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March 22, 2003

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Please move House and Senate Special Concurrent Resolution No. 1 out of your committee and to the floor for a vote at a joint session. Please vote to disapprove EO 107.

Sincerely,



Nancy Perry
6031 Beverly Dr.
Anchorage, AK
99516

Date: 4-6-03

The Honorable Hugh "Bud" Fate,
Chair, House Resources Committee

Dear Representative Fate,

I am a sportsman that values wild salmon. They are central to the special lifestyle we enjoy as Alaskans, and I am very concerned about Executive Order 107.

Wild salmon need healthy habitats. Transferring habitat protection authority from ADF&G to the ADNR will almost certainly lead to declines in salmon runs that will affect all users of the resource, from sport fishermen to those who depend on salmon to feed their families or bring home a paycheck.

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Sincerely,

Maribel Perez
Signature:

Written Name:

4433 San HERMESTO AVE
Address:

APT. 216 B Anchorage, AK 99508

Cc.

The Honorable Bruce Weyrauch, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

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Sincerely,

John Pharr

2101 Loussac Dr. Anchorage, AK

907 - 248-3110

March 30, 2003

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Mary E. Pieper
2612 Draper Drive
Anchorage, Ak. 99517

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Sincerely,


3010 Horizon
Anchorage 99503

David J. Ariebe

Date: 6/4/03

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Chair, House Resources Committee

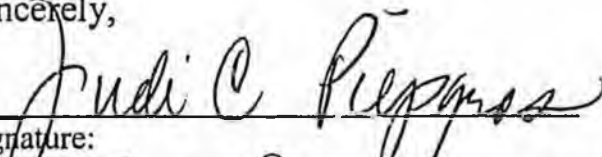
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Signature:

Judi C. Pieppras

Written Name:

PO Box 2971

Address:

Seldovia, AK 99669

Cc.

The Honorable Bruce Weyrauch, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

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Date: 4-5-03

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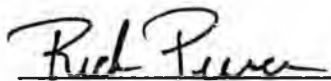
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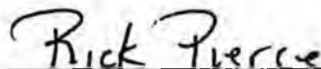
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Written Name:



Address:



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3-30-03

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Nikoleta Plakakis
PO Box 24232
Anch. AK. 99524

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Sincerely,

Vicki Piel
13000 Birch Rd
Anchorage, AK 99516

3-29-03


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Sincerely,


3701 Larson Ln.
Anchorage, Ak.
99524

Date: 4-5-03

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Sincerely,

Therese M. Pierce
Signature:

Therese M Pierce
Written Name:

Address:
Box 2393 Homer, AK 99603

Cc.

The Honorable Bruce Weyrauch, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

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Date: April 7 2003

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Sincerely,

LA Piper
Signature:

LA Piper
Written Name:

Address:
PO Box 230021 Anch AK 99523

Cc.

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Sincerely,


Debra D. Poldman MD
1916 S. Salem Dr
Anchorage, AK 99508

Date: 4/6/03

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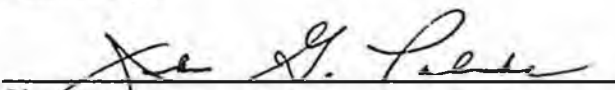
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Sincerely,


Signature:

JOHN G. LOUIKA
Written Name:

271 E 7TH AVE #115
Address:

ANCHORAGE AK 99501

Cc.

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Sincerely,


Signature:

Debbie Posey
Written Name:

3320 Max Cir. #5
Address:
Anchorage, AK 99507

Cc.

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3940 Starburst Cr
NYA-99517

Lee A. Post

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Sincerely,

Lisa M Portune
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P.O. Box 38
Girdwood, AK
99587

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Sincerely,

Amy Powell
4101 University Dr
Anchorage AK
Anchorage

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Sincerely,

Candice Powers
10800 Northfleet Dr.
Anch., AK. 99515

Date: 4/5/03

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Sincerely,

Signature:

Pat Lowery

Written Name:

1859 E. Tucker Rd

Address:

Chick, AK 99507

Cc.

The Honorable Bruce Weyrauch, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

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Gary J. Priestley
Signature:

Gary J Priestley
Written Name:

2900 Buss Street

Address:
Anch AK 99507

Cc.

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KRISTEN R. PRZYWARA
4101 UNIVERSITY DR.
N#18
ANCHORAGE, AK 99508

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Ryan Elaine Purcell

201 E. 16th Ave. #302

Anchorage, AK 99501

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3235 South Cir
Anchorage AK 99507

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Signature:

ROBERT W. PUCYEAR

Written Name:

P.O. BOX 772601

Address:

ER. AK 99577

Cc.

