please just find funds to strictly enforce regulations for each use of the bay. Many thanks.....

Sincerely,

*Norma Turkington*  
Norma Turkington (Mrs.)

cc/ All legislators

# Alaska State Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE  
LEO RHODE  
BOX 408  
HOMER, ALASKA 99603

WHILE IN JUNEAU  
POUCH V  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811



COMMITTEES:  
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## House of Representatives

March 8, 1976

Julie and Robert Clutts  
Anchor River Inn  
Anchor Point, Alaska 99556

Dear Bob & Julie:

Thank you for your most comprehensive thoughts relative to the proposed condemnation of the oil leases in Kachemak Bay.

To comply with your requested conveyance, a copy of your communication will be placed in the hands of the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and the Chairmanships of the Resources Committee in both Houses.

The present bills, SSHB626, and HB854 (included) which deals with this subject are presently in the House Resources Committee. Committee hearings on these bills have not been scheduled to date.

Your interest in the Kachemak Bay issue is most appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leo Rhode".

Leo Rhode  
State Representative

LR/jp

enclosures

cc: Jay Hammond, Governor of Alaska  
Chancy Croft, President of the Senate  
Mike Bradner, Speaker of the House  
Kay Poland, Chairman - Senate Resources  
Nels Anderson, Chairman - House Resources



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February 27, 1976

The Honorable Leo Rhode, Representative  
State of Alaska  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Leo:

Please convey our opinion on the proposed action to renege on the Kachemak Bay lease sale to the legislature, the senate, and the governor.

By our letterhead it should be apparent that we are interested in any action which would harm the propagation of fish or people. However, our opinion on the proposed action is not clear and we hereby hope to clarify it.

Ninty percent of our tourist trade are Alaskans moving around Alaska. In the Summer most of our guests are federal or state employees, servicemen, their families and visiting relatives. During the Winter our guests are construction workers and fishermen. Oil oriented personnel stop in the year around. We are interested in the welfare of all Alaskans.

Most of the Kenai Peninsula homesteaders were able to prove up on their homesteads through the income they received working in oil development. Families moved from Homer and Anchor Point to Sterling and Soldotna while "Dad" worked in the Swanson River oil fields. When school started they came home. Later "Dad" worked for seismograph companies as a surveyor, cat skinner, driller, juggy, etc. Many fished in the Summer and worked in oil research in the Winter. Through this employment and the arrival of many "little homesteaders" the peninsula grew. It grew through free enterprise not through dependency on federal or state government agencies. The Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau areas were and still are dependent on these.

The second generation finished school (Teaching these students became the most coveted teaching positions because they are the highest paid in the Nation.) There was the need for more jobs for more adults. We all hung on fighting the battle to make ends meet. The hope that "things will break next year" kept us going. By "things" we meant development of oil on or off shore. Now we have third generation peninsulians looking for employment.

In 1972 we traveled 16,000 miles to Oklahoma, Houston, Texas, Los Angeles and back home. We saw a lot of "grasshoppers" pumping away quietly, healthy

From: Bob and Julie Clutts  
To: Representative Leo Rhode

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crops of grain growing around the pumps and small herds of cattle drinking from their water troughs beside the pumps. Our best day of sport fishing was the day we chartered a boat and fished in Long Beach harbor near what appeared to be highrise apartments. In reality they were shells surrounding drilling rigs. They were attractive by day and beautifully lighted at night. The most popular meal we serve in our dining room are jumbo prawns from the Gulf of Mexico. There are approximately 2000 drilling rigs in that body of water.

I grew up on Puget Sound in Washington State, home to some of the worlds largest fishing fleets. (It is difficult for me to accept the boast that Kachemak Bay is the most prolific body of water in the world.) My father was a machinist for Continental Can Company. While he serviced the machines installed in Southeastern Alaska canneries our family lived in cannery quarters at Kake. I started school there. At that time it was a small two room school house. I remember the scowloads of fish dumped overboard because the run was greater than the cannery could process before they spoiled. The same situation experienced here in Cook Inlet a short time ago. That time the Japanese processing barge was called too late to assist in saving the fish.

In view of the above and other reasons too numerous to mention here it is our opinion that:

1. No bill should be passed which would prohibit the development of oil or any other natural resource in our State.
2. The "know how" to insure compatibility between all industries is available and can be applied when radicalism is replaced by good judgement.
3. The majority of the Kenai Peninsula residents were not only aware of the probability of the lease sales they were looking forward to the day.
4. Newcomers secure with their retirement income, inheritances, content with welfare, etc., should consider the majority working for a living at the jobs they are best suited for.
5. Salaries paid with our tax dollar to environmental personnel should provide more technical assistance to preclude damage to man or fish, etc., and fewer "flat nos".
6. ENDANGERING THE CREDIBILITY OF THE STATE BY RENEGING ON THE LEASE SALE BORDERS ON TREASON TO OLD ALASKANS WHOSE WORD IS THEIR BOND.
7. ANY CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO OBLIGATING ALASKANS TO REPAY TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS PLUS INTEREST AND OTHER COSTS WITHOUT PUTTING IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE IS ANARCHISTIC.

Respectfully yours,

*Julie Clutts*  
Julie Clutts  
*Robert H. Clutts*  
Robert Clutts

HOMER COMMITTEE  
TO PROMOTE  
UTILIZATION OF PORT OF HOMER

JERRY ANDERSON  
chairman

P.O. Box 955  
Homer, Alaska 99603

February 25, 1976

Dear Fellow Citizen:

Enclosed are five pre-addressed post cards with identical questions on each. Will you please check yes or no for each question, sign and mail them immediately?

