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Representative Paul Seaton, Chairman
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, 120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Email: Rep.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov

RE: OPPOSITION TO HB 98 – Escapement Goals

Dear Chairman Seaton and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) represents 36 Alaska Commercial fishing organizations from fisheries throughout Alaska and its offshore federal waters.

We appreciate the intention behind HB 98 - to protect the sustainability of Alaska's salmon resources.

However, we have long supported the Alaska Board of Fisheries and its deliberative process as the appropriate forum for fisheries regulations and policies, and for this reason we oppose HB 98 as a matter to be addressed in the Legislature.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julianne Curry".

Julianne Curry
Executive Director

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association
Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association
Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association •
North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Petersburg Vessel Owners Association
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative
Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance • Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association
Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • United Catcher Boats • United Cook Inlet Drift Association
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