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Sincerely,



Signature:

K. Quinlan

Written Name:

366 W. Crestwood

Address:

Wasilla, AK.

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Signature:

MIKE QUINN

Written Name:

4106 MACINNIS #B

Address:

ANCH. AK 99508

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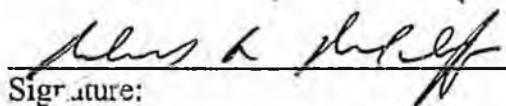
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Sincerely,


Signature:

RICHARD K. RADCLIFFE
Written Name:

10233 Plover Ln
Address:
SAGEE RIVER, AK. 99577

Cc.

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Signature:

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Written Name:

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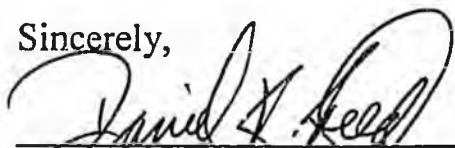
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Daniel K. Reed

Written Name:

10323 Stewart Dr.

Address:

Eagle River AK 99577

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Sincerely,

Albert P. Kelly
P.O. Box 30473
Anchorage, AK 99520
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Ann Reynolds

725 West 19th

Anchorage AK 99503

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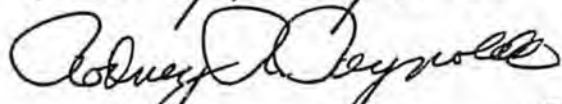
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Rodney R. Reynolds

37240 Cannery Rd
Kenai, Ak. 99611

Date: 6 Apr 03

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Allen P. Richmond

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Eagle River, AK 99577

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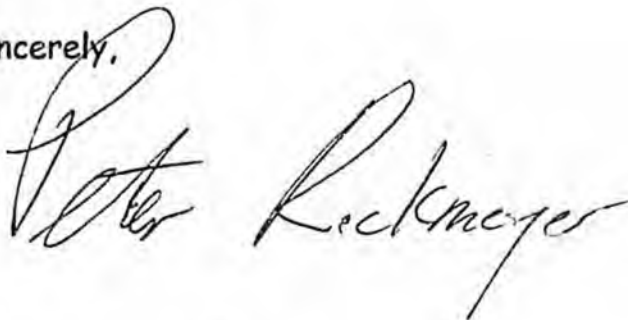
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Anchorage AK 99504

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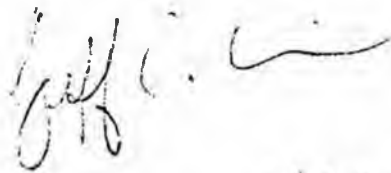
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4770 Mills Dr.

Anchorage AK 99509

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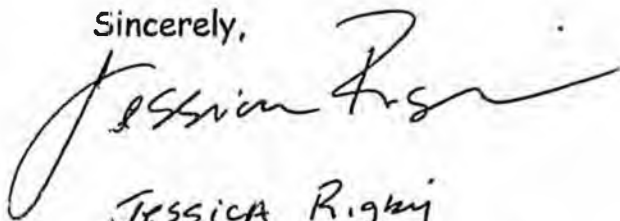
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Jessica Rigby
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Sincerely,


9951 Prospect Drive
Orchard, Ak 99507

Richard J. R. [unclear] Jr.

Date: 4/5/03

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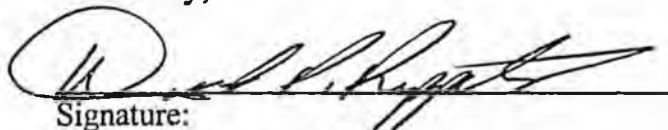
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Signature:

DAVID P. RIPPE
Written Name:

P.O. Box 71113
Address:
Fairbanks, AK 99707

Cc.