Time is an important factor for individuals to express their opinions, whether they want the oil leases in Kachemak Bay revoked or not, as a new bill is being drafted for the Governor to submit to the legislators to accomplish the goal to condemn or purchase these leases.

The Committee is mailing as many sets of these cards as it can afford from the contributions that have been received. However, if you have a friend or neighbor who did not receive a set and would like to express his opinion, please ask him to come by the Manley Freight Terminal office. We will try to have a few more cards available.

We appreciate your assistance in this poll to give the Governor, both Resource Committee Chairmen, our Representative and us the opinion of what the majority of Kachemak Bay area residents really want. Thank you.

Sincerely,

COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE UTILIZATION OF THE PORT OF HOMER

JERRY ANDERSON  
Chairman

It could cost the taxpayers \$75,000,000.00 to \$100,000,000.00 or more for the State to condemn the oil leases in Kachemak Bay. *Do you want the leases condemned? (If the leases are condemned the State of Alaska will have to buy them back.)*  
Yes . . . . No . . . .

If this amount of tax dollars is to be spent, *do you think the People of the State should vote on it?* Yes . . . . No . . . .

Or, *do you believe 60 elected Legislators should make the decision to spend these millions of tax dollars?* Yes . . . . No . . . .

*Are you a property owner?* Yes . . . . No . . . .

Signature . . . . .

HOMER COMMITTEE  
TO PROMOTE  
UTILIZATION OF PORT OF HOMER

JERRY ANDERSON  
chairman

February 27, 1976

P.O. Box 955  
Homer, Alaska 99603

The Honorable Nels Anderson  
Chairman  
House Resource Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Governor Hammond which will explain the intent and purpose of the post cards that you will be receiving. Also enclosed is a copy of the letter sent with each set of cards, and a sample of the cards.


It is most regrettable that Homer is so divided on the Kachemak Bay issue. There is a deep resentment among the residence within the City who are faced with the tax burden to support the services for the non-property owning itinerate residence who are presuming to become the voice of the community.

However, some of the fishermen who support condemnation of the oil leases are among the most stable and most respected citizens in this community. Yet we believe these people would have accepted the decision of the Supreme Court without further furor had the Administration indicated its willingness to respect the Supreme Court's decision.

We can appreciate the difficult decision for all of you serving in the legislature. Again, we appreciate your thoughtful letters and we are deeply grateful for your concern for the welfare of our community.

Sincerely,

COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE UTILIZATION OF THE PORT OF HOMER



JERRY ANDERSON  
Chairman

JA:bcm

ENCLS

cc: Hon Leo Rhode

HOMER COMMITTEE  
TO PROMOTE  
UTILIZATION OF PORT OF HOMER

JERRY ANDERSON,  
chairman

P.O. Box 955  
Homer, Alaska 99603

February 27, 1976

The Honorable Jay S. Hammond  
Governor  
State of Alaska  
Office of the Governor  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Public Meeting Homer, Alaska February 17, 1976

Dear Governor Hammond:

The notice from your office to hold a public meeting in Homer on drafting an acceptable version of House Bill 626, was given to the City of Homer one week prior to the meeting. This short notice made it impossible for many people, who had prior commitments, to attend. The meeting was also very poorly advertised, none of the Anchorage papers carried a notice of the meeting. The intent of your three representatives, Attorney General Gross, Bob Palmer and Fish and Game Biologist Dr. Pat Wennekens, was most apparent: to revoke the leases in Kachemak Bay. The question was only how to accomplish this..condemnation or purchase.

We are not in agreement with either the percentage quoted by Mr. Gross, that 80% of the residents of Homer are in favor of condemning the oil leases, or, that it is a 20 to 1 ratio in favor of condemnation.

In an attempt to have the opinions of more than the select group of fishermen, ecologists and environmentalists considered in determining what is best for our community, we are mailing 500 sets of post cards, five pre-addressed cards per set.

These post cards are addressed to you; the Honorable Kay Poland, Chairman, Senate Resource Committee; the Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman, House Resource Committee; the Honorable Leo Rhode, Representative; and our committee.

The questions asked are to be answered yes or no; they are on condemnation, whether or not the State's expenditure for condemnation or purchase should be approved by the qualified voters of the entire state, or, if it should be the decision

The Honorable Jay S. Hammond  
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of the legislators, and if the individual is a property owner.

It is not the intent of this committee to influence the opinions on the oil leases in Kachemak Bay. We only want to be assured that all segments of our community have had an opportunity to express an opinion.

The mailing list for the post card poll was devised by four members of the committee selecting names at random from the telephone directory. It was an effort to contact people who have not attended the public hearings or public meetings and/or who have not expressed their views. One classic example is the fishermen who do not support condemnation nor purchase of the Kachemak Bay leases do not express themselves for fear of reprisal from other fishermen.

We are concerned that one faction of this small community can influence serious legislation to obligate every tax payer in the State of Alaska for unknown millions of dollars.

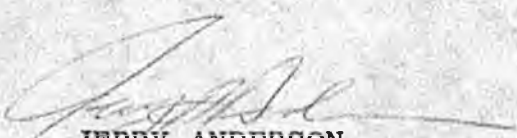
We are also concerned about the future opposition that can come from some of this same faction in our attempts to develop utilization of the Port of Homer as many of these people appear to object to all growth and development.

Our prime objective is to develop all potential uses through the Port of Homer to contribute to a stable economy in this area. To do so, we believe it is imperative that our community be fairly evaluated in its attitude toward the oil industry as well as other industries.

We request that you review the post cards as they arrive in your office, and ask that you give careful consideration to each signed card in your determination of what the desire is of the majority of the citizens in this area.

Sincerely,

THE COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE UTILIZATION OF THE PORT OF HOMER



JERRY ANDERSON  
Chairman

JA:bcm

cc: Hon Kay Poland  
Hon Nels Anderson  
Hon Leo Rhode  
Hon Hugh Malone

Susan H. Lockwood  
Box 1062  
Homer, Alaska - 99605  
MARCH 1, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson  
Chairman House Resource Committee

Dear Sir:

I 100% Support the  
Concept of Condemning the Kachemak  
Bay oil leases.

Respectfully,  
Susan H. Lockwood

NAME Timothy Madchett  
SUBJECT Port Graham, Alaska - 99609  
DATE March 1, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson  
Chairman of the House Resource Committee  
Pouch V

Dear Sir:

I want to go on record favoring  
condemnation of the Kachemak Bay oil leases.

Sincerely,

Tim Madchett

File

OPINION POLL OF KACHEMAK BAY RESIDENTS

I, Allan B Crawford as a resident of (1) City of Homer  
\_\_\_\_\_ area of Kachemak Bay.

(2) I have lived in Alaska for 10 years.

(3) I have lived in this area for 4 years.

(4) My occupation is Postal employee  
(own X)

(5) I (do not own \_\_\_\_\_) property in this area.

(6) I believe <sup>extensive</sup> industry will (hinder X) this area.

(7) I believe that fishing and petroleum industries, with proper  
controls (are X) compatible in this area.

(8) I believe that existing controls, if enforced (are X)  
(are not \_\_\_\_\_)

sufficient for joint utilization of our resources.

(9) I (did not attend X) the "town meeting" in Homer on February  
17, 1976.

(10) I believe the HOMER WEEKLY NEWS headline: HOMER SHOWS STRONG  
(is X)  
SUPPORT FOR KILLING KACHEMAK LEASES (is not \_\_\_\_\_) an accurate  
desire of the area residents.

(11) COMMENTS

The issue in the Kachemak Bay area is not oil vs fishing;  
but rather a number of "greedy" businesses and land owners  
(own 20 acres in the area) wanting more money instead  
of protecting a valuable food source. I much prefer  
to keep the food source. Therefore, I fully support  
HB 626. It is the only reasonable thing to do in light  
of the mounting world food crisis.

Allan B. Crawford  
Signed

Box 251 ; Homer, Ak.  
Address

File

February 24, 1976  
Box 1194'  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Hon. Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Com.  
House of Rep.  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Honorable Anderson,

This letter is in regards to HB 626. In the event that the gas/oil leases off Kachemak Bay are found to be legal, I am strongly in favor of a bill that would make Kachemak Bay a marine sanctuary but let it's people use the bay as they do now and just mainly keep gas/oil drilling and oil tankers out of this critical habitat area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Judith Wenger*

Judith Wenger

February 18, 1976

Representative Nels Anderson  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 998111

Dear Mr. Anderson;

I would like to add my protest to the list against HB 626 - in its present form, which I understand will be rewritten.

I protest very definitely ANY condemnation clause in any form in the new bill. If the oil leases are condemned now, what is next? Coal, timber, crab pots-- what ever??? Why should the oil industry be singled out? Past experience indicates it will not stop with the oil industry.

There is much evidence that fishing and other industry can live side by side; to condemn one to enhance the other is economic folly.

And there is too much evidence of "condemnation" under any name, land grabs, management, or just plain "Big Government" taking over, or regulating every piece of ground, every movement a citizen makes.

Don't lock Alaska up! Let us grow! Let us have a place for our children, and these children not only need recreation and wilderness areas to enjoy, but they also need jobs and payrolls to be able to enjoy these recreation areas. I would like for my children to be able to live and work in Alaska, but as it stands now--because of limited entry they cannot fish, it is very difficult to start a small business because of regulatory restrictions, the list could go on and on. That leaves jobs with established industry, but with all Alaska land locked up, that will limit those jobs.

Then what? One politician feeding off another??

Sincerely,

*Virginia Wilson*

February 20, 1976

Honorable Nels Anderson  
Chairman, Natural Resources Comm.  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

*File*

Dear Mr. Anderson:

In regards to HB 626; I am very much against the bill in all aspects. What it tends to do, what it involves and why it was written.

I am a fisherman first, but have other interests evolving from having lived here for approximately 28 years. I believe in the rights of all people, and of all people having the right to defend these rights, be they great or small. If We the People are to be regulated to the point of revolution, then we should have a voice in the writing of the regulations, by vote if nothing else.

I do not feel it is right for the State to be able to condemn the leases in Kachemak Bay, nor that the people should have to pay the penalty if a suit by the oil company should such action be taken.

I believe in the protection and conservation of all animals and fishes, but not of the locking up of these animals and fish! All things were put on this earth for all men to use, not just a few.

I do not believe in Commissioners being appointed that can dictate terms by which people shall live and be regulated by.

Do all lands and waters have to be classified and controlled to the point that none is left available to the expanding population? Should all lands be locked up, where the State will derive zero taxes? On what can a tax base be formed?

I enjoy the flora and fauna and I wish to enjoy it longer. And hope that all can! But I wish to see people being able to work and enjoy prosperity, but through working for what they get, not by the hand-outs that government seems to push, which are tax free. Give people jobs, put them to work, and normally you will have a happier society. Also it will take some of the tax load off my back!

My comments have gone a little further than HB 626, but are certainly related.

Sincerely,

*Charles H. Johnson*

Box 846  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
February 19, 1976

Govenor Jay Hammond  
Pouch A  
Juneau, Alaska

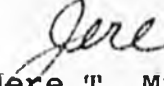
Dear Govenor Hammond:

Much controversy has surrounded HB 626 locally. People don't understand the obliquities of the legal/political world and it is little wonder!