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Amandi Risinger
Written Name:

12800 Osmiak Circle
Address:

Anchorage, AK 99515

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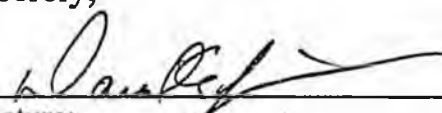
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DANIEL E. RISINGER
Written Name:

P.O. Box 220112
Address:

ANCHorage AK 99522

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Address:
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Sincerely,

Linda Robertson

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4417 SAN Roberto

ANCHORAGE AK 99508

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Written Name:

8125 Seaview

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99502

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Signature:

MARK ROBINSON

Written Name:

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Address:
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Benjamin Rogers
Written Name:

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Address:

Palmer AK 99645

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3947 Lynn Dr #3
Anchorage, AK 99508

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March 14, 2003

Representative Bruce Weyhrauch
Chairman House State Affairs
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Weyhrauch

Please accept this letter as my comments and testimony covering your hearing on Executive Order 107, March 11. For the record I strongly supported Governor Murkowski in his run for office right from the day he declared his candidacy. That does not mean that as a long term citizen of Alaska I am willing to agree with every decision he makes when I believe he is taking the state in the wrong direction. He is definitely moving the wrong way with his administrations efforts to gut the habitat authorities of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game through EO-107. As a previous Commissioner of this Department, I would characterize the removal of this authority as one demanding the Commissioner to manage the Department on a three legged stool with only two legs. Habitat protection and management are critical elements required by the Commissioner to successfully carry out his constitutional and statutory mandates

It is not easy to tell a friend he is wrong and oppose him on an issue that was initiated for the right reasons of streamlining government and better serving the public. Somewhere along the path that original thought was lost and the Habitat Division became the object of a witch hunt and political vendetta by individuals steering the administration down a road that favored development expedience over fish and game resources. Executive Order 107 is the cowboy action we find ourselves with as the result of some very poor advice given the Governor. Advice that over-rode the responsible advice furnished him by his own appointed transition team that suggested a reasonable way to address concerns about the division. As a 48 year resident involved with fish and game management and having a strong interest in good government I want to assure you I am not looking for my old agency to be excluded from the Governors plans to streamline government and stimulate the state economy. There are however many functions in state government that require professional expertise to protect the state and public interest. The habitat provisions of Title 16 along with the professionalsof the department that implement those statutes is one such critical function. I would add that those farsighted legislators in the early days of statehood worked hard to buiid in the necessary protection for fish and game in recognition of their renewability and potential economic pressures as the state developed its other non-renewable resources. If fish are to be protected and flourish, as they certainly

have since statehood, in the face of economic development anything less than ADF&G involvement increases risk and will in the long term lead to declines just as it has in many other states.

Executive Order 107 transfers virtually all but a small number of habitat responsibilities from ADF&G to a new Deputy Commissioner in Department of Natural Resources and the State Forester, also in DNR. The order goes to great length to remove ADF&G from all support function such as enforcement, technical advice to the Board of Forestry, and research needs. This new structure is a confusing approach as I know of no other instance in which a commissioner does not have the full control of his agency and is out ranked by a deputy in some functions of the department. Deputy Commissioners normally serve in a partially exempt capacity which requires no legislative confirmation. Deputies are also political appointees that may or may not have expertise that extends beyond administrative. EO 107 gives both the deputy and the Forester regulatory authority and the Deputy has what appears to be deputization authority. Given these authorities, it seems poor public policy for the legislature to not be in a position of requiring fish and game habitat be a standard and commitment of DNR. Further, with the authorities and the nature of the appointments for the Deputy and the State Forester neither position may have expertise in the requirements for fish and game habitat.

Delegation authority is I believe given by the legislature to heads of departments who in turn can then further delegate to lower level staffers. By setting up a function with extensive control under the new Deputy does that position then draw delegation authority from the Commissioner of DNR or is legislative delegation necessary for the Deputy? There are numerous areas in the document that concern me and I am listing only a few at this time. It is unclear as to how the new division will interact with what appears to be two bosses, the Commissioner and the Deputy. The organizational structure presented by DNR appears to have the new division reporting to the Commissioner but the Deputy is given the decision and permitting authority. The presentation of the EO is not exactly in bill form in that the text while it comes from existing statute is actually new wording in a new section of AS41. It would seem that a deletion of wording from Title 16 and the addition of a new section in AS41 under authorities of a new Deputy goes beyond the reorganizational authority of the Governor and actually repeals and writes new law.

Section 8 covers the the research function of the new division in DNR. The research needs are to be identified by the new division, the new Deputy, DEC, and of course the timber industry. Fish and game apparently may have an advisory role under the "other affected agencies" category. The governor in his sales pitches has consistently said that ADF&G was to continue in the research role but there is no defined role or any defined coordination mechanism.

Section 9 only the State Forester, new Deputy and DEC have authority to report on effectiveness, regulations and best management practices adopted under AS 41. No role for the agency responsible for the sustainability of fish and game.