The purpose of this bill was to enable the state to condemn the Kachemak Bay oil/gas leaseholds in the event that the courts find that the sale was held in a legal fashion. Why not do that--and nothing else?

I'd like to be able to support such legislation--that is a bill which would make it possible for the state to return to the oil industry leasees their lease payments, fair interest and "costs" and depreciation/appreciation; and return the right to exploitation of the oil and gas resources in the state territory of Cook Inlet (the area described as Kachemak Bay State Marine Sanctuary in HB 626) to the people of the State of Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jere T. Murray

CC/ Senator Clem Tillion  
Rep. Leo Rhodes  
Rep. Hugh Malone  
Rep. Nels Anderson

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Dennis Hanoski  
Box 426  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Honorable Mel Anderson  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Anderson,

I have lived in Homer for eight years. During this time I have worked as a welder on oil platforms, a commercial fisherman (3 years), a construction worker away from home, and now as a businessman. I am also a member of the City of Homer Planning Commission and vice-president of the board of trustees of the Homer Volunteer Fire Department. I feel that my opinion has been drawn from my work experience and involvement with community affairs.

My main concern is HB 626 and any other legislation which would prohibit any oil development in the Homer area. I do not mean to say I am against controls or regulation but I am against outright prohibition.

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I feel that the present controversy in Homer stems from three viewpoints - saving aesthetic values such as scenery, quaintness, etc, preserving the fishing, and general economic development and growth.

In my opinion the need for oil by our country far outweighs the damage to aesthetic values. The sight of an oil rig or the associated activity are not enough to deprive the United States of energy independence. This statement may sound crazy but the events with the Mid-East of last year should be enough to make my views clear.

Fishing and oil, by themselves, are not compatible. I agree with this statement, but the fact is oil and fishing are not by themselves - there is technology and government. The oil people have agreed to controls and regulations to preserve the fishermen's way of life and to protect the environment. The state government has a duty to require the oil industry to use its technology to protect others. Many fishermen and conservationists have decided to oppose oil development regardless of controls, regulations, or surveillance agreed to by the oil industry. This is wrong. The world (business, government, politics, etc.) is based on need and compromise. The US needs oil and here in Kachemac Bay we need a compromise.

General economic development and growth is probably the issue under the controversy. Fishermen are striving for a status quo - no more fishermen and nothing that would even remotely threaten fishing. To maintain this attitude it is necessary to oppose growth and oil. Here in Hamu we have a fairly large number of transients (Hippie-types if you will) who also share this view. The phrase used is 'keep Hamu the way it is!' This is impossible in Hamu as anywhere else - no one can keep anything 'as it is'. The best we can do is to make the best of what can be. Hamu has a chance to help itself instead of remaining a poor sister or becoming a ward of the state.

I would like to comment on our most recent town meeting chaired by Mr. Gross. I have a very hard time writing without becoming angry about it. The part of the meeting that most irked me was the last head count of people for and against oil development and Mr. Gross' interpretation of it. I was unable to remain at the meeting and missed the last count but an earlier showing in response to a question by Mrs. Val Casan showed over half the people in attendance believed oil and fishing could be compatible. This showing was in spite of a large number of our transient people and having the meeting chaired by four people openly against oil development. Even I was surprised at this showing.

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I feel that the state is wrong in attempting  
to ban oil development like a dirty book in  
Boston. Let us control it, regulate it, tax it, but not  
prohibit it. Let the oil people pay for these protections.  
Help the United States find energy independence.

I am urging you to not be stampeded by short-sighted  
hysteria into making long-lived legislation.

Sincerely  
Nanni Hanisch

Homer ak 99603

Feb 20, 76

Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Juneau, ak, 99811

Dear Mr. Anderson

I am a commercial fisherman,  
boat owner, registered guide and 37 year  
resident of the Kachemak Bay area.

I would like you to support  
legislation that will stop the  
development of oil in Kachemak Bay.

HB 626 was introduced to protect  
the Bay from oil development, but was  
poorly worded.

On Feb 17<sup>th</sup> a town meeting was  
held. The attorney General asked the people,  
his/their present would support a bill  
terminating the Kachemak Bay leases  
and taking care of the technical

problems in HB 626, and by a vote of 300 to 17 the people said they would support legislation that would terminate the leases,

I have sponsored proposed amendments to HB 626 that alleviate the problems contained in the original.

The majority of the residents of Ruckmak Bay feel that the resources of the Bay should not be risked by allowing the development of oil.

The Bay comprises only 2.15% of the Cook Inlet area, yet produces 52.15% of the fishery resources. This area also serves as a recreational area for many thousands of people from the surrounding areas, and includes a State Park, critical habitat area, and crab sanctuary. Considering this I would very much appreciate your support.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Paul & Corinne Jones



February 6, 1976

Governor Jay Hammond  
Pouch A  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Hammond:

As manager of a corporation employing 700 taxpayers in the State of Alaska, I would like to voice my objection to any form of sanctuary as proposed in HB626.

There is not only a legal issue involved in canceling the oil leases already let in the Kachemak Area, but a moral issue that affects all Alaskans. These issues will affect prices received on all future leases.

I, as a taxpayer, am opposed to using the tax money received from myself and the corporation I represent to stop progress, reimburse money already received, and deprive us of any future revenue.

The safety of offshore oil production has been proven world wide. The main objection, as I see it, for the Kachemak could be taken care of by making shipping corridors. This would lessen the damage to gear which is stated as the major concern.

Rather than submit a bill for a very few special interest groups, let us look at what is best for all of the people and if it is required, put it before all of the people for a vote.

Your reconsideration in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

ALASKA CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

D. A. Cowser  
Senior Vice President, Manager

DM/vh

cc: Senator Chancy Croft  
Senator Jalmar Kerttula  
Senator Mike Colletta  
Senator Kay Poland  
✓ Representative Nels Anderson

Alaska State Legislature

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Senate

WHILE IN JUNEAU  
POUCH V  
JUNEAU, ALASKA  
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February 3, 1976

Richard M. Jones  
Box 866  
Homer, Ak. 99603

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for the letter regarding House Bill 626. First, I do not support HB 626 as written. I have an inherent distrust of government--reinforced as much as anything by my years in the Legislature, and while I will do almost anything to protect the fishing industry locally, and hope to never see the day when there are fixed structures in Kachemak Bay, I never-the-less have difficulty supporting anything that exercises eminent domain powers over a man's home and property. I do support shipping lanes in and out of the port of Homer and Seldovia, and would not want to deny Homer the chance to be an active port as things open up in the Southern Inlet. While I don't want to see oil drilling within the Bay, I have no objections to seeing it take place in the Southern Inlet and feel that the Homer area has a major potential.

I introduced the Legislation for Kachemak State Park, incidently at the request of both the Chamber and the City Council of Homer some years ago, but in it I very carefully put a section that says the powers of eminent comain may not be exercised anywhere within the boundaries of the Park. I have added this same section to every other park bills that came through the Legislature since I have served on it and it was my Legislation that removed the power from the Ala-ka State Housing Authority.

I don't expect that you will agree with all of my positions, but I do appreciate your writing so I can at least explain where I stand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clem Tillion".

Clem Tillion  
State Senate

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Homer, Alaska  
Feb. 9, 1976

Honorable Clem Tillion  
Alaska State Senate  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Tillion:

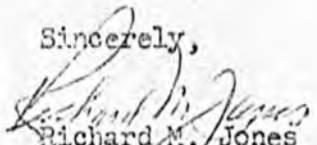
Thank you for your response of Feb. 3 in regard to House Bill 626. It would appear you and I may have more in common than my previous impressions. Very frankly, I was of the opinion this bill was probably the results of the Governors' "quiet" visit to Halibut Cove a short time ago.

According to the Homer Weekly of Feb. 5, Bob Palmer states, "he and Hammond are not happy with the present bill, which slipped by him and Senator Tillion". If proposed legislation can "slip by" those who are sponcering legislation it is a case of gross negligence. Or did the top aid to the Governor think such an outlandish and eighth graderish prepared piece of paper could "slip by" the ignorant legislators and public? Something should be done about this man other than a top position in the Fish & Game Department.

I am definately opposed to any breach in trust on the part of the State in reclaiming sold oil leases in the Bay. Morally, "A Deal is a Deal". This compares with Panama now claiming the Canal Zone, which we bought and paid for, and would be worth nothing to them had we not developed it. However, with the present noise of taxing the oil companies out of business, it may be the right time for negotiations. Could part or all of the leases be traded for other, with no monetary problems to us?

If opposition to fixed structures in the Bay is our stand, lets stick to this. To my knowledge, there is no sound basis of harm to the fisheries. In fact experience in other areas (Gulf of Mexico) prove otherwise. Furthur, the oil industry is noted for it's practical aid in research and development of agriculture and fisheries, both of which we are in dire need.

Sincerely,

  
Richard M. Jones  
Box 866  
Homer, Alaska 99603

CC - Rep. Rhode  
- Gov. Hammond  
- Anderson, Nat'l. Res. Comm.  
- News Media

Anchor Point, AK 99556

Mr. Nels Anderson, Chairman  
House Resource Committee  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811  
(Mail Stop 3100)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am writing concerning H.B. 626, An Act Relating to the  
Establishment of Marine Sanctuaries.

I am against such large sanctuaries that put wild life above  
human life. There are too many people in the Anchor Point-  
Homer area to choke off all future development.

Whole areas of the state are already locked up, why lock up  
the best part of the state to life so that no one can make  
a living except state workers. If the state can't develop,  
how can it continue to fund all these parks and sanctuaries?

The bill is too loose - no specific laws, just at the  
descretion of the commissioners. This leaves too much to the  
whims of appointed personnel. Everything should be spelled  
out before any land is withdrawn anywhere.

I am against H.B. 626.

Sincerely,

*Marguerite Jacobs*  
Marguerite Jacobs

cc:  
Clem Tillion  
Hugh Malone  
Leo Rhodes

February 5, 1976

The Honorable Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Chairman Anderson:

Representative Leo Rhode has kindly sent me a copy of HB 626 with the suggestion that any comments I may have be directed to you and your committee.

Kachemak Bay by virtue of its size, diversity, aquatic fertility, climate and, most important, location stands alone among the bays and shore lines of the State. Its accessibility to the State's now and future primary population center assures its future importance for recreational purposes. Many thousands of people visit here annually. Most of these visitors are from Anchorage. The number of future visitors could be projected as a parallel to projections for the growth of Anchorage.

I believe it makes very good sense to establish the shoreline of Kachemak Bay as a marine sanctuary and to incorporate it into the State Park System. The nature of the lands and waters proposed is now public. The shorelines have been and will in the future be utilized by the public. It is proper that the public should own them and through the State Park System pay for their maintenance.

The success of the Oregon Beaches State Parks in that state serves as an example of what could be achieved in Alaska. That system has in no way impeded industrial progress. It has prevented sprawling development and has controlled detrimental human activity.