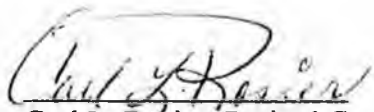
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I certainly recognize the partisan nature of Executive Order 107 but this is not good government and I ask that each legislator rise above partisanship and do what is good for the state and the resource. This entire matter is a management problem that does not require ripping apart a system that has served the state well for over 40 years. It took real statesmen to put it in place, I hope that we have the statesmen to maintain the system. Please vote for the resolution that rejects Executive Order 107.

Thank you very much for holding hearings on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Carl L. Rosier, Retired Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

3-30-03

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Sincerely,

Mary Jane Ross
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APT 247
ANKORADGE ALASKA
99501

March 22, 2003

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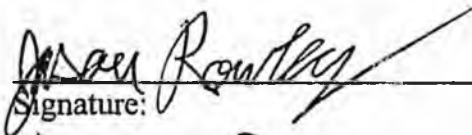
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Sincerely,


Signature: _____

Jason Rowley
Written Name: _____

P.O. Box 1756 Seward
Address: _____
AK 99664

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Testimony for EO 107

Chairman Weyhrauch & House State Affairs committee members: My name is Celia Rozen. I'm an employee of ADF&G but I'm here to speak as a private citizen who is very interested in sustaining the legal and historical precedents in this state.

Reading through the Alaska Constitutional Convention this weekend, I saw similar arguments flying through College, Alaska in 1956 that I hear from Juneau in 2003 as to how to divvy up natural resources management. These lawmakers were equally concerned about growing the state and making the most of the natural resources development. About 40 pages of debate center on how the executive branch should be structured to deal with natural resource management and whether it should be specified in the constitution. In the end, these lawmakers established the principles of *sustained yield* and *common use* of natural resources but left the first legislature with all the decisions regarding the structure of government to oversee the natural riches of our state.

Repeatedly at the constitutional convention, the answer was: let's leave it to the legislature. No where did it say: let the governor decide. To put it simply, the first legislature decided to have a separate Department of Fish and Game to conserve fisheries according to the principles of *sustained yield*. This responsibility, which flows from the constitution, was vested in the newly created Department of Fish and Game.

Throughout the convention, the founders of this state were especially concerned with the conservation of fisheries. They knew and we all know that preservation of habitat is integral to fishery management. I want to make the argument that Fish and Game's authority over *sustained yield* flows from a constitutional mandate that was sealed by a legislative action. I see this as a very vivid continuum of legal authority stemming from the actions of these founders.

How can one hastily-conceived and politically motivated executive order trump the combined power of constitutional law and legislation action in one fell swoop? The executive branch does not have the muscle to bulldoze down the state's legal foundations – an EO is a midget among these legal giants. Only with the help of the legislature is this able to be accomplished and, if implemented, I predict the results will be temporary until a court overrules it. *Sustained yield* of fisheries is a permanent entitlement guaranteed by the constitution and substantiated by the legislature to rest with the Department of Fish and Game.

The founders of this state also had the wisdom in decree in Article III, Section 22 of the constitution that the executive departments and agencies of state government and their functions would be according to major purposes. Of course, *sustained yield* in terms of fisheries would be a major purpose of a fishery agency, not a natural resource development agency.

Another legal precedent that fascinates me and drives me to testify today is the fact that an 840 fishways-type statute and an 870 anadromous stream project-review statute have

jurisdiction of either a federal, territorial, or state FISHERIES agency. Again, according to its major purpose.

The state's founders said "leave it to the legislature" – now you are the lawmakers – now you have the responsibility to create law which is sound, can be justified, and that makes sense. Remember the words of Bob Barlett in his keynote speech to the constitutional convention: "Fifty years from now, the people of Alaska may very well judge the product of this Convention not by the decisions taken upon issues like local government and apportionment, but rather by the decision taken upon the vital issue of resources policy."

Those 50 years have not yet run out, but we're getting close. Let's not sacrifice the hard work, careful thought, and sheer brilliance that went into the forming of this state government by current political fancy. Please do what's right for this state and leave the complete power over *sustained yield* of fisheries with the Department of Fish and Game and leave your own legacy of good lawmaking for our future generations. Please get behind the special concurrent resolution in your committee and allow a floor debate of the entire legislature to occur. Thank you this opportunity to testify.

Celia Rozen
3711 Amber Bay Loop
Anchorage, AK 99515

Date: 04/05/03

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Wasilla, AK. 99654

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5640 E 95th
Anchorage AK 99507

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Date: 4-5-03

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Signature:

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Cc.