There are parts of HB 626 which I question. Sec. 41.20.425 singles out the oil industry and no other for exclusion from the sanctuary. There very well may be other activities less desirable than the oil industry. Some of these may not even be known or anticipated at this time. It also may be that advancing technology will make industries not now desirable in a marine sanctuary quite acceptable in the future. Recognition of this possibility could make more people enthusiastic about the marine sanctuary and also encourage the technologists in their quest for safer systems.

February 5, 1976

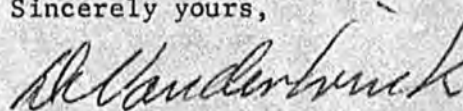
It would, perhaps, be better to single out those industrial activities which could be expressly permitted. For instance, aquaculture, the non-profit fish hatchery program, should be encouraged. It could immensely enhance the recreation use of the sanctuary.

In reference to Sec. 41.20.430, I believe that for the foreseeable future the Department of Natural Resources should address itself to the formation of a state-wide system of parks and sanctuaries rather than expending a great deal of time, money, and personnel on acquisitions in Kachemak Bay or any other specific area in the State.

Some oppose the sanctuary because they fear that industry will be completely sacrificed in favor of habitat. Our extremely high rate of unemployment is cited as a reason to encourage development. We have this high unemployment rate mostly because Homer is a nice place to be unemployed in. As long as our society makes it possible to be gainfully unemployed the present situation will continue.

The City of Homer should be allowed to develop its tidelands and since this area is growing rapidly and is extremely gravel poor the utilization of gravel from the deposits adjacent to the mouth of Grewing Creek could be provided for. With the exercise of a dab of common sense this could be accomplished with beneficial results for the City, the State Park, and the Marine Sanctuary.

Sincerely yours,



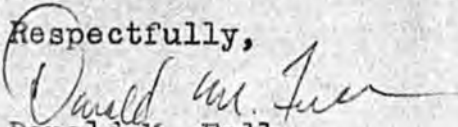
David Vanderbrink  
P. O. Box 1236  
Homer, Alaska 99603

January 27, 1976

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my opposition to H.B. 626 which would make a sanctuary of Kachemak Bay. Though I agree we should preserve the beauty and bounty of Kachemak Bay, I feel that restricting traffic in and out of the port of Homer is unduly restrictive to the entire Homer economy.

Respectfully,

  
Donald M. Fell  
Box 615  
Homer, Alaska 99603



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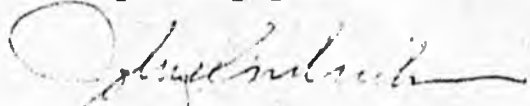
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This is a bad law, poorly thought out, and whoever drafted it does not understand management problems and evidently does not understand the present authority to establish sanctuaries. In closing I point out that where sanctuaries border federal refuges, we may have management problems, since a park administered area next to a Fish and Wildlife Service managed area can create problems. On the other hand U.S.F.&W.S. knows how to work with Fish and Game. Izembeck Lagoon is one example. No way should this be a sanctuary.

Please oppose this bill vigorously. It's a bummer.

Very truly yours,



JOHN W. HENDRICKSON  
Secretary

JWH:bk

cc: Nels Anderson, Rep.  
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Representative Mike Hershberger  
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February 6, 1976

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ANGELO HILLAS HOMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*Joan*  
*Please send copy to House Records*

(P)

Homer Alaska HB # ~~626~~ 626  
Feb. 2 1976

Dear Leo:

Thank you for the copy of the bill and also for the enclosure of the boat. The caption at the bottom of the boat picture is exactly what I think of the Marine sanctuary.

I am against the bill because it can kill Homer if there is enough pressure put on it.

I understand there is a petition being circulated in Homer against the sanctuary. I will sign it if I find it.

Sent  
Copy to / 2/4/76

Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Homer Resources Committee

Sincerely yours

Hugh S. Watson

Box 1313

Homer, AK 99603

Box No. 915  
Homer, Alaska  
Feb. 6, 1976

Hon. Nels Anderson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Committee  
House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We have been studying HB 626, introduced 1/19/76 by The Rules Committee at the request of the Governor. This bill requesting establishment of marine sanctuaries and providing for an effective date, seems very high minded on the surface and perhaps only good was intended by its originators, but it sure does send a chill down our spine and many we have discussed it with, to think what the passage and future use of such a mandate could do to a community or area of this state in the hands of an unscrupulous governor or commissioner. It could virtually sterilize any area of our state and make it useless (except for special interests) to those whose livelihood depended on fishing or the use of other natural resources.. HB 626 would also require more state governmental departments, increased state payrolls, and more state meddling into local affairs, which the taxpayers certainly don't need or desire.

HB 626 while covering the State of Alaska as a whole in its opening sections leaves no doubt that the thrust of its spear is at the heart of the Kenai Peninsula, more specifically the Homer, Seldovia, Halibut Cove and Anchor Point areas, as evidenced by Sections: 41.20.415, 41.20.425 and 41.20.430 of the Bill.

As residents of Homer for the past 17 years we are naturally concerned with the welfare of this area and would appreciate any documented evidence that gas and oil activities have not been compatible in other areas of the country or cannot be compatible in this area with other activities, and be regulated by existing laws and controls of our State, without such dictatorial legislation as HB 626.

We respectfully urge you and your Natural Resources Committee to vote against House Bill No. 626.

Sincerely,

*Harrison W. Brundage*

Harrison W. Brundage

*Elizabeth L. Brundage*

Elizabeth L. Brundage

cc. Sen. Clem Tillion  
Rep. Hugh Malone  
Rep. Leo Rhode

Fred Brown  
House of Representatives

HB 626

Francis Neel  
Box 1091  
Homer, Alaska.

Dear Sir

after reading over House Bill  
626 I find it hard to believe why  
some one would sell Homer down  
the drain with a Bill like this one.

I think the thing that upsets me  
and others in Homer the most  
about it is the freedom that would  
be taken away by a Bill that would  
remove the right to vote and choose  
the way we want to live and  
work - and put it in the hands  
of a Commissioner that makes  
up the law as he goes along

this would be like a King ruling  
over the land. I would rather  
have the oil in the State, a Commissioner or  
a King to run.

I would like to know where the State is going to come up with the money to do all this - pay off the oil co's for their leases, pay for all the unemployment, or do they plan to just steal the land from us and make a big State park out of it.

The State can't even come up with the money to man the all new fire sta at the Homer air port or mess it the State's plan to park dump trucks in it.?

I vote for oil in Kachemak Bay,  
a B.C. Port in Homer,

Francis Neil  
Homer, Ak.

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## House of Representatives

January 30, 1976

R.E. Gamble  
Box 897  
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Mr. Gamble;

Thank you for your letter of Jan. 27, 1976 regarding your opposition to HB626. You can be assured that I will give your suggestion of killing HB626 strong consideration.

Very Sincerely,

Nels A. Anderson, Jr.

NAA/ra

cc. Rep. Leo Rhode  
Sen. Clem Tillion

Box 897  
Homer, AK. 99603  
Jan. 27, 1976

Dear Mr. Anderson -

As a resident, taxpayer, and business man of Homer I solicited your support in killing House Bill 626. I am also a property and home owner of real estate located in Islemalof Island in Ak, but love and can see no justification or sense for the bill. It would not only strangle Homer's growth but also put great hardship upon rights reserved me by our constitution.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely  
B.C. Gamble



BOX 335

HOMER, ALASKA 99603

January 19, 1976

Mr. Curt C. Berklund, Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
Dept. of Land Management  
Dept. of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Berklund:

This letter is written in reference to the enclosed article which appeared in the Anchorage Times recently regarding the oil leasing in the lower Cook Inlet. I would very much appreciate receiving from you, a copy of the report to which this article eludes.

Portions of the article state that "the residents of the City of Homer have expressed strong resentment against the possible use of Homer as a base of operations". Contrary to this statement are the results of a public opinion questionnaire submitted to approximately 800 box holders of the local area six months ago. I have enclosed a copy of the questionnaire for your information with the resultant tabulation of the approximately 180 answers received by our office.

Also enclosed is a copy of the objectives of the City Council of Homer which are self explanatory and again indicate a point of view by this elective body of Homer which differs from the above mentioned article.

It seems that great emphasis is placed on the expressions of those in attendance at a public hearing and the silent majority in many cases is overlooked. I feel that some method of gaining input from this silent majority, such as personal contact, should be sought and considered in conjunction with the opinions expressed at public hearings. Opinions of a public hearing, often loud and far reaching, are sometimes put forth by a very small percentage of the population. Also, due to the public nature of the meeting, they can tend to be extremely emotional and sometimes unreasonable, as sincere thought is extinguished in the midst of a group considering a controversial subject. In order to eliminate this emotionalism and get down to

Mr. Curt C. Berklund, Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
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sincere thought on any subject, perhaps a team making the rounds of an area to talk to those who are unable to attend public hearings for numerous reasons is needed in the total process of evaluation.

Your response with the information requested above, and your comments, will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Larry C. Farnen  
City Manager

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Dear Homer Citizen,

In order to more fully understand the desires of our citizens, we have prepared the following questionnaire. We would greatly appreciate your taking the few minutes required to fill out the questionnaire and return it to the City of Homer, Box 322, Homer, Alaska, 99603, or if more convenient we have placed drop boxes in several locations in town or you may leave it at the polls when you vote on election day. Thank you.

PLEASE CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER.

I. Do you think the City provides:

A. Police Protection

1. More than <sup>37</sup>adequate    2. Adequate <sup>94</sup>    3. <sup>19</sup>Less than adequate  
4. <sup>4</sup>Poor

B. Fire Protection

1. More than <sup>7</sup>adequate    2. Adequate <sup>104</sup>    3. <sup>43</sup>Less than adequate  
4. <sup>8</sup>Poor

C. Parks and Recreation

1. More than <sup>13</sup>adequate    2. Adequate <sup>64</sup>    3. <sup>61</sup>Less than adequate  
4. <sup>32</sup>Poor

D. Street Lighting

1. More than <sup>17</sup>adequate    2. Adequate <sup>87</sup>    3. <sup>92</sup>Less than adequate  
4. <sup>20</sup>Poor

II. A. Do you feel that the current amount of money spent on the city is:

1. <sup>80</sup>Too little    2. <sup>27</sup>Just Right

B. What type of new business do you think should be encouraged to come to Homer?

1. <sup>28</sup>Timber    2. <sup>65</sup>Fishing    3. <sup>42</sup>Other  
5. <sup>50</sup>Transportation    6. <sup>26</sup>None    7. <sup>22</sup>Others

C. Would you favor a bond issue to fund a major deep water port?

1. <sup>119</sup>Yes    2. <sup>48</sup>No

D. Would you favor a strict zoning ordinance and enforcement to reduce the amount of commercial development in the city?

1. <sup>81</sup>Yes    2. <sup>82</sup>No

E. Do you feel the city should actively promote the location of new business (industry) in the Homer area?

1. <sup>78</sup> Yes                      2. <sup>98</sup> No

III. Please rank the following in the numerical order in which you would like the city to proceed. For instance, if you feel the most important thing the city should work on is the sewer system, mark that "1." If the second most important is the water system, mark that "2", and so on.