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Written Name:

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Address:

Chugiak, Ak 99567

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1440 No 36st

Bowie ID 83702

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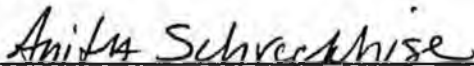
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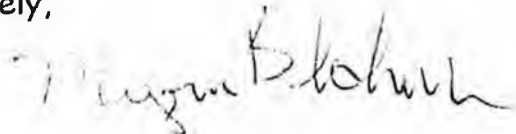
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Anchorage AK 99575

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3605 Barl Ct
Anchorage AK 99504-3901

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Barbara Sellers
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Written Name:

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Address:
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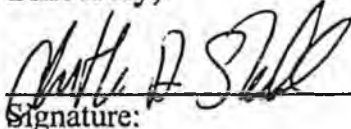
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I am strongly opposed to EO 107 because it will put our fish resources at risk. This EO will take effect April 15, 2003 if it is not disapproved.

Please move House and Senate Special Concurrent Resolution No. 1 out of your committee and to the floor for a vote at a joint session. Please vote to disapprove EO 107.

Sincerely,


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Date: 4-6-03

The Honorable Hugh "Bud" Fate,
Chair, House Resources Committee

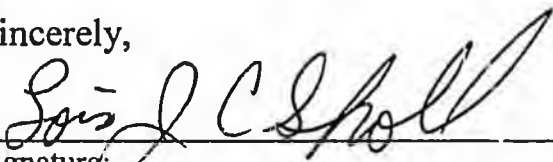
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Cc.

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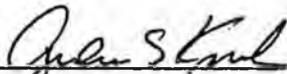
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The Honorable Bruce Weyrauch, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

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Date: April 6, 2003

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Testimony on Executive Order 107
John Sisk
March 12, 2003

Thank you very much for your thoughtful attention to Executive Order 107.

Strong fish passage and habitat programs, combined with abundance based harvest management, have an economic dimension that helps us provide fishing opportunities and explore & develop new markets. Fish in the hold and money in the bank. Two examples in which I have experience are the Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) and the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Sustainable Fishery label.

The Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST)

During the PST, our neighbors in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia attempted to misrepresent the Southeast Alaska salmon fisheries as "pirates" who were "over harvesting" the northern migrating salmon that spawn in rivers in B.C., Washington and Oregon. The real story, however, was that dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, combined with lack of "buffer strips" of timber along salmon streams, depleted some of the northwest runs. Habitat and fish passage, not fishing, are their challenges. One of their proposals would have closed entire Alaska salmon fisheries, with little or no benefit to the salmon runs listed as "threatened" or endangered" in the Pacific Northwest.

Thanks to Alaska's history of commitment to fish passage ("Title 16"), buffer strips on spawning and rearing streams, and harvest management that assures plenty of fish return to the rivers to spawn, we were able to rebut the Outside misrepresentations of our fisheries, and redefine the negotiations more to Alaska's advantage. As a result in 1999 we achieved 10-year harvest sharing agreements that, while not ideal, are much more favorable to Alaska fishermen than many thought possible to achieve. Today our fishermen -- sport, commercial, subsistence and recreational -- enjoy an abundance of harvestable salmon. Food on the table, fish on the line and in the hold, and money in the bank.

The "Sustainable Salmon" Label

Alaska's sustainable salmon management--based on fish passage, habitat conservation, and in-season harvest management--also allowed our salmon fisheries to be the first major fishery in the world certified as "Sustainable" by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC). Today many commercial fishermen and processors are using the MSC "Sustainable Alaska Salmon" label to access the higher salmon prices available in retail markets sensitive to quality and conservation practices. These high-end markets are not the answer for all salmon

fishermen, but they are making a very big difference for a growing number of businesses and fishermen. Coining the phrase "From niches to riches," salmon business people are relying on higher quality and the sustainability label to maximize income in the context of a very competitive world market where foreign farmed salmon exert a strong downward pressure on salmon prices.

A number of consumer groups have publicized Alaska salmon as the best seafood choice for the retail consumer who cares about a quality product consistent with broad stewardship principles. This is the fastest growing segment of the retail food market, and it is a prime arena in which Alaska salmon can out-compete farmed salmon.

In conclusion, the Department of Fish & Game's integrated salmon management program -- Title 16 fish passage, habitat conservation, and careful harvest management -- contribute strongly to providing abundant salmon to harvest, and to developing new markets that deliver higher prices. Fish passage and habitat conservation are good for Alaska businesses, and should be changed only with considerable care.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Sisk
Juneau