- 3 Sewer System Expansion
  - 2 Water System Expansion
  - 1 Street Construction
  - 6 Public Safety Building Construction
  - 11 City Hall and Public Meeting Facility
  - 5 Expansion of Port Facilities
  - 4 Expansion of Small Boat Harbor Facilities
  - 10 Construction of Tourist and Camper Facilities
  - 8 Recreation Facilities
  - 9 Street Lighting Expansion
  - 7 Storm Sewer and Storm Drain Construction
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Which method would you prefer to finance capital improvements?

- 1. Increase in Millage rate? 60
- 2. Increase in local Sales tax? 87

V. Do you live

- 1. Inside the City? ~~128~~ 128
- 2. Outside the City? 44

VI. What is your primary occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: March 24, 1975

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

OBJECTIVES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
HOMER, ALASKA

It shall be the basic objective of the Common Council of the City of Homer, Alaska to continue to strive to establish a municipal government that most efficiently provides those services desired by the greatest number of its citizens within the economic boundaries prescribed by those citizens.

To accomplish this basic objective, the following objectives and goals are hereby adopted by the Common Council of the City of Homer, Alaska:

1. To provide an adequate and healthful water supply for all of its citizens.
2. To provide an adequate and properly maintained sewage collection system and treatment plant.
3. To provide the necessary law enforcement to protect the citizens safety and property.
4. To promote its Port facilities to full utilization and to plan for its further development as necessary.
5. To plan and promote improvement and enlargement of its boat harbor facilities.
6. To encourage the proper construction of streets and provide for adequate snow removal and maintenance of such streets.
7. To plan for and develop a drainage system for the area.
8. To actively pursue the acquisition of land within the boundaries of the city to be set aside for the purpose of parks and recreation areas, bike trails, and to preserve the environmental balance necessary in development of a drainage system for the area.
9. To create a climate that will assist and support the development of all the natural resources within the purview of its environs to broaden its economic base in order to increase the opportunities for the present and future citizens without the degradation of the prospective long term use of any natural resources.
10. To create a climate that will assist and support the establishment of that industrialization necessary to provide employment for its citizens.
11. To create a climate that will assist and support the maintenance of financial institutions to provide adequate and timely capital for construction of homes and necessary businesses to properly service its citizens.

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12. To create a climate that will assist and support the development of tourist facilities that will encourage the orderly enjoyment of the recreation potential of the area.
13. To promote the development of health care facilities adequate to care for its population, number and make up, at any stage of growth and economic capability.
14. To utilize all means and technology and regulations to protect the environment and economy.
15. To provide pay, benefits, training and working conditions for its employees that are within the capability of the economic base and standards for like employment.
16. To cooperate with all borough, state and federal agencies which can assist in obtaining the objectives of the Council and to provide for the general welfare of its citizens.
17. To assist any citizen with information on city government and other government functions that are reasonably available.
18. To encourage participation by its citizens in its own government.
19. To keep its citizens informed of its actions by furnishing of all information to the media available for dissemination of such in the area.

It will be the policy of the Council to review these objectives in January of each year.

HOMER COMMITTEE  
TO PROMOTE  
UTILIZATION OF PORT OF HOMER

JERRY ANDERSON,  
chairman

P.O. Box 95  
Homer, Alaska 99603

January 26, 1976

The Honorable Jay S. Hammond  
Governor  
State of Alaska  
Office of the Governor  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Promoting Maximum Diversified Use of the Port of Homer

Dear Governor Hammond:

Many residents of the Homer area are gravely concerned over the frequent misrepresentations portrayed through the news media, government agencies and/or organizations.

The implications are that the City of Homer and the vast majority of the people in Homer, and in the surrounding communities, do not want marine traffic to be encouraged to use the Port of Homer; that it is the desire of the people to have limited use of the City of Homer's port facilities.

This is not the true view of the majority of the people.

A group of businessmen have formed a committee for the purpose of promoting the maximum potential for diversified utilization of the Homer Port Facilities.

The Committee will attempt to accomplish this goal by sending substantiating documents to the Administration, each Legislator, all news media and marine-oriented Executives.

The reasons that necessitate the maximum use of the Homer Port are:

1. It is essential that the Port of Homer generate revenue to maintain and repair the port facilities in order to accommodate our fishing industry and for the local supply traffic for the outlying areas, i.e., Halibut Cove, Seldovia, English Bay, Port Graham. Revenue from these sources cannot maintain the present facilities.

2. The population of Homer continues to increase at a steady rate, creating greater demands on the services

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provided by the City, especially the water and sewer systems.

3. The Port of Homer is a deep water port; Homer is a Sea Port City. Many of the past improvements have been accomplished because of participating funds from the Federal, State and Borough Planning. These have been promulgated on the Port activities.

4. Without promoting all facets for diversified use of the Port of Homer, there will be an economic strangulation of the City of Homer.

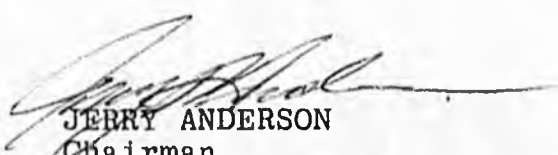
5. The Port, City Services and City Maintenance cannot be supported, at the current level, by property taxes only. The City needs other revenue. Homer cannot remain in a stalemate..the community must either progress, or regress.

We respectfully ask that you, your Administrators and each of the Legislators give consideration to the vital importance of the Port to the City of Homer. We ask that each of you will assist us in every way that is possible to promote the maximum potential for diversified use of the Port of Homer.

Enclosed are copies of documents that reflect the attitude of the City of Homer Common Council and the opinions of some of the residents. Others will follow at a later date.

Sincerely,

COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE THE UTILIZATION OF THE PORT OF HOMER



JERRY ANDERSON  
Chairman

JA:bcm

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